



DECEMBER 09 NEWSLETTER

A Note From Hamish

As we near the end of 2009 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your custom over this past year and to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Manukau Building Consultants constantly strives to find better ways to deliver value and throughout 2010 we will continue to provide timely and superior customer service to you, with all your building consents and compliance monitoring.



Wishing you safe and happy holidays

Hamish Aitken

NEWS IN BREIF

- Christmas Closing Times - We will be closing at midday on December 24th and reopening Tuesday, January 5th 2010.
- We have just upgraded our website (www.mbcl.co.nz). One of the main changes is a more comprehensive FAQ section. If there is any thing else you would like to see on the website please let us know.
- We are also conducting an online Customer Survey. If you have used our service before we would greatly appreciate it if you go on to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NMCZL9B> . Survey takes about 5 minutes.

Thought of the Day

Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get. - David Gardner

Interesting Websites

www.wehaventlaidanyoneoff.com - A list of companies that haven't laid anyone off yet.

www.pocketsmith.com - Clever personal budgeting site.

Jason's Space - Producer Statements

We are going flat out here at MBCL trying to get the last minute consents and CCCs through before the Big Red Guy arrives. I mainly want to wish you all a happy and safe festive season but would also like to give everyone a friendly reminder about Producer Statements or "verification documents". These documents can save you a lot of time and therefore money as it reduces our need to peer review the engineering aspects of your consent applications. These producer statements will need to be completed by Chartered Professional Engineers (CPENG) or engineers on Manukau City's producer statement author list. Producer statements for design in residential applications and design and design review for commercial applications are acceptable provided they are appropriately completed.

If you are not using Producer Statements and wish to know more about the use of them, go to our web site (www.mbcl.co.nz) or please give us a call and we will happily go through the requirements with you.

Thanking you for your business over the year and all the Best for the New Year - Cheers Jason

Team Profile

Nick McKinstry



Nick was born in Australia and completed his carpenter/ Joiner apprenticeship there. After a 3 year stint in the Navy (mostly as a sportsman) he moved to NZ. Nick has been in the industry for over 50 years! His interests include woodworking and listening to classical music. For the last 10 years Nick has also been a JP in Onehunga.

Tech Quest

1. Battens behind cladding require a minimum treatment to what hazard category?
2. Ceiling Access must be at least ___mm x ___mm, with ___mm unobstructed access above the top of the ceiling joist ? (ref NZS3604

Answers

Email your answers in and you will go in to a draw for a monthly prize. Congratulations to Barney from Aston Marsh on winning last month