



# Happy staff love working together

**E**merge Architecture directors Phil Stanfield and Marty Horn say they are very proud of their team. "The combined talents and personalities make our office a great place to work. Even when we are under pressure, there's a positive attitude towards the tasks or difficulties to be managed. This was especially evident as we went through the renovation. Everyone chipped in when things needed demolishing or moving computers about to avoid painters and builders was endured in good spirits."

They say there is a depth of experience and diversity within the company.

Phil specialises in architectural design and with a particular interest in ecological and energy efficient homes. He has completed a wide range of commercial and residential projects over his 22-year design career, with a number of ADNZ regional and national design award-winning projects to his credit. Outside of the office he contributes to the profession as a current Architectural Designers of NZ (ADNZ) member assessor and past ADNZ Regional Chair. Out of the office Phil is a keen sea kayaker, a retired mountain race runner and full-time supporter to his three young grandchildren. Phil and his wife Julie travel regularly and enjoy experiencing other cultures and scenery.

Fellow director Marty has also completed a large range of projects. Commercial refit and renovations are common projects he is involved with. There are a number of projects on Broadway Ave that have had varied input from him.

Having been a director of Emerge Architecture for 10 years, the growth of the business and reputation are very proud achievements.

"We are very lucky to have a great team working with us," says Marty.

After hours he has a busy family life with three active children Max, Stellar and Mila.

Marty and his wife Megan are also very active competing in team triathlons and other challenging events. Marty's goal over the next 12 months is to be able to beat Megan in a 10k run and his father-in-law Ian on the bike.

"This will be a big challenge," he says.

Keeping the office running smoothly is practice manager Erin Sullivan who joined

Emerge in 2010, having previously worked in banking as a business banking manager.

Erin now keeps a firm eye on all of the practice administration and internal planning and commitments. Her skilled input into the overall management of the practice is highly appreciated. Outside of work Erin enjoys organising, and participating in, the teams' entries in various local sporting events.

Emerge has on its design team two architectural designers, Olivia and Vivian.

Olivia, has worked at Emerge for two years, and in the industry for five since graduating with a Bachelor in Architectural Studies in Christchurch. From a rural upbringing near Halcombe, Liv now specialises in residential design and often collaborates on designs with Phil and Marty.

Vivian, has worked part time in the company for just under a year as an architectural technician after returning to work from a period of full time parenting.

Vivian graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the USA with a Bachelor of Science and Design, majoring in interior design.

Over her 14-year career, in the midst of raising four children, she has been involved in commercial, retail, residential and exhibition design.

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She says her passion and interests are in space planning for retail and commercial spaces, particularly conceptual design with a focus on branding and interior finishes.

Originally from Malaysia, Vivian has worked in the USA, South Africa and now New Zealand.

In her spare time she enjoys learning the violin, painting and taking an active part in her children's pursuits.

Rounding out the design team are the company's four architectural technicians, Rod, Samantha, Rhys and Peter.

Rod, is a senior technician who has been with Emerge for 10 years, almost from the beginning. Rod's long work history in farming, joinery manufacturing, project management and building gives him a broad



experience in construction. Rod undertakes CAD 3D modelling, full construction documentation and contract management when required.

Out of work he's a keen trumper, mountain race runner and always a starter in office fun events.

Sam joined Emerge 2½ years ago and works as a senior technician. Her 11-year career in the industry started straight after leaving Tararua College, learning on the job to become a very experienced and capable technician.

At Emerge she works as a senior technician and can complete any project that comes into the office, from early CAD modelling to fully detailed construction drawings. Sam works part time after the arrival of her first child nine months ago.

Rhys, has been with Emerge since leaving Awatapu High School seven years ago. During his 7th form year he worked one day a week on work experience at Emerge, at the end of that he was offered a job.

Rhys is a senior technician and the team leader for the group housing work Emerge undertakes in Christchurch. He lives in Christchurch but works one to two weeks a month in Palmerston North. He undertakes all levels of CAD 3D modelling and high-quality rendering, construction drawings and manages other staff.

Peter, joined Emerge as a technician after graduating from UCOL in Palmerston North with a Diploma in Construction. He primarily undertakes housing work in Christchurch under Rhys's management.

He has a special interest in small house and small space design.

Originally from Bristol in the UK, Peter has worked in various other fields as a lab technician, horticulture and more recently as an illustrator in book publishing.



**The staff kitchen also contains a built-in lunch bar.**

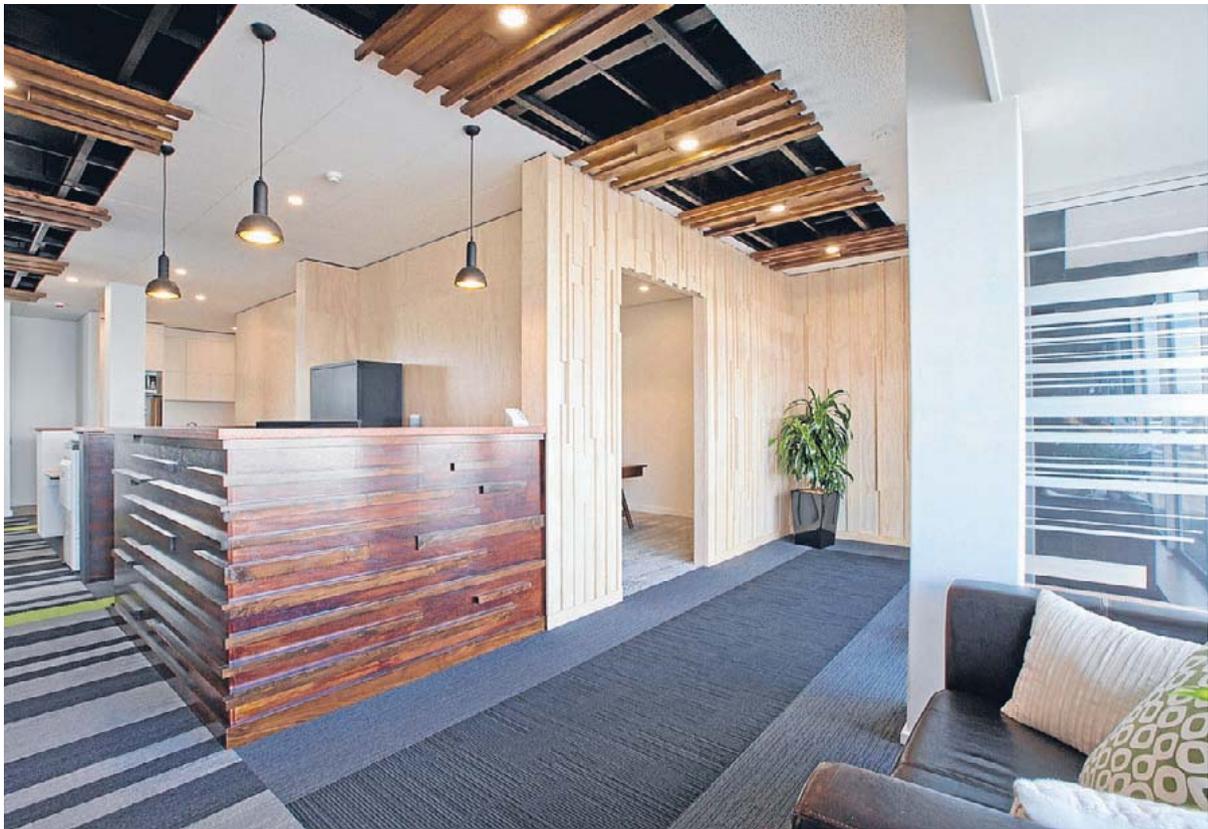
**reception area is the domain of practice manager Erin Sullivan.**



**Excellent use has been made of the available space. To the right, through the kitchen, is the large, airy office that accommodates the architectural designers and technicians.**



**The multi-purpose meeting/media room that can be closed off. Clients are able to view their building on the television set.**



**The newly created**