

WARM UP TO WINTER

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From toes to homes

Little shivers to the big freeze: Leading Appliances' Craig Walmsley has lots of options to stay warm.

THE most efficient way to keep warm this winter depends so much on the circumstances. Do you just need to warm your feet under a table or desk, a room perhaps, or the whole house?

Leading Appliances has heaps of options, and trained staff are on hand to help customers find the right one for them. The choices range from Dimplex column heaters to the sleek, space-saving panel heaters from Rinnai and Sunbeam, which offer great heat output while using power efficiently. They range in output from 1000 to 2200 watts.

Goldair ceramic heaters produce great heat for their power consumption, while the fan heaters from Goldair and Heller offer supreme portability and flexibility, and are available from just \$24.95. Some may prefer bar heaters, and both Kambrook and Heller options are in stock. There are also Rinnai gas heaters for those with an existing connection or preferring gas-powered units.

For bigger heating needs you move



up to wall-mounted and split reverse-cycle systems, with the latter becoming increasingly-popular for year-round comfort, according to Leading Appliances manager Craig Walmsley. The store offers solutions from Fujitsu, Panasonic, Teco and Mitsubishi, so there's sure to be one to suit your application.

On a more intimate level, imagine wrapping yourself in a nice, warm towel after you climb out of the tub or shower, and cosying up in front of the TV with an electric throw rug. And then of course there's climbing into a bed that's already toasty instead of meeting the shock of cold sheets. Leading Appliances can give your lifestyle a warm boost with heated towel racks, Sunbeam heated throw rugs and a large range of electric blankets from Sunbeam as well as Heller.

There are lots of warming options, from heating your feet to heating the house, and the friendly, experienced staff at Leading Appliances are waiting to be your guide.

Family, friendly

AXES, blockbusters, chainsaws and even barrows to cart the cut wood to keep you warm this winter can all be found at Scott's Paint and Hardware. The friendly family-run business stocks two Roc chainsaw models, priced at \$125 and \$140, and ear-muffs for noise protection and leather gloves to protect the hands as you stack those piles of freshly-cut timber.

Get the load home safely with a ute net, and once you get the wood inside keep the burner running efficiently with all the tools for a clean flue readily available at Scott's.

If leaves are making a mess around the yard grab a rake while you're there, or take the easier option and invest in one of their leaf-blowers.

Scott's can also supply lagging to wrap around your outdoor pipes before they freeze and burst, but if you do happen to suffer a leak Scott's is place for all your plumbing supplies.

This month there's 12 per cent off shop-wide for cash shoppers, so get in quickly.



Family affair: Indiana Ross finds an axe her size while big sisters Haylee and Britney wield the Rok chainsaws available at Scott's Paint and Hardware.

Oldies but goodies

ONE look around the Hec's Small Motor Klinik is a good indicator that this team will turn its hand to fixing any small motor of any make, any model, any vintage.

The team offers a quick turnaround service, and keeps heaps of spare parts on hand so that even models that have long since been off the shelf can be put back in operation.

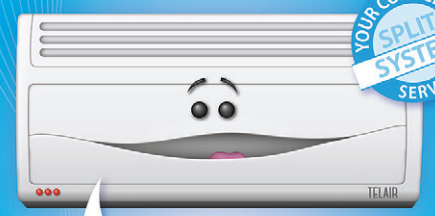
For those looking for a new chainsaw, Efco, Shindaiwa and Echo machines are available along with expert advice on matching the chainsaw to the work to be done.

The build-up of fallen leaves can also be an issue heading into winter, so Hec's also sells a variety of leaf blowers, and are of course on hand for repairs and servicing.



Give us a challenge: Paul Clifford and Adam McCarthy have access to a wide variety of spare parts to get the most obstinate chainsaw going again.

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♣ **Horses for courses:** Nic Ward and the team at Grey St Spare Parts are experts at matching chainsaws to customers.

Chainsaw experts

Do-it-yourselfers who prefer to cut their own timber for winter warmth should now be considering whether they have the right tool for the job.

Grey St Spare Parts' Nic Ward and his team are university-graduates in chainsaw use and maintenance... Husqvarna University that is. They've been supplying and servicing chainsaws for Glen Innes for seven years now, and know how to match the chainsaw to the job.

Nic said the smaller chainsaws, less than 50cc, are more for pruning and mortising applications while woodcutters would be looking at sizes above that, extending up to 120cc.

"From 50 to 94cc is the most common range, but it depends on what people want to do with them," he said.

He considers the Husqvarna 450E Series 2 unit a good size for

those interested in cutting wood for their own use and warns that, as in most things, you get what you pay for.

To keep a chainsaw running in top condition it needs a regular service, and Nic said with proper care and maintenance - including cleaning the air filter and using the right Husqvarna 2-stroke oil - it could last a lifetime.

"We're servicing chainsaws that are 20, 30 years old, and they're still going strong."

Husqvarna has extended its warranty for domestic use from two years out to five years, reflecting the company's confidence in the manufacture of its units.

Nic said if people come to Grey St Spare Parts with an idea of what they want to do with the chainsaw and their budget, experienced staff are trained to point them in the right direction for their needs.

Burners enter electronic age

DISTANCE isn't a problem when you find what you need at Inverell Building Supplies, with a fleet of delivery vehicles on hand to whip purchases home to Glen Innes, including a truck fitted with a crane for those bulkier items.

Managing director Leigh Muggleton said he and his staff are happy and eager to serve customers from throughout the district, and being part of the HBT (Hardware & Building Traders) group that brings together the buying power of 453 stores throughout Australia.

In addition to Eureka and Scandia brands its range of Pricotech wood heaters includes Kent, Saxon and Clean Air heaters as well as an exciting new addition to the wood heater industry: the Firemaster.

Available as both a freestanding and inbuilt, the Firemaster runs on wood pellets rather than logs. Leigh said it's the clean, convenient and environmentally-friendly way to heat your home. The pellets, also available from Inverell Building Supplies, burn with very low emission levels. They're made from Australian, manufactured compacted sawdust with a controlled moisture content, allowing them to burn more cleanly and with a more consistent and longer burn time.

The Firemaster represents a leap forward in wood burner operation. Just set the room temperature on the touch-pad control panel and push the start button. The pellets are automatically loaded into the chamber and a variable-speed fan regulates the heat output.

Whatever the make and model there are spare parts and heaps of accessories, including hearths, fire tools, flues and even insulation to keep all that warm air in.



♣ **Recycling:** Firemaster burners run on wood pellets made of compacted sawdust.



♣ **Clean breath of air:** Learanne and Matthew McHarg of HydroKleen are ready and able to make your airconditioner safer and healthier.

Get rid of the nasties

YOUR airconditioner may have done a good job over summer but now it needs a little tender loving care to get rid of the build-up of dust and contaminants. HydroKleen's Matthew McHarg offers a no-mess, no-splash, trademarked cleaning process that flushes airconditioning units of their harmful bacteria and saves on running costs.

"During winter operation contaminants are incubated by the airconditioner's operation at higher thermostat temperatures, which facilitates their growth and damages the unit," Mr McHarg said.

"People use the heating functions on their airconditioners during winter and this makes them virtual

ovens for the bacteria inside, incubating it and spreading microscopic particles."

He also said running dirty air conditioners over winter 'bakes on' contaminants, damaging internal mechanisms and causing loss of airflow, overworked motors and higher running costs.

"People are shocked when they see the volume of goop extracted from inside their airconditioners by the HydroKleen process," he said.

"Cleaning the filters does not do the job. Around Australia we've removed colonies of insects, rotting snakes, small frogs and a range of marsupials from domestic and commercial air conditioning systems."

Same dependable service

WILKS Inverell is pleased to announce its new alliance with Laser Group, joining a network of dependable electrical companies across Australia and New Zealand under the new trading name of Laser Electrical Inverell.

Still locally owned and managed by Mark Wilks, Laser Electrical Inverell will continue to specialise in residential and commercial electrical and air conditioning and will remain your local Daikin dealer. They will also continue to install phone and data cabling and ducted vacuum systems. The office remains at 3c Swanbrook Rd, and the phone numbers stay the same.

When it comes to heating your home this winter, Laser Electrical Inverell can assist you in designing and installing a system that best suits your lifestyle and budget.

"Laser takes pride in its 'totally dependable' service and quality workmanship and at Laser we stand by what we install, guaranteed," Mark Wilks said.

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These systems can be fitted to established properties and during the construction of your new home, with full control over the areas treated through zoning. A control panel lets the homeowner set their desired temperature and even time periods for the system to operate, so you can get up in the morning to a warm home but have the system automatically switch off when you're away from home or in bed.

Gas ducted heating systems can also be incorporated with a cooling system using the same controller. Daikin reverse cycle air conditioning systems are another great way to heat and cool a home with a ducted system or multi split systems using a common outdoor unit.

Laser Electrical Inverell can also offer a Flexi-rent option to all approved commercial or domestic clients to assist in the cost of your new air conditioning system. Just ask their friendly team for an obligation-free design and quote today.



♣ **Same friendly faces:** The Laser Electrical team is ready to serve

Spoiled for choice in heating options

WHETHER free-standing, in an existing fireplace or built into the wall, the modern wood heater can be a real feature of the home while delivering an unbeatable atmosphere and gentle, penetrating heat.

It's hard to beat Glen Innes Home Timber and Hardware for choice of wood heaters, with a great range from traditional through to ultra-modern, with all the advantages of the latest technologies.

With its 500 Series range of wood heaters, Heatcharm offers high efficiency coupled with low emissions. The more you can see the fire the more you can enjoy it, and Heatcharm even offers self-cleaning bay-view windows to make the most of the view. They come in a range of stylish colours including reds and greens in addition to the more traditional black and brown. For a very sleek look try stainless steel.

Nectre's solid reputation now sees its wood heaters in homes across the globe. Customers are attracted to the heaters' ease of use combined with stylish good looks, but overall their fuel efficiency. The heaters are designed to extract the energy out of every kilogram of wood loaded into them, with a clever design that provides secondary combustion of unburnt fuel gases. The result is extremely efficient combustion combining with a firebrick lining and flue baffle to lengthen the flame path, producing efficient heat and low flue emissions.

The Arrow range of wood heaters has also stayed abreast of heating technology since its

inception back in 1981, with ongoing improvement in performance, efficiency and emissions. Its fully-welded steel plate fireboxes are fitted with performance-enhancing cast iron liners, for greater heat retention in the firebox and the better transfer of heated air into the home.

Arrow's three-way air systems support a complete burn of the fuel for optimum output, even improving combustion with the fuel is less than ideal. Removing what little ash remains is as easy as it falls through the grate into a drawer which can be emptied once a week (or less), even while the fire's still going.

Scandia put a 10-year limited warranty on the fireboxes of its Premier freestanding and inbuilt wood heaters. Lots of homes in Glen Innes have existing fireplaces and the Scandia Warmbrite built-in wood heaters are designed to capture the heat that often escapes up the chimney, while controlling the rate of burn. If you like the look of a built-in wood heater but don't have a fireplace Scandia even has a zero-clearance double-skinned box designed to allow a timber-framed fireplace to be constructed with minimal clearance.

Wood heating options can be daunting but the team at Glen Innes Home Timber and Hardware are well experienced in advising customers on the best solution for their needs. They also have all the tools to make life with a wood burner easier, such as fire tools, fire starters and wood trolleys and holders.



♣ **Armed and ready:** Glen Innes Timber and Hardware's Larry Trask and Deborah Blomqvist are primed to hack into the vast array of options for staying warm this winter.

Underfloor heating

If you'd rather not see the heat source at all, staff there can advise on underfloor heating systems. Glen Innes Timber and Hardware represents Thermonet underfloor heating, a low maintenance, cost-effective heating solution. When constructing or renovating a home, its matting system provides ultimate coverage and ease of installation, and can be used directly under tiles or with a levelling compound. Loose wire kits are available for small or irregular areas, and under-carpet heat mats provide radiating warmth directly underfoot. There's even the Thermonet de-steamer to eliminate steamy bathroom mirrors.

Panel heating

For a very subtle above-floor look, however, the extensive range of Nobo panel heaters can be fixed permanently on any wall type (plaster, timber or masonry) or made mobile on casters. They come in a range of sizes corresponding to the area to be heated. Fitting the right panel to the right room means once the desired temperature is reached, they cycle at 50 per cent meaning they're on and drawing power only half the time.

As well as a discreet skirting model there is a range of panels available, optionally with a timer. Their slim 50mm profile means they can even be placed behind furniture. With a low surface temperature on the front of the panels they also won't burn little fingers.

These days there is certainly no need for heating appliances to be unattractive or even visible, and the team at Glen Innes Home Timber and Hardware is waiting with expert advice on its range of options that certainly add to the comfort of the home.

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