

# techTALK

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## Autumn Techtalk

The days are getting shorter, the mornings cooler and the leaves are just starting to get that yellow tint. 2019 is shaping up to be a biggie!

In this issue of Techtalk:

- Lean management programme and more storage space
- Say hello to our new staff and machines
- Updates on some of our projects, including a few recently finished.

Warm regards,  
Brett and the Team.

## // A Warm Welcome!

Techlam has two new team members to introduce.

Meet Lexie Gates (Sales Support/Admin), and Fiona Raikes (Marketing and Executive Assistant).

Lexie's interest in the construction industry started from a young age. Her father was a builder and this encouraged her to pursue a range of trade related roles; always focusing on customer service. Lexie has already proven to be great in her role as Sales Support/Admin. Fiona joins the team this year and hopes to grow her skillset in her new role as Marketing and Executive Assistant.

We hope these two are enjoying their new roles at Techlam so far.



Lexie Gates



Fiona Raikes

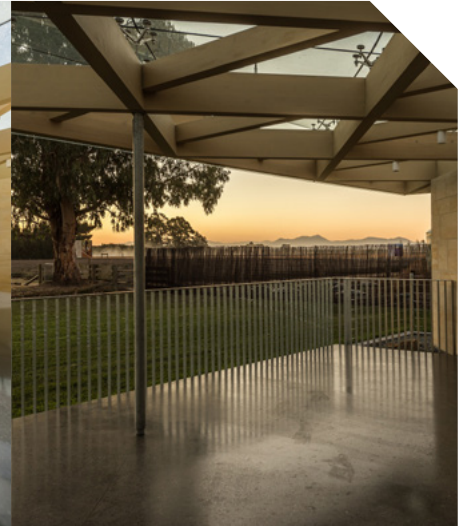


## // Current Projects

### Farmers Pavilion, Ashburton

Check out the recently finished Farmers Pavilion.

Techlam supplied the glulam for the roof, every beam was prefabricated for this project, making the onsite assembly seamless.



### Water of Leith

Last Techtalk the Water of Leith Bridge was in construction, this project is now finished, and the glulam is looking great!

Credit to the Edifice team for this cycle bridge. The team worked hard on the project and the results definitely show.

### Hutt Valley Health Hub

Stage 1 beams have left us for the Hutt Valley Health Hub and are onsite ready for construction.

The stage 2 and 3 beams are well through production and will be on site soon.



## // Techlam HQ

# 5S

- > sort
- > set
- > shine
- > standardise
- > sustain



### The big 5S Clean out

In the last few weeks we have been working on implementing the 5S programme to further advance lean management in our office and plant.

This resulted in a huge and much needed clean-out. A group of staff walked around with red tags and tagged unnecessary or messy items, these were then actioned within the next few weeks, creating a much nicer and cleaner working environment.

#### 5S BENEFITS:

- Simplifies work
- Increases productivity
- Reduces expenses
- Faster delivery of service
- Work place is safer
- Builds customer confidence
- Builds pride in the workplace
- Easier to train new staff
- Existing problems become more visible



### // Techtower's in town!

Our new Techtowers arrived this month – get ready for some intense matches – structural laminated timber is our game!

The games have begun here in the office, and so have the arguments about who is better.



## // Techlam Highlights

### New machines

As well as two new team members, we also have two new machines joining the Techlam crew.

Our new Kuphmuhle planer (right) and CNC Saw have just arrived! These two machines will increase efficiency and accuracy in our plant, can't wait to have these up and running.



### More storage space

Our new storage shed out the back is complete.

We will definitely make the most of our extra space. Thanks to the Edifice team for spending time on this and achieving a high quality result.



### Tauranga Airport

Have you been to Tauranga Airport recently? Check out our glulam beams - they're looking great!



### This month's reminder:



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