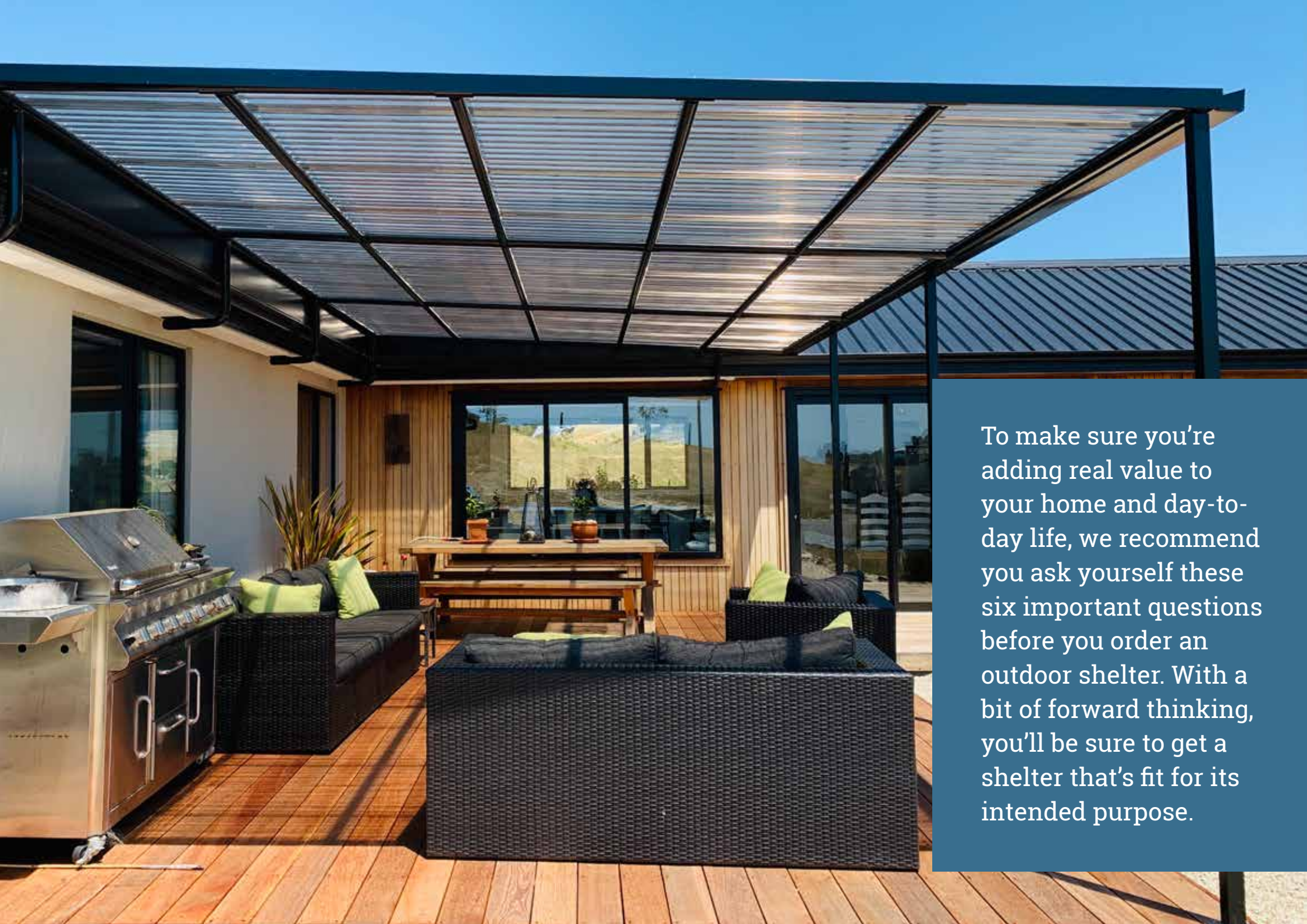


Top 6 tips

FOR CHOOSING THE
RIGHT OUTDOOR SHELTER

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To make sure you're adding real value to your home and day-to-day life, we recommend you ask yourself these six important questions before you order an outdoor shelter. With a bit of forward thinking, you'll be sure to get a shelter that's fit for its intended purpose.



Tip 1

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO ACHIEVE WITH THE AREA IN MIND?

Consider how you're going to use the new space. For example, do you want a year-round outdoor living space? Or would you rather create an area for the more temperate months of the year? The other key consideration is whether you'll need to block prevailing winds or sun ingress into a specific room. Make sure you share this information with your local Archgola shade specialist, to ensure you get a canopy that's fit for your intended purpose.



Tip 2

HOW MUCH HEAT AND LIGHT DO YOU WANT TO RETAIN WITHIN, AND SURROUNDING, THIS NEW LIVING AREA?

Your choice of roofing colour is a critical consideration, as different shades offer different combinations of heat and light penetration. Make sure you are shown roofing samples and then seek advice from your local Archgola shade specialist on their points of difference. It might even be worth asking if you can be shown examples of canopies in your area with different roof colours to help you make your final decision.



Tip 3

HOW MUCH AREA DO YOU WISH TO COVER?

If you've got a really large deck you may want to consider covering only half the area and allowing the remainder to be exposed. In the event that you might change your mind and want to add on to your canopy, make sure you choose an installer that offers a modular system.



Tip 4

WHAT COLOUR DO YOU WANT THE FRAME

Most people find the best thing to do is to match their existing joinery with their new canopy frame. In doing this, the canopy becomes an extension of the house and it all looks cohesive. Consider choosing an installer that offers custom powder coating so you'll get a near perfect colour match.



Tip 5

DO YOU WANT TO USE YOUR NEW LIVING AREA YEAR-ROUND?

If the answer's yes, you might like to consider adding café curtains. They're a great way to enclose a space and they'll ensure you can enjoy the area year-round by blocking prevailing winds and rain. Café curtains also make it so much easier to heat the area on those really cold winter days. Whilst café curtains can be added to your canopy at any time, it's vital to inform your local Archgola shade specialist that you may want curtains at some point. This is so that allowances can be made when the canopy is being designed.



Tip 6

WHERE DO YOU WANT THE DOWN PIPES AND GUTTERS TO GO?

Nearly all canopies will require a downpipe and guttering. In rare circumstances some small canopies over terraces and the like may not require them. From an aesthetic point of view, consider the location of the downpipe. If you've got a great view to enjoy from the shelter of your new canopy, the last thing you'll want is a down pipe intruding on it. Work with your local Archgola shade specialist to achieve a location for the downpipe that's as unobtrusive as possible.

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