

YOU AND YOUR PROPERTY

BY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LAWYER
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Regular readers of my article will be aware HomeLegal's offices are based in Lower Hutt and operate as a division of Gillespie Young Watson. Gillespie Young Watson has been operating in Lower Hutt for over 30 years and its founding partners have been operating in the Hutt Valley for many years prior.

HomeLegal is constantly looking at ways to improve both the quality and the delivery of its service to clients. In 2013 Gillespie Young Watson merged with Miriam Menzies and Co who were based in Upper Hutt. This merger involved taking over the Upper Hutt premises in CBD Towers. After a period of transition and as at 21 January 2014 HomeLegal (and Gillespie Young Watson) is now fully operational from these premises in Upper Hutt. This enables us to provide an improved service to our Upper Hutt clients.

While I will still be responsible for the HomeLegal team, the Upper Hutt office will be led by our Associate Samuel Walker who has been in the HomeLegal team since 2009 and has experience in all aspects of property law. So we can continue to provide an excellent level of service Samuel's

Upper Hutt team will be boosted by a new solicitor Michael Barnes who hails from the Wairarapa. Samuel Walker and Michael Barnes will be based in Upper Hutt full time and will be supported by Legal Executive Pam Davis who has been in Upper Hutt since the merger took place. The Upper Hutt office will also be regularly attended by other HomeLegal and Gillespie Young Watson partners and staff solicitors.

Michael Barnes will be a welcome addition to the HomeLegal team, along with new solicitor Neil Mistry who will be based in our Lower Hutt office. Increased staff numbers will ensure we can maintain excellent client service and that we "take care of the detail" a motto by which we work.

In addition to providing legal services in Upper Hutt to our clients, Samuel and the Upper Hutt HomeLegal team will be undertaking a number of new initiatives to serve the Upper Hutt community. These will include providing monthly non-verified training for real estate agents. This service (which will be provided free of charge) has been extremely well received in Lower Hutt over the past year. The seminars will now be held in both Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt.

Our lawyers have access to a white HomeLegal Suzuki Swift which some

readers may have seen around town. This car provides greater mobility for our team to visit and meet with clients throughout the Hutt Valley and Wellington region at places and at times that suit our clients. This includes meeting clients outside of usual business hours if required.

As always, our HomeLegal team is available for contact at any time should you have a question or query. We recognise the need for clients to move quickly and this includes weekends. The team's contact details can be found on our website, www.homelegal.co.nz

Should you wish to meet with one of our team in Upper Hutt or Lower Hutt, please contact our team directly and we can arrange a free initial consultation to discuss your needs and the services which HomeLegal offers.

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