

## Air New Zealand in Flight Magazine - January 2008 The Mudcastle

Medieval romance meets Kiwi hospitality

The first clue is in the name - The Mudcastle.

It looks like a castle and it's made from mud. No pretensions. Fashioned from adobe bricks that local couple Kevin and Glenys Johnston hand-made on site, The Mudcastle offers a blend of medieval romance and drama along with down-to-earth Kiwi hospitality and home comfort. "Having a country home of a size and style that makes it shareable on a grand scale is a wonderful thing," says Glenys Johnston. "Admittedly, we're not open seven days a week - we don't offer casual meals or a drop in bar - but as a totally private venue, the guests who are with us on any given occasion have the exclusive use of the castle and grounds and our undivided attention."

What The Mudcastle does offer is tailored events for private groups and functions, whether that be a wedding, conference, dinner theatre evening, themed banquet, private party or business function. They also offer B&B suites which frankly are out of this world in terms of privacy and uniqueness. Catering for up to 100 dinner guests, the Mudcastle's romantic gardens, secluded suites and boutique accommodation have created an international reputation for stylish, private and memorable wedding events. Imagine your ceremony in the garden or turret of your choice, fantastic food in the castle's banquet hall, dramatic photos anywhere on site, boutique accommodation for family and friends and a secluded honeymoon suite to escape to at the end of the night.

The Mudcastle is nestled in a rolling hillside valley in picturesque rural Neudorf, midway between Nelson and Motueka, in a world of its own but only 30 minutes from Nelson Airport.

Easily accessible, The Mudcastle provides a wonderfully creative venue for meetings, strategy days and conferences and frequently hosts the mid-conference break-out dinner or a special lunch for the partners of conference delegates. Because restaurants, corporate theming and even illuminated dancefloors all feature in the CV's of this creative couple, you can be assured of professionalism, experience, attention to detail and performance from start to finish.

In keeping with the theme of the venue, and the undeniably fun side of the hosts, The Mudcastle also offers hugely popular Murder Mystery Weekends and is occasionally booked by groups of us to 6 couples who hire the entire castle for the ultimate weekend getaway. For more information on The Mudcastle visit the website or pick up the phone.

