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# Kalmar Corner

The Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

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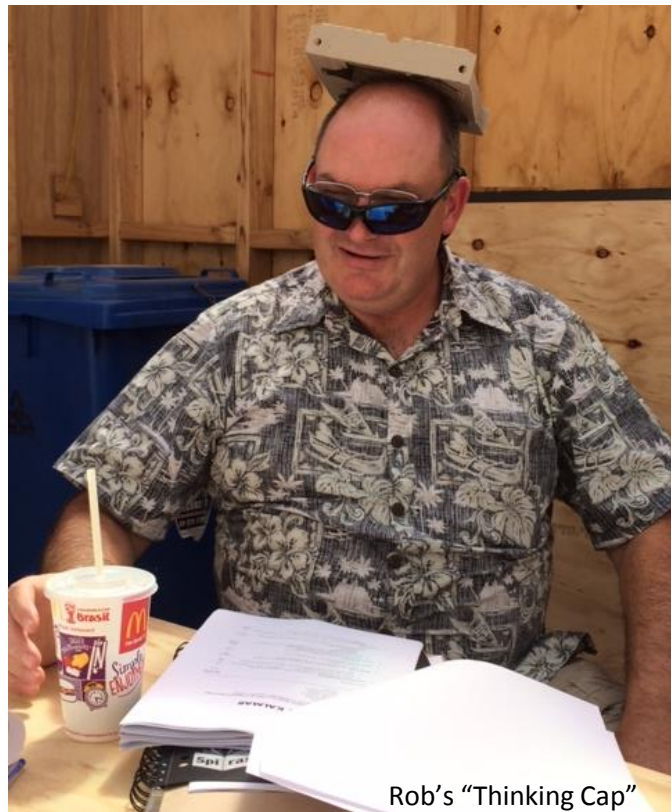
Things are really on the go at Kalmar – workload is positive, and we are particularly excited to be working with some new prestige clients on a number of great projects.

We are also dedicated to providing exceptional service to our tried, tested and loyal clients who have supported us over the tough times the industry experienced in the past few years.

Delivery of a quality product to quality clients is our goal and we need to preserve our reputation as being a company that is good to deal with and good at building buildings to budget and on time.

We also make a point of enjoying what we do and having a bit of fun along the way, so if you detect a note of informality in our newsletter, it's a side of our business that's meant to be there!

**Peter Kay**



Rob's "Thinking Cap"

## Project Updates

### Bloom Edinburgh PUKEKOHE

The project is progressing well with both Apartment blocks being constructed within approximately two weeks of each other and meeting programme.

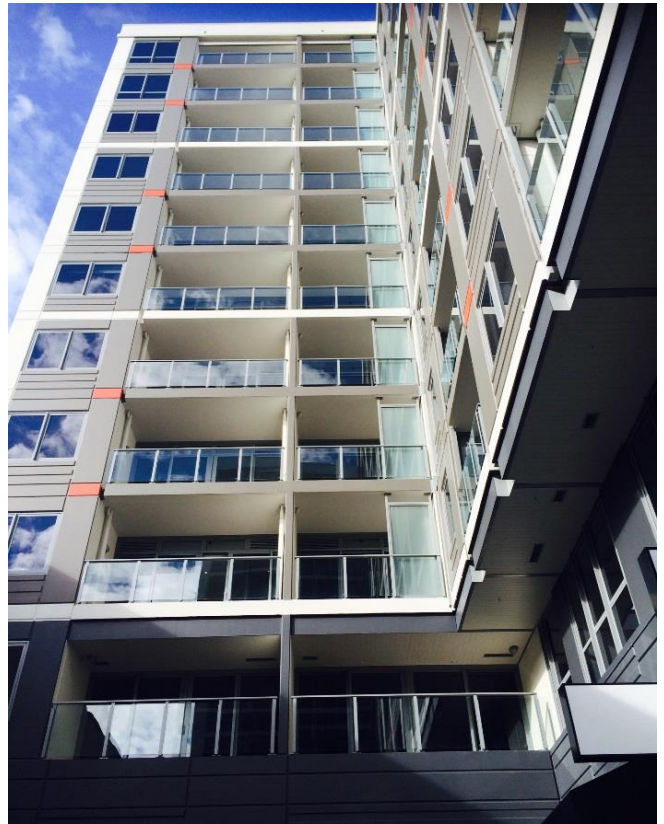
Another quality project well underway for the team at Bloom.



### Fred Thomas Drive Car Park

We are about to get underway with a challenging new split level car park and retail project, which is to be built on an old landfill site in Takapuna. Ground conditions (including methane gas) are sure to be a challenge, but one which we relish!

Our Smales client already has a significant tenant for the ground floor retail and it's all go on site.



### Sugartree Stage 1

Practical Completion for Sugartree Stage 1 was received on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015, thanks to a fine effort from the entire team.

Tenants have started to move into the building and are enjoying the environment created for them.

Most of the site team have gone on to new projects or are about to and will take with them a sense of achievement at having been part of this challenging and exciting project.



## Hobsonville Point Brickworks

Hobsonville Point Brickworks project, the first apartments to be built at Hobsonville Point, achieved completion on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, consisting of 60 apartments and 8 retail spaces.

All apartments were sold during the course of the 12 month construction period, with 4 of the 8 retail areas tenanted already.

Thanks to our Kalmar site team Dale Sadler, Steve Mills, Jason Underhay, Mark Heritage, Albin Bae, Luke Kus, Francois De Kock and Alan Watson for the extraordinary effort shown to achieve a great result.

Thanks also to our Consulting team for your input during the project, and last but not least our Client, Tasman Cook for entrusting us with the construction of this development.



John Key visits Brickworks



## Ocean Point



Kalmar Girls at Ocean Point Site Visit

The Ocean Point development is full-steam ahead on the final run to completion. Finishing the luxury apartments to the highest standard is the focus, and we've had excellent buy-in from sub-contractors and suppliers to achieve this goal in a timely fashion with a safe work environment being the key.

The project is progressing rapidly, with 110-140 people on site each day spread over the 28 apartments, basement, and landscaped grounds.

The completed and furnished sales suit has achieved the expectation of quality, both client and sales team acknowledging Kalmar on our approach and implementation of final quality standards.

The scaffold surrounding the buildings has been dropped revealing the full façade to the passing public. We have also had a great response from locals impressed with the final nature of the buildings and how well they fit into the beach environment.



## Whitaker Place

Talk about working in confined spaces!

This site is probably the most challenging, from an access and close proximity to neighbours point of view, but the team on site is charging ahead.

Piling is complete and the in-ground structure is underway. It's hard to imagine, but in 10 months time 400 students will be moving into their accommodation.

It's a tough challenge ahead, but the team is committed to success.



## Sugartree Stage 2B

The site team at Sugartree stage 2 is well established and eagerly awaits the approval to commence works on the project. The approval is imminent with the client having achieved 98% of settlements on stage 1 and also in the final approval stages for receiving full funding for stage 2.

We currently have a team of 10 gearing up with tendering, planning, progressing design and liaising with early subcontract trades.

We look forward to being able to report progress on site for the next newsletter!

# What else has been happening?

## Hurstmere Green

Congratulations are in order for all who were involved with our Hurstmere Green and Unitec Wharekai projects.

At a special function on Friday night Wharekai was awarded a Silver Award in the Commercial and Civic category, and Hurstmere Green received a Gold Award in the Tourism and Leisure category.

Hurstmere Green then went on to becoming a National Category Winner for commercial projects from \$2 to \$5 million.

These awards recognise **'excellence in workmanship, construction practices and innovation'** and recognition of our achievements by our peers and our competitors is always gratifying.

The Kalmar staff on Hurstmere Green (Lueder Stock, Paul Dreyer, Michaela McGeorge and Ben Rowley) and on Wharekai (Graham Hawkins, Dallas Tolich, Mark Heritage and Ed Plaister to name just a few), fully deserve our recognition, congratulations, and appreciation for flying the Kalmar flag so successfully. Harbour Construction chippies undertook all the challenging carpentry work on Wharekai and that aspect of the project was noted as being outstanding.

Well done to all involved !



## Staff News

### Joshua Campbell



Harbour Construction has a new super star apprentice who joined us in November last year. Having represented New Zealand in Spain during 2013 at Taekwondo and winning a bronze medal, Joshua has again been selected to compete in this biannual event. We wish Josh all the very best when he heads off to Italy in May and hope he can improve on the bronze.



### Matching & Hatching

Congratulations to Jason and Jane Underhay who were married on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2015.



Austin and Denise Irving are thrilled to have a third princess in their midst. Erica arrived on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 and will no doubt learn quickly from her sisters just how to wind mom and dad around her little finger.



Ethan Ball arrived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015 to first time parents Neil and Lisa. Enjoy learning all the tricks of parenthood with Ethan. He is going to keep you on your toes.

### The Kalmar Family

**We welcome the following new members to the Kalmar Team :**

Paul Feltham, Justin De Beer, Simon Hollis, Paul Leaver, Mengxiao Li (Olivia), Mason Popata and Colin Rundle.



## Graduation Celebration

**Ashlee Wei's** parents are visiting New Zealand to attend her Graduation Ceremony.

The staff at Sugartree 2B and Head Office were treated to delicious home cooked dumplings served with salad. This was a wonderful gesture and needless to say very well received by all staff. Nothing brings people together more quickly than good food.

Thank you Mr and Mrs Wei.

Congratulations on your graduation Qianxun.



## Construction Rocks

The number of bands entered in the **Construction Rocks NZ 2015** battle of the bands for the construction industry exceeded the organiser's expectations. 11 bands had to be whittled down to 5. On April the 1<sup>st</sup> at the Backbeat Bar in Auckland, The Kalmar Rock Anchors performed to judges to determine if they would be one of the five. Band members Peter K, Aaron, Luke and Peter A strutted their stuff, but sadly did not make it to the finals. Well done guys – we wish we could have been there to cheer you on.





## The Kalmar/NZIOB Fishing Competition – 6 March 2015

This year we had a record number of participants (over 200) and yet fewer fish were caught and weighed in – was it the quality of the anglers, fewer fish in the sea, or something else ?

Well, judging by the number of pale faces at the weigh station, we suspect it was the fact that more contestants were unwell on their boats and spent more time providing burley than doing any fishing. A great example of this was last year's winner, Paul Dreyer, who would have paid a king's ransom for a sea-sick tablet.

To be fair, the sea was rough, the going was tough, and the tough (so-called) couldn't get going.

Nevertheless, some good fish were caught, with the heaviest snapper prize and the Eric Campbell Memorial Trophy going to David Hayes from Thermosash with a fish weighing 5.22kg. Well done David.

The after-fishing function and prize-giving was really well attended and a special bonus this year was the team from LegaSea who provided a free filleting service for all fish caught. We owe a huge thanks to them, not only for their hard work at the filleting table but also for their all year round dedication to preserving our fish stocks and defending the right of the recreational fishers.

More than \$15,000 worth of prizes were handed out to those that attended and we sincerely hope that our sponsors not only had a good time, but received the exposure and support that they deserve.

Once again we thank them all for their contribution to the success of the day and we especially thank George Kubicki in particular, for organizing every aspect of the entire event.

May we have calmer waters next year please George!





## Kalmar Social

### A day out with the Boys (and some Girls)

Nineteen enthusiastic supporters enjoyed the Warriors vs Broncos game on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. This was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the two sides first met in 1995.

The Broncos led for most of the match, but tries from the Warriors late in the game levelled the score. Unfortunately Shaun Johnson was unable to convert the last, which would have had them two in front. Eventually the home team went down in a close match 16-24.

A big thank you to Rob Cunnington who invited us to his home for a BBQ and a couple of refreshments before the match. We really appreciate the hospitality and the use of your printer.

### Riverhead Cruise

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April the Social Club organised a river cruise to take us up to the Riverhead Tavern for dinner. There wasn't a big response, but we had a cosy group of 12.

The weather obliged making it a great day to be out on the water.

From the city we had an hour and a half leisure trip through the upper reaches of the Waitemata Harbour accompanied by refreshments and nibbles.

Once past Herald Island it was amazing to see the open countryside and the many homes residing on the edge of the river.

On arrival at the Riverhead Wharf there was a terse "hoot" from our captain because there was a boat moored in his spot! After a number of additional hoots the boat departed, otherwise it may have been a swim to shore for us!

A lovely dinner was had by all at "The Landing" restaurant. Eloise's left over pork ribs did the rounds at the table and there were even some left over for Francois's lunch.

The trip back was in darkness, but the lights and stars were a pleasure to see. Once we passed under the Harbour Bridge we could look back at the bridge all lit up. Very Cool.

The next function on the Social Club Calendar is Ten Pin Bowling at the Metro Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.

