



# hot in the CITY

THE DAYS MIGHT BE COOLING, BUT YOU WILL STILL FIND PLENTY OF REASONS TO STAY OUTSIDE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IF YOU MAKE THE INVESTMENT IN OUTDOOR HEATING.

WE'VE RESEARCHED A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO SUIT EVERY BUDGET.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:  
A classic wood-fired option, from Warmington; Decorative fire pit with faux stone exterior from Gasmate and AberGas; A Saville Dakota from The Fireplace compliments this alfresco room  
OPPOSITE PAGE: Ascension Homes chose a fireplace from Fireplaces by Design to create this outstanding courtyard.

## » Keep it simple

Firepots, braziers and chimenea can offer maximum value for minimum expenditure. With versions of fire pots or braziers available at Bunnings and the Warehouse from around \$35, you'll soon enjoy the old-fashioned comfort of an open flame. These little rippers are attractive and portable, and an ideal way to use up off cuts and winter prunings. The Warehouse version is cast iron and has an open grill top, so it doubles as a barbecue.

Bunnings has recently had a robust cast iron chimenea in stock for \$169.99 that also comes with a grill plate. If you're looking for something that is more of an art form, look to Bella Fuego's beautiful ceramic chimenea. They come in a range of sizes and colours and no two are alike.

Meanwhile, Broady's sells a fabulous portable stainless steel fireplace with flue. It's on rollers, with brakes, and can be easily assembled and disassembled. It's also suitable for timber decks.

## » Go for gas

Patio heaters come in a range of options from simple to deluxe, with prices to match.

Compact and portable is the table top version, which morphs up to full-sized pole heaters, all fired by gas. The heat from a pole heater is fairly localised. If you're looking to warm a larger space, you may wish to consider a gas area heater.

Flame Tech goes a step further with their Diablo portable gas fire with a stainless steel cabinet and cosy flames which retails for around \$1300.

Sticking with gas flames are the multiple versions offered by New Zealand company Hard Yards which makes a truly stunning range of gas-fired firepots, braziers and polished concrete fire tables. Their braziers can also be wood or coal-fired and they are both cost-effective and versatile coming in a range of colours and styles, some with grill tops.

The versatility extends to Hard Yards table top fire-pits which create a convivial and cosy place for groups to sit around and enjoy all year round outdoor functions. The name says it all. These are both a fire-pit and a table top, fired by multiple fuel options. Brilliant. BBQ's and More also sell a fire-pit table. Their's comes with a stainless steel cabinet.

Meanwhile, Living Flame's stone gas braziers are arty enough to compliment the most refined of outdoor spaces. >



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Central to this ambient outdoor setting is a bespoke fireplace from The Outdoor Fireplace Company; Deluxe Stonehouse Wood Fireplace from AberGas; Classical simplicity has been achieved using this stunning Saville Dakota from The Fire-Place.

If you're looking for a permanent structure that creates the illusion of a flame fire, but with the convenience of gas, you may like to consider a through wall fireplace from Real Fires which can be enjoyed in two rooms – indoors or out – simultaneously.

Real Fires and Fires by Design offer outdoor fireplace options made from marine-grade stainless steel and the option of auto ignition.

At the top of the line are some of the delightful versions from The Fireplace which create a luxuriant ambience. The Dakota Heat and Glo does not need a fireplace. It vents through the front and has glass doors and realistic-looking logs.

If you're looking for a fireplace you can cook on, Living Flames' dual control outdoor fireplace with 1200mm cooking surface is state of the art.

» Looking good with wood-fired fireplaces

New Zealand is blessed with some amazing artisans who are still creating bespoke fireplaces, artfully designed to be used with good old-fashioned wood.

If you find it hard to go past the romance of an open flame The Outdoor Fireplace Company (above-left) will create a unique solid masonry fireplace, guaranteed to meet your needs. They can even incorporate your artwork, and they also make outstanding pizza ovens. We also love the options created by Fireplaces By Design (main image). If you're bent on DIY, Broady's has some kits for the homebuilder. They also have some wonderful combination ovens and fireplaces.

» Buyer Beware

Before you invest in any outdoor heating option, check local regulations and ensure that safety considerations are paramount when choosing. While braziers and fire pots may require a modest initial outlay, if you don't ensure they are placed where sparks and flames can escape, you may well be replacing your deck or even your home.

Ensure the area surrounding an open element fire is a broad expanse of fire-proof material, and don't take risks, extinguish all flames before you retire to bed. ■

MAKE IT YOURS

HARD YARDS BRAZIER FROM \$495

A Hard Yards brazier can burn coal, gas and wood, allowing for a source of light and heat with the option of cooking. With great design, a Hard Yards Brazier is an efficient heating solution. Freephone 0800 728 321; www.hardyards.net.nz

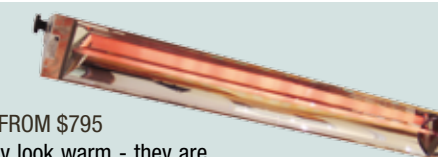


OUTDOOR FLARE \$3960

A fireplace that creates a relaxing ambience and is a focal point of your outdoor entertaining area. Made from stainless steel, with flame failure device and piezo ignition. Real Fires; P: 09 444 7331; www.realfires.co.nz



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Outdoor Concepts; P: 09 307 6770; www.outdoorconcepts.co.nz

There's nothing like an open fire to create ambience when entertaining outdoors



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- Range of designs including wood storage modules

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