



# NOVEMBER 09 NEWSLETTER

## A Note From Hamish

Welcome to Manukau Building Consultants' (MBCL) November Newsletter. This month we are introducing a new format and we hope you find it more informative and user friendly.

Prior to the Christmas break, the structure of the new Auckland Council is likely to be confirmed. This will follow a period of consultation with affected parties. At the time of writing this report, for you, we do not have any indication on how the new structure will impact the functionality of Building Consent Authorities in the region. Needless to say there should be obvious benefits, relating to improvement in the interpretation of the Building Code and consistencies in how all Building Consents are managed.



I am a strong believer in the competitive, Public-Private partnership model which Manukau City has adopted to service the building industry. Through competition the industry can be assured we do the best for our customers and continuously strive to improve our service. MBCL is actively promoting this model to enable us to eventually operate a similar model in the much larger Auckland Council region. We will keep you informed of our progress.

## NEWS IN BREIF

- Manukau Building Consultants have a new 0800 number **0800 4 A CONSENT**.
- Building Consents were authorised for 1275 new housing units, excluding apartments in Sept 09. Highest number since July 2008. [www.stats.govt.nz](http://www.stats.govt.nz)
- The new Airport Hotel will be built in the car park at the Airport and had to be limited in height due to it's proximity to flight paths. (MBCL are handling the consents).

## Thought of the Day

"Business is like tennis, those that serve poorly, lose.- Ian Brooks

## Interesting Websites

[www.chorewars.com](http://www.chorewars.com) - makes chores fun for kids!

[www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org) - lets you invest in small businesses in poor countries.

## Pete's Space - Speeding up the CCC

Whilst we have set ourselves a realistic timeframe in which to process your CCC applications we are having difficulty in meeting them consistently. The CCC application only partly begin with a PASS on-site at final inspection. It starts fully when all of the corresponding support documentation has been received, checked and accepted. The application is then booked to CCC audit and the clock begins. The single most important piece of assistance you can provide us is to ensure good quality, legible documentation are submitted. We are currently implementing a procedure change designed to speed up the CCC process and that starts by MBCL supplying a CCC documentation folder with your consent pack.

We are asking all applicants not to send any documentation in during construction, but to place it in the CCC folder and have it all checked and accepted during construction and at your final site inspection, that way if something needs fixing, it is not causing delays with the process. The single biggest reason for failure at CCC time is missing documentation, followed by incorrect or illegible documentation. If you can help us to help you by reviewing your documentation thoroughly before final inspection as we only want to collect a complete full set of documents.

If you would like a CCC documentation folder or wish to find out more about the minimum information required please do not hesitate to call our Support Services line on 272 7890 or 0800 4 A CONSENT.

## Team Profile

### Tamson Coetzee



Tamson has just joined our Processing team. She was born and bred in South Africa, has a degree in Spatial Design and is a big Warriors fan. Tamson loves playing hockey and the great out doors. She has two dogs "both the cutest in the world" one called Cody and the other called Itsy.

## Tech Quest

1. Bearer to Jack stud. What is the minimum number of nails required?.

2. Give two situation of Wall board installation that GLUE is not to be used as a way of fixing.

## Answers

Email your answers in and you will go in to a draw for a monthly prize.