

| Things you should consider when buying a new home |

FUTURE PLANS

When you are thinking long term for your new home, it's always important to think ahead. If you have a family or planning to have children in the future, consider schools in the area. Kids will also become teenagers one day and they will decide to make the move out of home. Ask yourselves is this a long term home you want to live in? A good estimate of how many years you should think ahead is roughly seven years.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Do some research before selling and figure out what you want as your future home. Make sure you think about size, area of location and spend. When you have a fair idea, then you will be able to investigate where you want to look for in your new house and how much you want to spend.

PURPOSE

What's your purpose of moving? Take into consideration on why you are looking to move, are you looking to downsize or upgrade? Property investment? Long term family home? Moving into the city from a rural area?

EMPLOYMENT

Work location and distance from your new home is a huge factor to take into consideration. Think about the commute to work you have daily and travel costs, is this new location an reasonably easy commute into work on a daily basis?

DO YOU DUE DILIGENCE

It is very important to do your LIMs, building reports & meth test. Your real estate agent also will be a great person to have a chat with about the local area and the house itself, use their knowledge to make your decision easier on the place.

PROPERTY MARKET KEEP UP TO DATE

It's always a good idea to keep in the loop on whats happening in the property market, changes and trends. There are many ways for you to keep up to date so that you know what's happening in the market currently.

Check out websites such as realestate.co.nz and also the REINZ website.

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