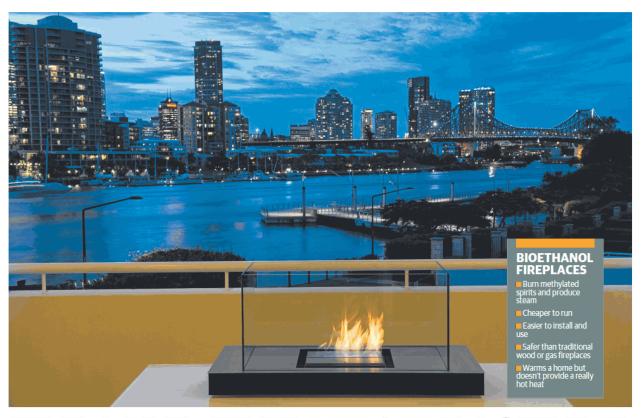
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A BRACKET and three screws that's all it can take to have a fireplace on your wall with the latest in bioethanol fireplaces.

Ambience Eco Fires owner Kirsten Buckett said the past 12 months had seen a spike of interest in the Brisbane market. "This product is not a new

concept at all, but a lot of people just haven't heard of them before and now awareness is

growing," she said.
"When we first started
selling bioethanol fireplaces in 2010 theywere quite popular in Sydney and Melbourne but Brisbanites didn't have a huge appetite for them. "Lots of people love

fireplaces and they want to have a fireplace in their home, but it isn't necessarily practical in Brisbane due to our warmer climate

"The bioethanol fireplace is the perfect alternative becau while it warms a home, it doesn't provide a really hot heat.'

The fireplaces are created by German designer Michael Rosing, who intended them to be like a piece of furniture for a room, with some sculpted like a

The bioethanol fireplaces which burn methylated spirits and produce steam, are also easier to install and use, are cheaper to run, and are safer than traditional wood or gas

fireplaces.

Ms Buckett said people were choosing bioethanol fireplaces

during renovations. "If you want to put a

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traditional fireplace into an existing home, you have to install a chimney and flue, which is very invasive and expensive, but in comparison a bioethanol fireplace is so easy to install," she said.

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"You don't need a gas fitting,
you don't need a builder, you
don't need any tradespeople to
do it – you just need a bracket
and three screws put into the wall and you can hang it, fill up the fuel tank and light it. "It's just like mounting a flat screen television to the wall."

The cost of the Radius
Design bioethanol fireplaces
depends on the size of the unit,
burner capacity and finish but most are priced from \$2000 to \$3000, however, Ms Buckett said it only cost a few dollars worth of fuel to heat a room for the evening.

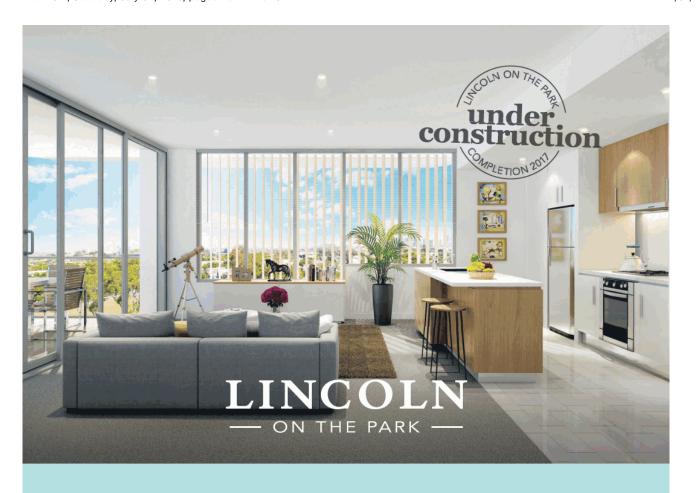


WINTER WARMERS: Ambience Eco Fires bioethanol fireplaces do not need a gas fitting and are easy to install anywhere in the home





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