## Bridging the gap to sustainable living

by Denise Gunn

A new Taranaki-based sustainable property business, Green Bridge, is assisting clients to achieve their renovation, building and landscaping goals.

Husband and wife team Daniel Woolley and Bena Denton established Green Bridge to work with clients to incorporate sustainable living practises into their urban or lifestyle properties.

Green Bridge offers anything from a few hours advice, right through to designing, specifying and overseeing the various aspects of a client's renovation, new build, productive garden and landscaping projects.

"In a field that encompasses many facets and which is becoming increasingly complex, we guide our clients through assessing their unique building, water, energy and landscape requirements," said Daniel.

"We then explain the options available, design a solution, and oversee the various stages/aspects of your project including bringing in the external experts required to help people live more sustainably."

Backed with extensive qualifications, backgrounds and experience in design, interior architecture and permaculture, the couple are passionate about linking people with the resources required to turn their sustainable property dreams into reality.

Daniel has a degree in industrial design and 15 years of project management experience, including running his own business in Wellington. Bena's degree in interior architecture included several papers in environment architecture and she has also completed a course in organic horticulture. Both have professional experience working in related fields overseas and have also gained permaculture design certificates.

And the couple have first-hand knowledge of the challenges involved in developing a sustainable lifestyle property.



Daniel Woolley and Bena Denton of Green Bridge

Over the past two years they've relocated and rebuilt a 1950s home on their own four hectares.

"Basically we provide a single point of contact from which a client can access the resources necessary to design and implement the process of bringing the sustainable dreams for their property to life."

Green Bridge offers a free one-hour initial consultation to discuss your project. Visit www.greenbridge.co.nz or phone Daniel on 06 751 5556 for further details.