



say that "a change is as good as a holiday" and this is definitely true when it comes to renovating your house. Changing a few elements within a room is like a breath of fresh air and when done right, can be the most cost effective way of not only achieving the home you have always wanted but increasing its value too.

Using an interior designer can, and should, be an enjoyable experience. The outcome should see your home result in continuity, functionality, and beauty. And it doesn't have to go over your budget.

Working with a designer can save you money in many situations by allocating resources wisely, eliminating decorating mistakes and increasing creative thinking about your project.

At the Herald Newcastle Home Show you can see up and coming Interior Designers from The Hunter School of Design in action. Let them inspire you in their Hunter Design for Hunter Life competition. Hunter Design Students will be in action on Friday during the Herald Newcastle Home Show demonstrating their design

knowledge and skills. Come along and watch them transform an empty shell into a bedroom full of flair and creativity.

Competing for the title are:

Team 1: Jodi Thomas - Susie Pigott, Mel Clifton, Ruth Dixon, Jezel Perez

Team 2: Nicole Marshall - Sacha Roberts, Kimberley Compton, Kathleen Maier

Team 3: Yvonne Cooper - Carlene Pocknall, Brooke Shortland, Mark Cody.

You can show your support for your favourite design team, by dropping a gold coin donation into the



box in front of the room you like best. Not only will you be helping decide on the winning design you will be aiding a worthwhile cause, Hunter Life Education. All gold coin votes will go to this long standing community leader that provides such a great service.

Our exhibitors Bristol Paints, Spotlight and Latex Bedding Company have generously

provided the students with all the trappings needed to put together inspirational bedroom ideas – all of which will be on show at their sites. So however you choose to proceed with your project, whether you consult with a designer online or in person, by the hour or the day, for a room or your entire home, you're sure to learn a lot and have more beautiful and functional living spaces as well.