



## New look Logo

Auckland City Council's wavy "A" logo reportedly cost more than \$200,000 to create. After seven years we thought it was time for ours to get an update and as we were moving to a new office this was the time to do it as we would require new signage, business cards etc. So with a budget of about \$200,000 less than Auckland City Council we came up with our new look.

If we can find a bit more money then we will update our web site too so keep an eye out!

## Bobby & Charlotte are in training.....

Good fire engineers are hard to find. Whilst we are pleased that we have two fully qualified engineers on board and one more on the way Debbie has started to implement our long term training plan.



**With Christmas fast approaching, we would like to express our thanks for all your support over the past year. We look forward to working with you in 2013 and everyone at OnFire Consulting wish you and your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.**

Its been a while since our last newsletter and there has been a lot happening in both the fire engineering world and for OnFire. Hopefully this newsletter will help keep you informed of the happenings! OnFire Consulting is now 7 and a half years old and we are growing stronger than ever.

## OUR GROWING TEAM



**Peter Reddin** – Senior Fire Engineer joined OnFire in June this year. Peter is a qualified fire engineer with his Masters Degree in Fire Engineering from Canterbury University

and is also a Chartered Professional Engineer and Member of IPENZ. Peter is able to help out with all of your fire engineering needs. Peter is married to Linda with two sons, Andrew (20) and Stephen (18) and all live in Hamilton.

Debbie and David are still here (obviously!) and are enjoying the new challenges that growing our business provides. To keep up with our increased workload and to maintain our commitment to customer service we have just employed another fire engineer who will be joining us in January next year. Debbie continues to be very involved with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (NZ Chapter) in a voluntary capacity and is currently the President. The Chapter has just recently been awarded

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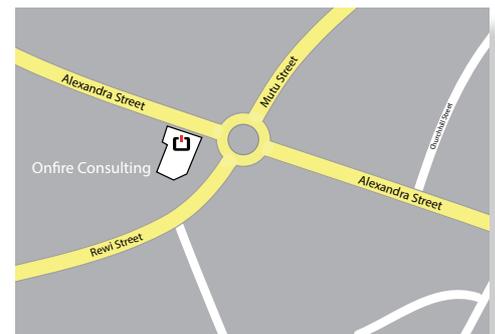
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the 2012 Gold Chapter Excellence Award from the International SFPE which is a fantastic accolade.

## NEW OFFICE



Like Hewlett Packard, Apple, Disney, Amazon and Google, OnFire Consulting started life in a garage. It was becoming a bit cramped as we expanded so in August we moved into our new offices at 477 Alexandra Street. It used to be the original Te Awamutu school house and is a beautiful restored villa with a Historic Places Trust classification. It is a fantastic building and environment to work in so if you are driving through town please pop in for a cuppa.



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## NEW FIRE ENGINEERING FRAMEWORK

In our last newsletter I discussed the proposed new fire engineering framework. The new Building Code and supporting documents were published in April this year and are currently in a transition period. In April 2013 these documents become mandatory to use. This will change the way in which fire engineering is undertaken in New Zealand.

The new Acceptable Solutions (C/AS1-C/AS7) are documents that have been written that can be used by anybody for simple buildings without complex systems or features – you don't have to be a fire engineer to use these however they can provide solutions that are not as flexible or cost effective as some clients might like.

The new verification method C/VM2 is a design methodology that can only be used by design professionals with specific fire engineering expertise – such as Chartered Professional Fire Engineers. The Verification Method allows more flexible and innovative designs which can provide cost savings. So although the cost to provide design services are higher using the verification method, the resulting building design can be better in many ways compared to an Acceptable Solution design.

OnFire Consulting has two Chartered Professional Engineers and a good knowledge of the new documents therefore we are well set up to be able to provide our clients with the expertise necessary to operate in the new fire engineering framework.

We are both undertaking and seeing many of projects coming through the system using the new documents as we undertake peer reviews for many Councils around the country. Its great to see the Verification Method in use and the innovation that can come from using this methodology.

## TRAINING

Debbie has been heavily involved in undertaking training on the new fire engineering framework this year. Firstly she was involved with the Institution of Professional Engineers NZ (IPENZ) and the Department of Building and Housing (now Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE)) in May/June to provide training to engineers on the new Verification Method. From July – September she was involved with the Society of Fire Protection Engineers NZ Chapter in partnership with MBIE to undertake training to many in the building industry (engineers, architects, Councils, designers etc.) to deliver training on the Acceptable Solutions. This involved 17 full day seminars from Invercargill to Whangarei. She was then involved in September/October with Building Networks to deliver training to IQP's on the new documents. So its been a full on six months of training for this new framework!!

We also do personalised training for our clients so if you'd like to know more about fire engineering and in particular the new documents please give us a call to discuss.

## Nanas Date Loaf

My Nanas recipe was a favourite of mine when I was a child and now its one of Bobby and Charlottes favourites after they discovered it during a visit with their Nana in Christchurch. Hopefully you and your family will enjoy it as much as mine does.

1 cup dates chopped  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tbs golden syrup  
1 cup milk (a bit more if the mixture is too dry)  
1 oz butter  
3/4 cup sugar  
1 3/4 cups plain flour

Put the dates, butter, milk, baking soda and golden syrup in a pot on low heat and boil till it froths. Cool mixture. Once cool add the flour and sugar and combine. Pour into a greased loaf tin and bake for 1 hour at 150°C



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