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Kalmar Corner

The Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

Rain, rain
and more
rain



With the number of construction projects being planned all over Auckland and our excellent track record of delivery, Kalmar is being approached to negotiate many of these and this speaks highly of our hard-earned reputation for all-round performance.

But as construction activity increases, so the demand for reliable and experienced resources rises, and in particular, subcontract resources. Thankfully, we have developed great relationships with our subbies and suppliers over the years and their loyalty to us is much appreciated and anticipated in the coming years of growth.

Being the winter edition of our newsletter, it's appropriate that we depict a winter scenario – rain, more rain, and mud – just have a look at the Sugartree Stage 2 photographs and you'll see what I'm talking about! It's not easy out there at this time of the year and as I sit comfortably at my desk here in Takapuna looking out at the beachfront, I really appreciate the effort that our teams put in to meet and beat programmes for our clients.

But, I'm told that Spring is on its way and if we ever needed a reprieve from the winter rains, it's now – bring on the sunshine!

Peter Kay

Project Updates

Bloom Edinburgh PUKEKOHE

Stage 1 Edinburgh Street is progressing well.

Building 1 is at the stage of installing kitchens to ground floor, painting level 1 and gib stopping level 2. Brick Veneer is complete and scaffold due for dismantle at the end of August.

Building 2 is underway with gib linings to all levels and suspended ceilings started on ground floor.

Site works is also well underway with most kerbing complete and we have started construction of the car ports to Building 1.

Stage 2 has also just been granted Building Consent and we have started the profiles for set out.

The project is looking great and tracking well for another “on-time” delivery.



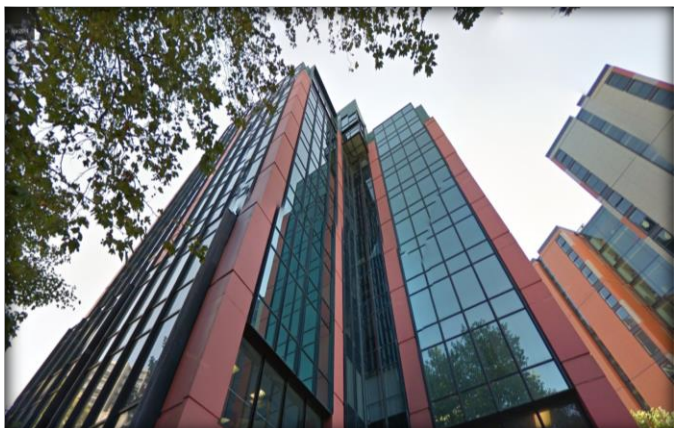
8-10 Whitaker Place

Kalmar have been appointed as the main contractor for the upgrade of 8-10 Whitaker Place with an immediate start of fitting out the first level of five apartments. We're going to have to pull out all the stops to turn the existing space into a top quality living space for our Client's marketing campaign which is planned for late October.

Fred Thomas Drive Car Park

Kalmar are 17 weeks into the Fred Thomas Drive project with the sewer diversion, drainage and piling completed and the excavation for foundations progressing well.

None of the expected below-ground hazards, like methane gas, have been encountered and “touch wood” all is going extremely well.



Stonefields Verto 601 / Bellus 612 Apartments



Our site is home to a resident Pukeko population and a small lake on one corner.

The enabling works for both projects are essentially complete. This has been a challenging assignment with the significant earthworks being undertaken mid-winter.

Verto is a 5 Level - 60 Apartment building with on grade car parking. The contract period is 15 months with a completion date of November 2016. Construction has commenced with foundations well underway. The ground slab is targeted for completion by mid-September and the first Precast panels and 80t crawler crane arrive on site for erection mid-September.



Verto

Bellus is a 5 level – 80 apartment building with a large in ground basement and elevated podium. The building is 123m long and has an interesting and complex façade. Developed design is complete and in early September a Lump Sum Price will be submitted to the Client. The focus is to commence construction in September with a construction period of 18 months.



Bellus

5 Whitaker Place

With huge challenges in the form of access, neighbours and a very tight programme, the team is making good progress in targeting a 6 day floor cycle – weather permitting. Delivering 300 units of student accommodation by the end of February next year is going to challenge the best of us!!!

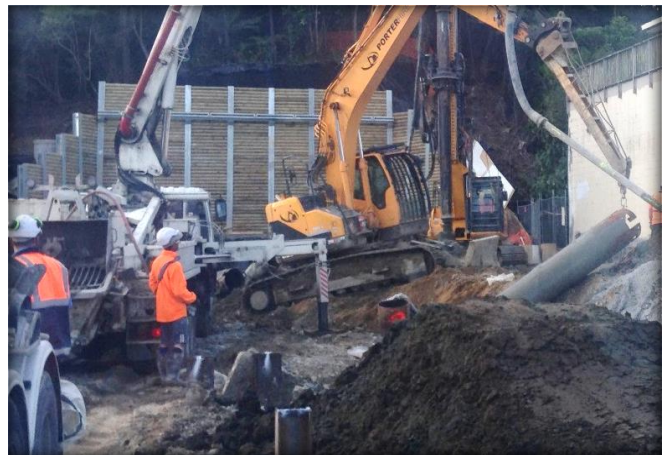


The Pines

The Pines, a four level, 52 unit apartment block building with 2x road level retail units in sunny Browns Bay is underway. Completion is expected in mid-August 2016.

We are currently completing major retaining works, piling and earthworks. This is a challenging time for the project due to the fact that we are keeping a sensitive building, only a couple of feet away from major retaining works, intact and safe. Due to the proactive approach and close eye at all times from the site team, including the valuable input from the consultant team, the safety measures and monitoring are exceeding all expectations.

The team is looking forward to the summer weather bringing good conditions for getting out of the ground.



Sugartree Stage 2B

Since the last newsletter we are pleased to advise that Sugartree Stage 2 has commenced and is well underway.

The contract commencement date was 19th June and significant progress has been made with approximately 9000m³ of earth having been excavated, approximately 120 piles installed, capping beams, walers and ground anchors installed, shotcrete works commenced and the lift pit constructed.

Challenges have included trying to keep our boots on in the winter muddy conditions with most of the Kalmar team having lost a boot or two over the last couple of months, never to be seen again!



1st prize in the muddy lost boot competition goes to Dave (Barefoot) Ross with Luke (Honey Badger) Kus coming a close second followed by Ashlee (Small Boots) Wei.

Jed Goldsmith has been the first to leave the Sugartree Stage 2 team and as most of you know he has gone on his OE. We wish him well and hope that he returns refreshed in March next year. We welcome Adam Briscoe who has recently joined Kalmar and the Sugartree QS team.

Steven Francis has also joined the team in a Design Management role with Nick Watson being the latest addition, bolstering the on site supervision crew.

A major milestone is the erection of the tower crane which will reveal the first Kalmar crane signage with the **KALMAR** logo in neon.



Wiltshire House

K2interiors have been appointed to refurbish Wiltshire House at 33 Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna.

The scope of works involves the exterior and interior alterations to levels 3 & 4 with the removal of the existing mansard pitched roof and steel partial removal of sections of the substructure, the reinstatement of a new steel structure encapsulating both of the upper levels and finishing with a fully structurally glazed aluminium and glass curtain wall system, and the internal upgrading of levels 3 & 4 bathrooms, with the demolition of the internal offices and services.

This work is duplicated with the removal of the existing services in two ground floor tenancies with alterations by way of new doors and the relocation of the tenancies frontage forward by some two meters. The upgrading of the terrace walkway involves the removal of the existing concrete planters and pebbled toppings making way for a new open plan area with two small retail units nestled away to one side with fairy lights and seating for general public enjoyment.



What else has been happening?

2015 NZIOB & GIB Award for Excellence

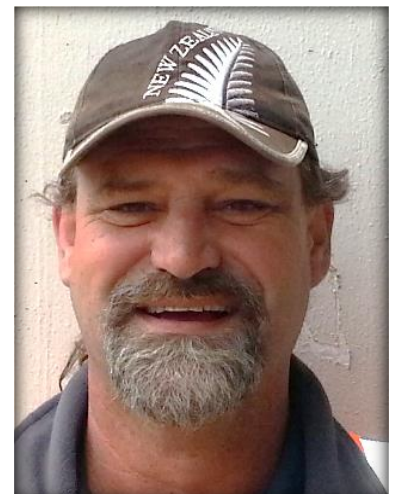
CLIFF BUSHER AND JASON HOLDING
ADHB Building A01 - Seismic Strengthening

Submissions were made in early June, followed by short listing and finally an interview for those who had made it through to the final round.

The Awards Dinner was held at The Pullman Hotel on the 14th of August 2015. Cliff and Jason represented Kalmar in the finals and were awarded with a “Finalist” certificate for their collaboration on the ADHB Building A01 Seismic Strengthening project.

The respective strengths of both nominees to form a tight-knit team, was crucial to success on a complex project, and was also crucial to Kalmar in Jason taking his first steps in his new country and becoming familiar with ‘how we do things around here’.

Congratulations and well done!



Staff News

50th Birthday Celebration

George Kubicki celebrated his 50th birthday on the 17th of May. Anyone who happened to be at Head Office the following Monday was treated to lunch and the best Tiramisu known to man (and woman).

Happy Birthday George

Thanks to both George and Violetta for a delicious meal.



Fun in the Sun – “Gone Fishing”

Paul Feltham hitching a ride from Paul Dreyer. He even managed to catch dinner.



Kalmar (5) vs Tasman (1) Cook Soccer Challenge

The 25th of June saw Kalmar and Tasman Cook kick it out at the Takapuna Association Football Club for the long awaited Used Boot Soccer Trophy.

Warm up began with players doing their best not to give away their strengths (or weaknesses). The teams were evenly matched and equally determined to bring home the trophy. The pace was fast and enthusiastic, the referee having to advise players to remain on their feet after a number of tumbles at high speed took place. Of course this advice fell on deaf ears. Paul Feltham left the field early due to an injury and had to watch the proceedings from the club house.

Tasman Cook scored their first (and only) goal after Nardo (Goal Keeper) was sent off “when he ran off the field to get a drink of water and a member of the opposing team ran into him.” He managed to keep the “hot seat” hot, but was soon back on his feet. There was some fancy footwork on the field, Kalmar coming into their own and scoring FIVE goals to win.

After the match, players and spectators assembled in the club house to quench their thirst and dilute their adrenaline. Tasman’s Michael cooked up a wonderful meal (thank you Michael) for those who had worked up an appetite. Finally, the trophy was handed over to the delight of the Kalmar team.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed. We look forward to next year’s match. Until then, we remain the humble reigning champions of the Used Boot Trophy.

Susan Walker



Kalmar’s mascot – every team should have one – front and centre: our very own giraffe Paul Dreyer

Mid Winter Quiz Night

Never having been to a "Quiz Night" I was rather dubious. I couldn't imagine why people would want to make a whole evening of it. Still, it's important to remain open-minded, who knows, it might be fun.

Our venue was the lovely Devonport Yacht Club and the evening was bitterly cold. Forty of us braved the conditions for what turned into a great evening, exercising "the little grey cells".

Five teams (of eight) were drawn randomly and once seated at our respective tables, the Quiz Master (Rigsy) got the Quiz underway. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is to have a good Quiz Master, and Rigsy was brilliant. It's surprising how competitive people are. I am told it's not about the prizes it's about the glory of winning and Rigsy got the momentum going, the crowd laughing and the challenge for glory underway. It is however an ominous feeling when the first few questions asked leave the team looking blank, but we rose to the challenge and surprised ourselves by answering quite a few of the questions correctly.

It did not go unnoticed that the winning team had 12 members by the end of evening, but they won admirably as can be seen on the Scoreboard. No one went home empty handed, there were prizes for everyone. Thank you Hirepool for the generous donation of prizes.

The thing about Quiz Night's is that you don't walk away from the evening feeling the least bit clever or knowledgeable. You learn a great deal of arbitrary information you think you can take with you to another Quiz, only they are sneaky and change the questions.

Thank you to all the partners who came along to join us. It was nice meeting you/getting to know you better. Without you the evening would not have been nearly as much fun. Susan Walker



The Kalmar Family

We welcome the following new members to the Kalmar Team :

Adam Briscoe, Donald Chataira, Vincent Kome, Neil Munro, Garry Norman, Andrew van der Net and Leon Venter

New Arrival (Hatching)

Congratulations to Yulia and Clive on the birth of their second son Jonathan who was delivered at 5pm on the 4th of August 2015, weighing in at 3.7kgs.



Kalmar Social



Night – Mac's Brewbar

10 June 2015

Bert's son arranged tickets (at a discount) for willing employees to go along to an evening's entertainment with Dai Henwood.

Due to a mix up in seating arrangements, the Kalmar crowd were seated up front. Bert became the focus of the night and had everyone believing he was a dairy farmer from Te-Awamutu. Great fun and laughter followed and anyone who didn't attend missed out on a really good evening.

Trish Milne

Night Trots at Alexandra Park

17 July 2015

Due to the popularity of this event in 2014 another mid-winter Christmas dinner was organised this year by the Social Club. The buffet certainly reflected the Christmas theme, most dishes catapulting the eater into December.

A complimentary \$5 betting chit was given to each person attending. Paul Dreyer (who had to be shown how to place a bet), Craig Curling and their respective wives pooled their chits and had the luck of the Irish, accumulating funds between them throughout the night without having to add more money to the pot.



However, on the last race, it was all or nothing. A bet was placed using the entire accumulated pot, but sadly their horse did not come in for a pay out, so they left with no extra money in their pockets.

Austin and Denise Irving's youngest daughter Erica (5 months old) was the centre of attention throughout the night. Jocelyn had the most "cuddles". Erica was a little princess, taking it all in her stride. She made no fuss and was happy to be part of the racing crowd.

Trish Milne

Getting Down and Dirty!!!!

22 June 2015

TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

We woke up to a cold and overcast day, with heightened anticipation on how well we would do on the 6 (or 12) kilometre cross country extreme off road challenge later in the day??

What followed was nothing short of a great few hours of dirty fun!! The initial number of thirteen willing (mmm...) participants was whittled down to a battle hardened nine (including someone's daughter!!).

With the triumphant tones of "YMCA" still ringing in our ears, we set of to conquer our own individual challenges, having mud pools, mud slides and cold streams to wade through in just the first 100 meters. We took them all on and succeeded, more of the same followed for the next 5.9 kilometres.

The final section of the course was a 20 metre mud slide into a chest high slog in freezing cold water and a crawl under an electric fence (some seemed to enjoy this more than others!!). This was followed by a short crawl to the finish line concluding the 6 kilometre challenge. A second lap could be undertaken for those who wanted to go through it all over again.

Our fantastic crew were very supportive - pointing fingers and rolling with laughter at some of our mishaps. They helped our experience along substantially by handing out cold beers and hot sausages, both of which were very welcome.

All in all everyone had a great time – roll on next year!!! Paul Dine



Social Club AGM

15 August 2015

A number of Social Club members gathered at the Sugartree site office for drinks and nibbles and to attend an informal AGM.

Trish handed out the Financial Statement highlighting contributions made to various Social Club events.

Some of the members attending the AGM volunteered to join the committee to help with organising events. It was suggested that a representative from each site would benefit the Social Club to ensure that events and news are given first hand their colleagues.

Your Committee is as follows: Trish Milne, Jocelyn Nesbit, Justin Savage, Rob La Trobe, Thomas van Roekel, Francios de Kock, Rob Teterin and Tim Hammond.

All I Want Is A Margarita....



Or Two Or Three!

Up and Coming Events to Watch out for

North Shore Marathon - Sunday, 6 September 2015.

Go-Karting

Wine Trail

Master Margarita Class – Members only

Puhoi Kayak Trip – Tentative Date 19 September 2015



THE LEGENDARY

CORNWALL PARK District School FAIR

Certificate of Appreciation

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In acknowledgement of your support towards the 2015 Cornwall Park District School Fair