

GOING GREENER

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By Casey Neill

AN UPPER Ferntree Gully home could soon be leading the pack in the race towards sustainable living.

Builder Anton Engelmayer is creating the Olivette Avenue house using Formcraft insulated concrete forms for the home's exterior.

The product has a high thermal rating. Solar panels, insulation, and environmentally safe 'paint' come together with the latest technology to create a cutting edge property.

"It's built to its green limit," Mr Engelmayer said. "We've made every sustainability effort."

The home's stormwater system won the Melbourne Water Rain Garden Competition, and the greywater system will treat wastewater to such a high standard it will join the stormwater.

"We've taken things up about tenfold to where other people are now," Mr Engelmayer said.

He even transported 20 tonnes of soil 60 metres up the site to create a roof garden.

"It's a beautiful home, it's functional, and it's not going to cost the earth," he said.

Mr Engelmayer said the home was about getting the green message out there.

"I'll be excited when it's finished because ultimately I'll be able to show it to the world."

"This is about my children – it's not about me."

"Ultimately we have to leave something behind for them."

Mr Engelmayer is passionate about caring for the planet and building green, and recently completed a Certificate IV in Building and Design (Environment Management).

"Staying current with the new advancements and products within the sustainable building sector gives me the edge I need to be a better equipped builder and to help build our children a greener future," he said.

He'd been a builder for 30 years and was looking for a change, so completed education and research in the sustainability field to do his bit for the Earth.

The Building Commission last month recognised



Planning Minister Matthew Guy presents Anton Engelmayer with the Five Star Sustainability excellence award. Right (top): Anton Engelmayer is building this Upper Ferntree Gully home to the highest sustainability standards. Right (centre): Anton Engelmayer built this home's exterior using Formcraft insulated concrete forms. Right: This Olivette Avenue home will have minimal impact on the beautiful environment surrounding it.

his commitment to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) with the Five Star Sustainability excellence award.

He showed dedication to further learning in the sustainability field, and ways to provide a greener built environment.

Building Commissioner Tony Arnel presented him with the award, and \$2000 to invest in future CPD activities at the seventh annual awards on 31 March.



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