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Kalmar Corner

The Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

2015

a year of exciting prospects ...

Greetings and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all at Kalmar as well as to our clients, consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, family and friends.

After an exciting year of strong growth, challenges and consolidation, we are looking forward to an even better 2015 and to streamlining our business in preparation for the forward workload. If the summer weather this January is anything to go by, things are looking bright and cheerful for 2015!

I would like to express my appreciation to our clients for entrusting their projects to us and to our teams for the huge effort that they have put in during 2014 and especially to those who worked through the end of year holidays to achieve some really tight deadlines.

We have some exciting prospects with new and exciting clients for 2015 and have also taken on some talented new staff whom we welcome to the Kalmar team. We know that you will enjoy working with us as we steadily grow Kalmar into a formidable, yet personal and flexible construction company.

Peter Kay



Len Brown spotted in his Kalmar gear



Kalmar – the Blue Shark sponsored by Kalmar

Project Updates

MRI Greenlane

Just what the doctor ordered!

A new MRI unit for Greenlane Hospital. In fact we have not only created an MRI facility, but also upgraded the existing Radiology section as well.

Completed on time before Christmas, this was a challenging project which maintains our track record of delivering Health Projects successfully.

Auckland Hospital Seismic Works

What appeared to be a smooth, quiet “operation” at Auckland Hospital was in fact a very complex and challenging seismic upgrade successfully completed without disturbance to patients or staff.

Bloom St George PAPATOETOE

James and Joanna Kleins’ innovative and perfectly located developments have once again proved to be winners.

Following the successful completion of a similar development in Takapuna, the 42 apartments in Papatoetoe were split into two buildings on a large site covering 4300m². The completed development offers affordable, freehold, retirement living close to the local centre. Another successful project for one of our great clients!

Bloom Edinburgh PUKEKOHE

Only a minute’s walk from the Pukekohe town centre, this site will have 36 residential style apartments split into 2 x 3 storey buildings when complete.

Retaining walls divide the upper and lower parts of the site and the main stormwater connection requires a major thrust under the neighbours’ properties to the road behind the site. The development is similar to that recently completed at Bloom St George street apartments, offering affordable, freehold retirement living.



Hobsonville Brickworks

This is the first apartment project undertaken at HOBSONVILLE POINT and consists of seven retail units and sixty apartments in four separate buildings. Our friends at Tasman Cook have done a great job of creating a community within a community at Hobsonville Point. This is a development in a new neighbourhood on a peninsula that juts into the beautiful upper Waitemata. The apartments sold in no time at all and with completion in March, we wish the future residents all the best in their new homes.



Ocean Point

28 Luxury beachfront apartments in Orewa. Outbuildings include pool house, barbecue area, pool and spa.

This development has changed the face of both the beach front and Hibiscus Coast Highway. The views are spectacular and Nathan and his teams are well on their way to producing a first class product for a first class client.



Norfolk Apartments

Norfolk Apartments is a four storey building comprising parking and two retail units on the ground floor, and 42 apartments on Levels 1, 2 & 3 which are made up of a mixture of 1 and 2 bed apartments.

Completed on time at the end of 2014 all the units have been sold and Browns Bay has benefitted from the development.

The Pines

Following on from the Norfolk development and due to a high demand for apartments, work has commenced on the Pines.

Demolition is underway on site, and the design process is well advanced.

The Pines involves the construction of a 5 level building, parking, two retail units on the ground floor with four levels of residential units above.



Whitaker Place

In the heart of the university district, 300 single en-suite rooms located on 15 levels of accommodation has been commenced for Tasman Cook.

Sugartree Stage 1

Stage 1 of 3 is a 13 Level Apartment Building in Auckland CBD.

Stage 1 includes two levels of basement car parking, 15 retail shops and 148 apartment units over 10 levels. A mixture of Studio, 1, 2 and 3 Bedroom Units. The common courtyard incorporates two water features with landscaped and paved areas. It's a high profile project and Tim Ellery and his team are pulling out the stops for a February completion

Over the past few months we have been painting the outside of the building from swinging stages and completing the top levels of apartments. The hoist has come down and we are progressing works in the podium including two water features.

With only a few weeks left in the project it is all hands on deck and the big push to the end.

The client and his team have been extremely professional and supportive in the process of delivering this prestigious and exciting project.



What else has been happening during 2014?

Hurstmere Green

Probably our most successful project in terms of awards. So far we have won:

- 2014 NZIA New Zealand Architecture Award
- 2013 NZIA Local Award
- 2013 Supreme Concrete3 Sustainability Supreme Award
- 2013 Concrete3 Sustainability Concrete for the Community Award
- 2013 NZCS Concrete Award Landscape

and judging has just taken place for the New Zealand Commercial Project Awards – we await the outcome.



Staff News

Steven Francis' Achievements

Steven was the recipient of a Unitec Senior Scholar Award and the Theo Oettle Award in 2014.

Steven received the Theo Oettle Award for the outstanding academic results he achieved in his final year of a bachelor of construction.

Congratulations Steven!



Matching & Hatching

Congratulations to Francois De Kock who recently became engaged to Eloise Du Preez.

Best wishes go to Jason Underhay who will be tying the knot with Jane Keogh in February.

Neil Ball and his wife Lisa are expecting their first baby (boy) on the 1st of March 2015. We will update you with photos of their bouncing baby in the next newsletter.

Austin and Denise Irving are expecting their third child in March 2015.



The Kalmar Family

A number of new staff have joined us since the last issue of The Kalmar Corner and we welcome all of them to our team – Martin Alderson, Peter Arnold, Albin Bae, Mike Barnes, Dave Beech, Vasily Bokun, Gregory Crook, Paul Dine, Les Gates, Kevin Giddings, Aaron Goddard, Stefan Hackbath, Richard Hart, Austin Irving, Paul Johnson, Chris Lloyd, Craig Peadon, Steve Quinn, Dale Sadler, Aaron Stevenson, Jason Underhay, Thomas Van Roekel, Susan Walker and Ashlee Wei.

We also have two students working with us through their holidays, namely Mengxiao Li (Olivia) who is a trainee QS and Tom Rowe who is studying Engineering at Auckland University.

Rodney Coastal Challenge

Four Kalmar teams participated in the 2014 Rodney Coastal Challenge. Performing in true Kalmar style they were cheered across the finish line on wobbly legs, with muscles refusing to participate.

The weather obliged pulling out all the stops, it couldn't have been better. Friends, family and colleagues gathered to show their support and enjoy the BBQ. The Kalmar marquee was a welcome "site" and thanks go to all those who contributed to the yummy lunch - Head Chef Rob did us proud.

Well done to all the competitors and thank you to the volunteers who helped out at the transition points.



The Kalmar/NZIOB Fishing Competition

The competition is set to take place on the 6th of March 2015. We will report back with all the details in the next Newsletter.



Whanganui Canoe Trail – November 2014

It was with great anticipation that the intrepid trampers of Kalmar set off to Ohakune to complete the challenge of three days canoeing down the mighty Whanganui River, a bit different to our regular tramping trips. The group consisted of 14 adults and 5 children.

On our arrival at Canoe Safaris lodge we were allocated our storage barrels to pack our sleeping bags, sleeping mats, clothing and other goodies. After dinner and a few beers at the local pub, we all got an early night.

The next morning we set off on an hour and a half drive from Ohakune to Whakahorro, the start of the trip. We off loaded all the gear, before receiving a briefing on the “J stroke” and other paddling techniques, and how to safely recover a paddler who has capsized.

Our four guides were all very experienced in the Canadian canoes we were using, and we even had an authentic Canadian among them.

A little apprehensively we dipped our paddles, and commenced the journey.

In no time at all we all got the hang of the paddling technique, and started to enjoy the awesome scenery of the Whanganui River. The Hart family and guide, Grant, had the a very large Voyager canoe, which was nicknamed, the White Whale, and led the way down the river, demonstrating the best lines to take through the rapids.

The hospitality of Canoe Safaris was great, with muffins, chocolates and lollies at regular intervals, and great catered lunch breaks on the side of the river.

The three days on the river seemed to fly by, with most of us keen to keep paddling for the rest of the week, but all too soon it was over and we were heading back to Auckland, with memories of the Bridge to Nowhere, great hospitality and some of the most memorable scenery in New Zealand.



Family Christmas Picnic – Long Bay

Saturday the 6th of December turned into a fun filled day for all those who attended the Family Christmas Picnic. Kalmar secured a position close to the playground, but most of the activity took place in and around the Kalmar tent. Santa did a marvellous job and had the children transfixed. Gifts were well received and there was great excitement all round.

The egg and spoon races, followed by the egg catching competition were good for a laugh and everyone got into the spirit.

Big thanks go to the organisers who pulled it all together with the help of a few willing elves.



Queenstown International Marathon

Bert successfully completed the Queenstown International Marathon in somewhat less than ideal weather conditions. A definite case of mind over matter.

Staff Christmas Party

The Officers' Mess Fort Takapuna was the beautiful setting for the Kalmar 2014 Staff Christmas Function.

After consistent rains we were fortunate to have a cloudy, but dry day, the sun showing its face occasionally. After lunch the 5 and 10 Year Service Awards and the Health and Safety Award were presented, followed by the "Special Awards". These were met with much laughter and got the celebrations into full swing. Now we know what our fellow colleagues get up to behind the scenes.

The food was excellent and the atmosphere very laid back. It was a wonderful way to end the year and wind down as the holiday period loomed.

5 Year Service Awards

Ed Plaister
Tevita Tahaafe



10 Year Service Awards

Nathan Halloran
Graham Hawkins
Wayne Mckeown
Jocelyn Nesbit
Dallas Tolich

Health and Safety Award

Cliff Busher



"Special" Awards

Bert Denee, Murray Johnson, Lance Blomfield, Peter Arnold, Dallas Tolich,
Aaron Stevenson and Jocelyn Nesbit



Kalmar Social

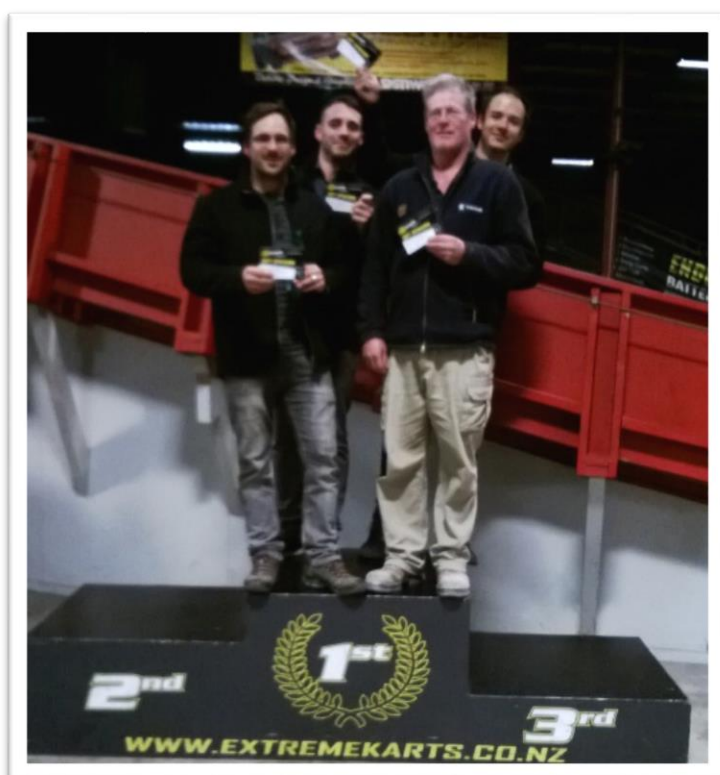
It has been a year since we got the social club off the ground and we have hosted a few events this year. Thanks everyone for being part of it.

The Social Club sponsored a bowling team that played at the Browns Bay Bowling Club. They tried their hardest to come out winners but alas the “old fellows” were too good. A new competition started on the 21st of January so looking to improve, but not counting on it.

After a site visit at Sugartee on the 9th May some of the staff headed off to the Metro centre for a night of ten pin bowling. Thanks to a few more ales (and food) there was some mean bowling – in the gutter. However, after two games there was a play off between Francois, Craig, Lance and George. Francois proved he had the eye for strikes and took away the cup and medal. It will be challenged for in 2015.

In July a Mid Winter Christmas was celebrated at Alexandra Park. A great night out, excellent food with a few winners and losers all round.

Go Karting was next on the agenda and took place in east Tamaki on the 4th of September. Twelve Kalmar employees took on twelve Hanlon Plumbing employees head to head in a 4-man team, 120 laps race. There were a few crashes, some unintentional. The eventual winners from Kalmar were Francois De Kock, Aaron Goddard, Neil Ball and Alan Watson. Everyone had an awesome time.



The last event for the year was a Wine and Beer trail on Nov 22nd.

Tasting and lunch was enjoyed on the lawns of Matua Valley winery where we enjoyed lovely country views. After lunch further tasting took place at Coopers Creek under the grapevine pergola. Our last port of call was Hallertau Brewery much to the delight of many of the guys! I do think that at this stage many were thinking of converting to wine.

As we were running behind time Jocelyn kindly arranged for her son Tom to collect the “westies” allowing the bus to go directly to the North Shore so that Peter Arnold and his wife could catch yet another bus taking them to the Rolling Stones concert. They made it with 20 minutes to spare.

This arrangement did not go without a mishap. Stephen Quinn missed the bus and was left behind at Hallertau’s. Jocelyn came to the rescue once again and Stephen was despatched by train into the city.



Sponsoring something with a bit of a bite – or “Finding Kalmar”

As part of a programme to highlight the issue of shark finning in New Zealand waters, we are sponsoring a Blue Shark named Kalmar that has been tagged with a satellite tracking device. Blue Sharks are becoming threatened by a massive finning programme which, due to Riley Elliott’s efforts and helped by sponsors like Kalmar has resulted in a shark finning ban in New Zealand. Photo Page 1.

Events to look forward to in 2015

Paintball, Jazz in Garden – Cooper Creek, Wild on Waiheke, Ten Pin Bowling, Kalmar Golf Day, Tiri Walk and Family Zoo Trip