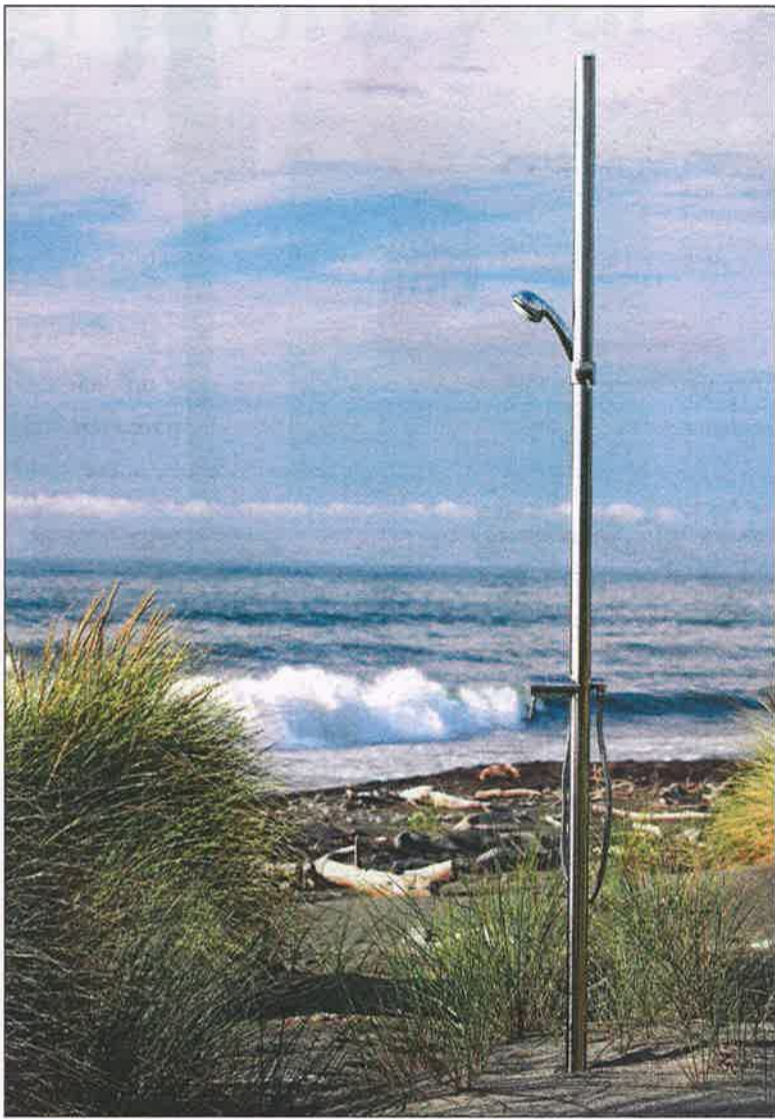


design



Shower simplicity

Innovative Hokitika-based company Aquapole has produced two new models. One is a modification of Aquapole's "wall mount", called "glass mount" as it can be mounted on a glass wall.

A key design feature of Aquapole is that the stainless steel shower slide, handpiece, mixer and plumbing are all integrated into a single unit. This means the usual in-wall plumbing is no longer required. The simplicity is both aesthetically pleasing and practically useful, the company says. "The Aquapole stainless steel shower system frees up design of wet area and tiled shower spaces and creates stylish, minimalist, easy to clean, open space."

The company is also producing a dog shower.

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The latest innovative designs and products for the bathroom have a decidedly practical edge

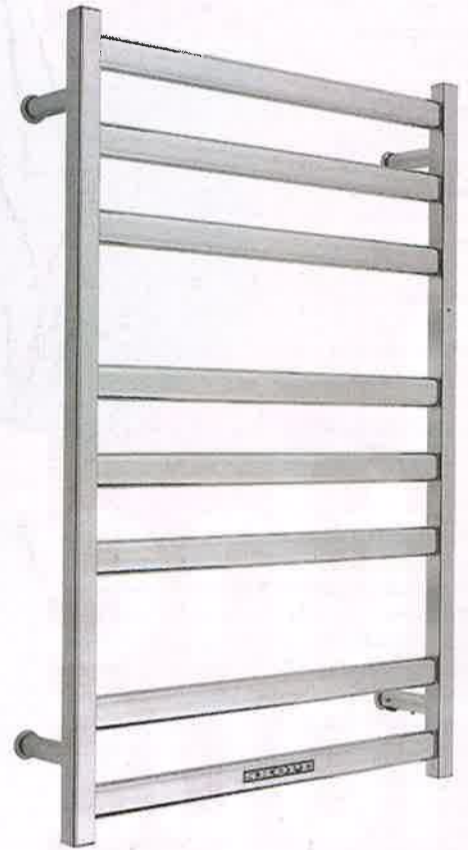
Goodbye to soggy towels

In winter, it's bad enough having to drag yourself out of bed and into the shower, but to then be faced with a wet towel with which to dry yourself can really put a damper on the start of your day.

Which is where Skope Industries' heated ladder towel rails provide the ultimate, highly functional towel-drying solution – at minimal cost. From about 0.8 cents per hour running cost, Skope's ladder towel rails are designed to ensure maximum drying, with minimal energy consumption.

The ability to connect to a timer means you control your running times to suit daily routines and drying requirements. Installing a ladder towel rail in your bathroom or laundry will also mean less washing and use of the dryer, which in turn means greater savings in water usage and electricity consumption.

New for 2010 is the Skope LTR8, a chrome-plated ladder towel rail that has been highly polished to create an elegant finish. The flat shape lends itself well to modern lines and decor, with three variations (wide, narrow and slimline) to choose from. Because the LTR8 has been designed with closer ladder towel rail rungs, the greater surface area enables an even quicker drying time than ever before. For stockists, call Skope on 0800 947 5673



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Showerdome has many other energy-related benefits: Your towels dry faster, there is no need to run extractor fans, heated mirrors or fan heaters, you can reduce the usage of heated towel rails, paint and wallpaper don't get the same level of steam damage, and your shower is often warmer as cold air doesn't get in – so you may save power or use less hot water.

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inspiration

Axor Urquiola launched in NZ

Axor Urquiola – a new range of bathroom products from Hansgrohe’s designer bathroom division – is now available in New Zealand. The range comprises everything from mixers, bathtubs, toilets, and washbasins right through to radiators. Spanish-born designer Patricia Urquiola is known for the “precious, spirited expressive power in her designs. At the same time, these radiate a warmth and sensitivity that is created through her very own feminine perception”. One important source of inspiration in her everyday life. Products express “a sensual visual language and the blending of form and function”. In designing the Axor Urquiola two-handle washbasin mixer, Urquiola drew inspiration from the flowing fringes found in nature, and gentle waves. But the mixer is also practical: A newly developed aerator with improved ecosmart technology reduces water consumption to about five litres a minute, without compromising comfort. A visual as well as functional highlight is the thermostat shower control. The generous dimensions of the overhead shower (251 x 151 millimetres) are perfectly adapted to the ergonomic characteristics of the human body. Hansgrohe AirPower technology, where air is injected into the water flow inside the showerhead, provides a sensual shower pleasure. Inspiration from Matisse, of Victoria Street. www.axor-design.com.



Freestanding bathtub

Englefields Bathing Range now offers a new series of stylish shapes with a clean, modern and minimalistic design. The Milano Freestanding Bath is the latest release in the range. It has a distinctively timeless, oval shape which will complement traditional and modern bathroom designs. Plus, it’s designed for two, creating a truly luxurious bathing experience. RRP \$1799. Information: englefield.co.nz or call 0800 100 382.



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