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“DESIGN IS NOT JUST WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AND FEELS LIKE. DESIGN IS HOW IT WORKS.”

STEVE JOBS

#### Steve Jobs' maxim is equally true at Carnachan Architecture.

When designing a new home Mark Carnachan draws on 20 years of experience to create buildings that are balanced, spacious and a joy to use. Mark has designed across the architectural spectrum in London, Auckland and Tauranga; most notably with high profile Auckland architect Simon Carnachan. Their projects included homes on Waiheke Island, Piha and Parnell.

Mark is a Registered Architect and a graduate of the University of the Auckland School of Architecture. “They accepted me based on a boat design I presented,” he recalls. His first love was yacht design and he worked on high performance yachts by designer Laurie Davidson, three time winner of the America’s Cup. “Boats are great for architects, as they teach you to make the most of small spaces, while achieving something beautiful and well built.”

#### DESIGN THAT DOESN'T HOLD BACK

With Mark as your architect you can expect him to ask you a lot of questions. “Lifestyle is the key to any design brief, and you want a design to work with your lifestyle, not against it,” he explains. Of course there are other considerations too, like location and site limitations. Take a Mount Maunganui home he has designed on a 200m2 site. “The clients’ brief referenced Japanese architecture,”

says Mark who admits he loves nothing better than a challenge. His design solution is a multi level home, layered for space, incorporating a six metre stud with expanses of glazing to access views to both Mauao and Pilot Bay.

#### CREATING A TEAM

Mark is currently working on a number of larger projects, including a spa and a performing arts centre. The Sports and Performing Arts Centre (below), is an innovative multi-use design which includes a mezzanine gallery, gymnasium, and musical suite. He also has several high end houses under construction locally, and a farmhouse in the Waikato. The studio’s growth has prompted him to add like minded designers to his team; people who dare to make a difference to the built environment through Carnachan Architecture’s “5d” design process – to Discuss, Discover, Develop, Document, and Deliver.

For architecture which embraces and enhances the way you live, talk to Mark.

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