# **techtalk**

Welcome TO THE SUMMER ISSUE OF TECHTALK

Like you, we've hit the ground running in 2017 with new projects on the go. In this issue you'll meet new team members David Cleary and Troy Matthews, and see some exciting developments we've recently completed.



#### David Cleary SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

David's new role will see him working with the team to increase efficiency, particularly in I.T where he will manage our complex computer systems.

"Time is precious and I'm here to make sure every second counts by making our processes more efficient and keeping our systems running at 100%."



## Troy Matthews

Helping Keryn in the administration and sales department, Troy comes to us with more than 15 years' sales experience and extensive knowledge of the timber and building industry.

"I believe great customer service is the key to any business. Don't just wish for it, work for it."



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## Happy birthday to us! Cheers:)

Just before Christmas we celebrated our 24th birthday.

Over the past 24 years Techlam has grown from a small scale laminating business to become New Zealand's largest glulam manufacturer.

We think that deserves a cheers!

## **Recent projects**

### // Momi Bay Resort, Fiji

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Visitors to Fiji will enjoy a new and state-of-the-art resor when Momi Bay Resort opens in early 2017.







Fletcher Construction is putting the finishing touches on the five-star Marriott-branded hotel, which once sat abandoned following the collapse of failed finance company Bridgecorp in 2007.

The resort includes three restaurants, two swimming pools, fitness and recreation centres, gift shops, tennis courts and a spa with eight treatment rooms, 114 free-standing bures and 136 standard rooms. 22 bures are over water, making Momi the first man-made lagoon based resort in Fiji.

Techlam supplied structural laminated timber to this project, featuring dozens of curved tapered 'Tusks' as the main rafter features, up to 1100mm x 225mm and 13m long, along with large quantities of other structural glulam beams.

An amazing project - the Techlam staff is still lobbying management to hold the next company BBQ there!

## // Tiny Huts, Christchurch

Techlam in Christchurch recently worked with a brilliant team of designers and builders on the stunning 'Shell Chapel', winner of the People's Choice award in the Tiny Huts competition.





A very simple design in appearance, but complex to produce as every timber member was curved to a different radius.

The designer was Ting Ling, and this piece of public artwork is designed to complement the foreshore environment in New Brighton.





#### // Product feature: Exposed Trusses







When Christchurch's **Cholmondely Childrens** Home suffered significant earthquake damage, Techlam was enlisted to help with the rebuild, supplying massive feature trusses for the open plan areas.

Spanning up to 12m, these large glulam trusses with featured steel connection plates showcase the structural skeleton of the building.

Due to the size of the trusses and the site conditions, the tradesmen on site needed to lift these members straight into place. Our team was able to provide final working drawings for manufacture, pre-cut the large glulam members, factory assemble the truss with the heavy steel plates provided, and deliver the completed trusses to site.

Check out cholmondeley.org.nz it's an inspiring place, doing a fantastic job in our community.

We've earned the reputation in the industry of looking a timber challenge square in the face and finding an answer.

So if you've got a construction project that calls for complex timber solutions, call us.







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