



MCL Construction carries out all types of work from housing to major commercial buildings.

New name, same commitment for construction firm

Karen Phelps

Mackersey Construction Ltd has been renamed MCL Construction Ltd signalling a new future for one Hawke's Bay's largest and oldest construction firms, says one of the company directors John Bower.

Two other businesses have been created as part of the new direction – MCL Interiors, specialising in suspended ceilings, office partitions and passive fire, and MCL Joinery Limited, a high-end commercial and residential joinery business.

Two new shareholders have also joined the business - Philip Mitchell (a project manager/estimator) and financial accountant Michael Bush who join the company's other shareholders David Mackersey and John Bower.

David says the ownership structure is focused on the future: "Succession planning is important and we are particularly pleased that we have a good mix of experienced staff stepping up, as well as some younger talent keen to come through," he says.

John Bower says it is business as usual with the company continuing to build on its strong reputation in the region. "The Hawke's Bay construction scene is very buoyant. There seems to be no letting up at the moment, which is fantastic for the local economy and the community by way of jobs. MCL Construction has a busy 12-18 months of committed construction projects," he says.

Among the company's current projects is the \$25 million Village Exchange & Porters Hotel complex.

Located in the centre of Havelock North, the development by Lowmac Properties is a two year project comprising of basement parking for 100 vehicles, 1030qsm of retail space for up to nine tenancies, 1200qsm of office accommodation, a 250qsm restaurant and a 40-room boutique hotel with conference facilities.

MCL Construction started the project in September last year and it is due for completion in December 2016.

Other current projects include Tamatea Pak 'n Save and a nine tenancy commercial development at 304 Queen Street, Hastings, including 1500qsm of new build and an 800qsm refurbishment of an existing building.

Projects recently completed include 265 Marine Parade in Napier for client Capeview Properties, which incl. ded refurbishment of a three-storey commercial building with tenancy fitouts, a 6000qsm food warehouse in Hastings for ElWood Road Holdings and a 9000qsm water bottling facility including office and factory for Tomoana Water.

MCL Construction is one of the largest construction companies in the Hawke's Bay and has a long history in the region.

John Charles Mackersey founded the business in 1989.

John's son David took over managing the business in 1989, although he stepped back from day to day management in 2003.

John Bower, who has been with the company for 27 years was appointed managing director in 2013.

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The company is a member of the Registered Master Builders Association of New Zealand, and is a Department of Building and Housing Licensed Building Practitioner.

Over the years the company has built many of the region's multi-level and large scale buildings - including Hawke's Bay's first multi-level building - the Tower Building (next to Hastings Police station) - as well as buildings tenanted by Westpac Bank and ANZ Bank in Hastings, along with the Hastings District Council civic buildings, Takapau Freezing Works, Mangaroa Prison and the Hawke's Bay Hospital.

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New future for leading Bay firm

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More recent projects completed by MCL Construction include the New Zealand Gold Architecture Award winning Iona College's Performing Arts Centre, and the Information Resource Centre, the KiwiBank customer service centre in Hastings, Business HQ, Bay Ford & Bay Mazda Stortford Lodge and the new Clubs Hastings (a merger of the Hastings RSA, Hibernian Club and Heretaunga Club).

"On every project our philosophy is to become part of a wider team to ensure that our client's needs are met to the full," explains John Bower.

"We endeavour to align ourselves to our client's project and consultant team so that we fully understand their business requirements, ensuring the outcome of our efforts delivers a successful project," says John.

"In doing this our aspiration is the development of a long term relationship between ourselves and our clients."

In total MCL employs over 110 staff from labourers, apprentices, carpenters, site managers and administration staff.

Recognising that a building company is only as strong as its team, John says that the company places a firm focus on training new apprentices.

"Our clients are often comforted by the collective knowledge of our employees, that overall add up to hundreds of year's experience," says John.

"Our family based structure ensures that this knowledge and experience is shared throughout the company and eventually leads to the benefit of our customers."

John says the rebrand is a good example of the company's focus on bringing a fresh and innovative approach.



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"The aim is to keep the company as a front runner in the building industry as well as to strive to assist our clients to achieve their personal goals."

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