



Studio Sixty Seven  
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Interior Design

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Well its well and truly summer again and with the economic downturn heating up - so to speak - as well, we are looking at a very interesting 2009.

Being aware of the forecasted changes we had a great offer on the Studio and I decided to sell that and continue to operate the business from home.

Which is working marvellously, and I hope, not disadvantaging our clients what so ever.

**Please note our new contact number is the only change and is now 06 375 8608**

### **Diploma in Interior Design now available (press release)**

*Those who yearn to create better spaces for living and working, and those already out creating them, will welcome a new diploma programme available at UCOL in Palmerston North.*

*Ideal for students wishing to enter the interior design industry or those who are employed in the industry but do not have a formal qualification UCOL's new Diploma in Interior Design will start in the first semester of 2009. It is the first of its type offered in the central North Island. The diploma can be undertaken on either a full time one year basis or on a part time basis (one paper per semester) so is available to people from a wide geographical area and to all ages.*

*Well established local designer Leah Burns of Leah M Burns Interior Design and Studio 67 who assisted UCOL to set up the programme has been asked to be the Programme Co-ordinator and along with two other tutors will be teaching students as well as leading the programme in its first year of operation.*

***Leah's part time role still allows her to continue to operate her existing business which she says is very important to the role as well. "Its important for the students sake that I stay current with trends, product, building and regulatory guidelines and practises so continuing to operate my existing business doing residential and commercial interior design ensures this happens"***

*The opportunity to teach a subject that Leah is passionate about is a natural progression for the award winning Interior Designer to move towards. After being elected onto the council of DINZ – the Designers Institute of New Zealand – where her goal is to increase the professionalism and recognition of trained Interior Designers and the professionalism of interior design as a whole this comes at a great time to help cement that goal at grass roots level.*

*Leah says "I love the fact that the diploma will give people with a natural flare who are operating, or want to operate, in the industry the opportunity to study for a genuine qualification. I think all Interior Designers now need to be qualified especially with the new building licensing laws coming into effect in 2009. It's important that designers recognise their limits of expertise when designing and also the public can be confident of employing a professional with a genuine qualification."*

**Let me know if you or anyone you know would like further information about this Diploma**

## The Market Place - Massive Price Fluctuations

Interestingly the economic downturn has effected our importers quite rapidly and this is noted in the amount of alterations to prices for fabrics whether it be up or down. Any fabric that is ordered from offshore is highly dependent on the value of our New Zealand dollar against foreign currency and changes have been happening daily.

Therefore many times our suppliers have been unable to hold pricing for 30 days as was previously a standard so be aware of replying to any quotes for custom made furniture and /or drapes and blinds too long after you've requested a quote from anyone or you may find the goal post has shifted. Be fully aware of how long the quoted price will stand and act accordingly.

## Upcoming Trends - Mokums New Global Tribe

With a distinctive global flavour, Loop's new collection looks at ancient indigenous art, from a broad spectrum of internationally diverse cultures.

"We were interested in how primal man in Africa and Oceania created similar geometric shapes found in Asia and the Americas," says Stephanie Moffitt, Mokum's Design Director. Five high performing designs resulted which capture the simple beauty of this ancient art.

In keeping with Loop's residential design approach, the studio also managed to ensure constructions captured the detail of their designs along with a soft handle and heavy duty performance characteristics. Two of the designs, Tuareg and Innu Stripe, are treated with Synpel EF, a soil resistant finish. Both designs are also backed with Synback PE, which is made from post consumer recycled products.



**If you would like to see a sample call us today to arrange a time to view**

*We wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year  
We are available for consultations as usual from the 12th January  
2009 after the Christmas break*

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