

22nd February 2011

12.51pm

This time and date changed the life of not only everyone living in Canterbury but the whole country and beyond.



The same applies for our organisation as well. Thankfully, only one of our staff members, Sue Morrison was present in the office at the time of the quake.

Sue was thrown to the floor and ended up with a table on top of her. Although battered and bruised, Sue picked herself up and checked on the other tenant on our floor. Together they made their way safely from the building and joined the throngs of

survivors who assembled in Latimer Square.

Following the quake, immediate priority fell with checking on the safety and well being of our staff and families. We are grateful that no one connected to Vision were affected by the quake.

Other members of the staff were able to finish what they were doing and make their way safely home.



In the days that followed, we used the experience gained from September 22nd 2011 quake and concentrated on making contact with our clients where possible.

Again we were lucky with none of our clients being too seriously injured but a lot of them lost their homes. Some of our clients have moved from Christchurch and some will never return.

We are pleased and proud of our staff and the commitment shown to the recovery of our city. We may have lost our offices but we didn't lose our will to move forward with our clients.

A large amount of time was dedicated to ensuring clients were safe and had a roof over their head. The next priority was to focus on the safety of their employment and what assistance could we give to employers to help minimise job losses.

We did experience some job losses as businesses were forced to close but the majority of our clients remain in work and are assisting in the recovery of our city and province.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families and friends who lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy

