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Kalmar Corner

The Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

CELEBRATING

15 YEARS

Fifteen years on and we're still at it!

There have been highs and lows, but all told there's never been a dull moment and it has been an exciting and positive experience for us.

From an initial staff complement of 3 in 2001 to the 90 people that make up the Kalmar Group today, we have been through a few cycles that have been both challenging and rewarding, but we have established a company with a reputation for integrity, and a track record with subbies and clients of being good to deal with.

I sometimes think of us as a microcosm of New Zealand – we punch above our weight, we're 'doers' not talkers, we welcome people of all colours and creeds from all over the world, we stand up for what we believe in, we're approachable and personable, we're respected by our peers, we're run by people who know what they're doing, and we look after our most precious asset – our people.



Project Updates

Stonefields Bellus Apartments

Bellus Apartments, a new 5 storey - 80 unit residential apartment block in Stonefields, is well underway and the work is starting to develop real momentum. The piling operation has been a challenge with 600 diameter piles having to be drilled through fractured rock and some of the piles requiring extensions due to geotechnical conditions. The last of the 101 building piles were completed on 18th April and the foundations and basement slab construction activities are progressing well with completion in May. The vertical construction has commenced with columns, in-situ walls and precast beams / floors being installed.

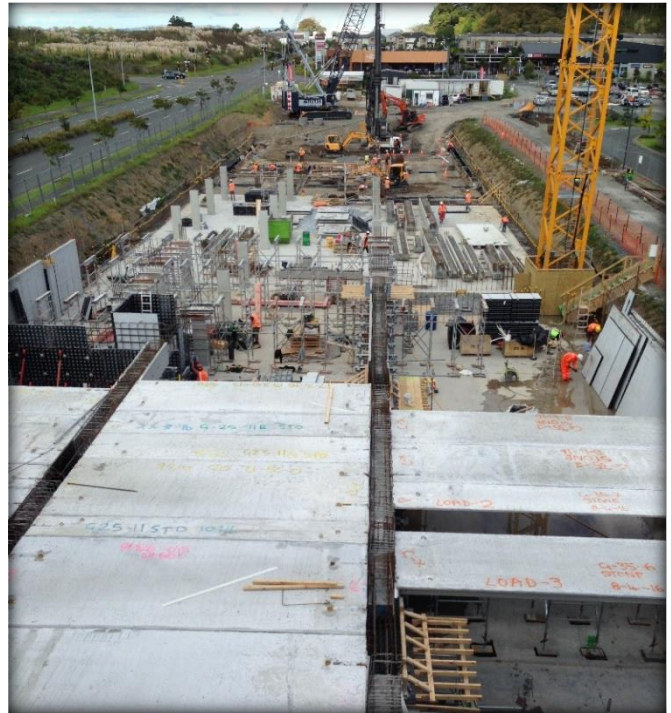
There are now two cranes fully operational on site servicing the 124m long footprint. These include a Potain Hammerhead tower crane covering 60 % of the site and a 250 Tonne Crawler Crane covering the balance. The site has a full complement of machinery at present. Two large cranes, 80t Pile rig, multiple diggers and trucks. The site logistics are certainly keeping the team on their toes.

Market conditions have dictated that we adopt an in-situ wall solution for the basement walls rather than precast concrete. There are over 320m of basement walls to be constructed, a challenge for the Harbour Construction boys.

The structure and roof are due for completion towards the end of the year, ready for the façade and fit-out trades to follow. Project completion is on track for a handover in August 2017

The site team has continued to increase significantly and the team is working well together.

A social committee is charged with providing the team with options to share a bit of friendly rivalry and fun.



Fred Thomas Drive Car Park

A great effort from the team has ensured we are very close to completing this car park project for Smales Farm.

The services teams are carrying out testing and commissioning works while the external site works are progressing. The barrier arms are being installed along with access control and security cameras. The client has already taken occupation of the ground floor tenancy and some external areas for tenant car parking. We have a number of late variation works to install and complete prior to being able to apply for CCC in a few weeks time.



Stonefields Verto Apartments

Verto Apartments located in the Stonefields development in Mt Wellington commenced on August 2015 and is due for completion early November 2016.

Our Client is a JV between Todd Property Group and Fletcher Living.

This design-build project is a 5 level building housing 60 No. apartments. There is a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments with external ground level car parking provided.

Harbour Construction have carried out the concrete works, and the casting of the roof slab on 15th April was a major milestone for the team. First fix and façade elements are progressing well with work underway on the first 4 levels.

Our team is, Gene Larsen, Lance Blomfield, Les Gates, Terry Grant, Francois De Kock and Dale Sadler.

Having our sister-site, Bellus, around the corner creates plenty of opportunity for friendly rivalry and banter within the Stonefields team. The recent Ten Pin Bowling evening was enjoyed by all. The Verto team won with ease, we would add, and by a significant margin.



Bloom Edinburgh Stage 2 PUKEKOHE

Stage 2 of the Bloom Edinburgh project is nearing completion.

The building is completed and site works are well underway. Landscaping, fencing and planting of trees and hedges has commenced and will be finished for the handover in May.

The first owners will be moving in within days of handover.



Grand Horizon Project - SkyCity

This exciting 14 week project will deliver, for the first time in SKYCITY's history, a VIP Gaming Salon on the eastern side of Federal Street.

The refurbished floor area, which is located on Level 7 of the Grand Hotel, will accommodate three private Gaming Salons for international players.



5 Whitaker Place

After a great effort from all those involved including key subcontractors, we have achieved Practical Completion and students have already moved in.



Spark Airedale Street

This exciting interiors project is being undertaken by K2interiors and is to be done in 3 stages. Paul Dine is our man in charge and the project is now well underway.



The Pines

The Pines, a four level, 52 unit apartment block with 2 x road level retail units in sunny Browns Bay is progressing well with completion on target for July 2016.

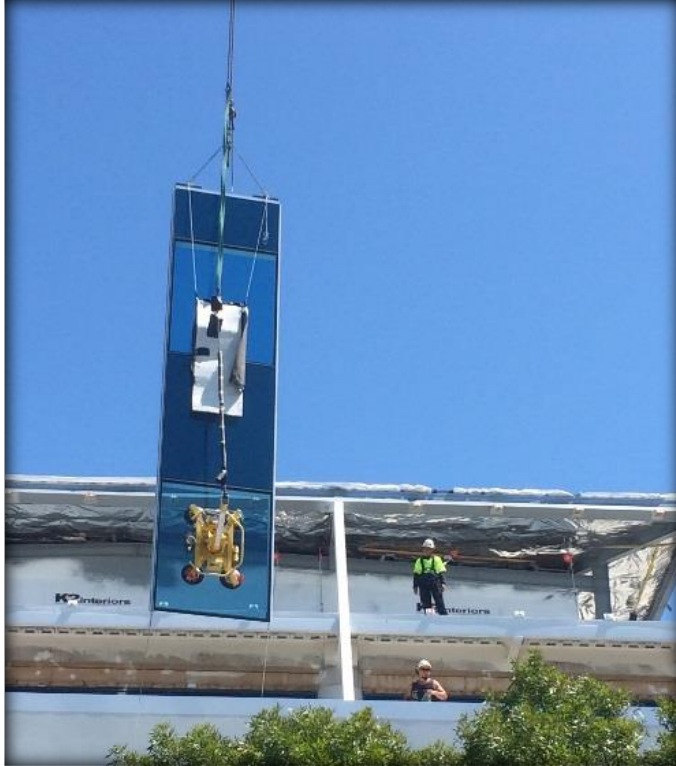
Regretfully Craig Peadon, our QS, has decided to follow his partner back to the UK where she is furthering her training in Ireland. We wish him well and hope we will see him back on this side of the world in the not too distant future. Craig has been replaced by the talented Olivia Li who has joined us from Head Office. She has fitted into the Site environment really well but it has meant some of the guys have had to watch their P's & Q's. Matt Corbett has also joined us from Head Office and is gaining some very valuable hands on experience.

With the welcome return of Aaron Goddard from Whitaker Place, a little of the pressure has been lifted from John and Jason's shoulders. This is very timely as we are all in for a busy couple of months to completion and we look forward to Mark Heritage joining us shortly.

Fun in the Sun at Wiltshire House

Wiltshire house unitised window system was completed on 8th April 2016 after a delay of one week due to high winds and rain.

All that now remains is the internal concrete screed and waterproofing to the roof, including coring for a significant down pipe.



Paul Dine watching the installation of the first panels

Sugartree Stage 2B

The tower on Sugartree Stage 2 has emerged above podium and is in part at Level 2. The structure continues outside the tower footprint to the podium in the back of house area at the rear of retail units, and to the fire truck access way. First fix services are underway in the basement areas.

The team is growing with recent additions being Aswin George, Cliff Busher and James Kendall.

Jeff Reynolds has joined the team at Sugartree to initially carry out preconstruction planning works on Stage 3 during our period of negotiations with our client.

Ashlee Wei is in China for a month and while she is away she will be getting married twice, (to the same person we may add). Congratulations to Ashlee and Jason, we look forward to seeing the photos.



The James

Kalmar have recently been awarded this project which will be situated in the heart of Newmarket. The James is a boutique development of 29 residences, designed to incorporate form, function and style.



Social Calendar 2016

23 June	Pool/Darts Night
4 July	Tough Guy/Girl Challenge
8 July	Mid Winter Christmas Party
16 July	Movie Night
18 August	Ten Pin Bowling
8 September	Drift Cars
5 November	Wine Trail



What else has been happening?

Kalmar Turns 15

Kalmar turned 15 on the 1st of March 2016. The full complement of staff celebrated on 18th May on board a Hauraki Blue Cruise for dinner, a night of “suspect” dancing and generally to have a good time.



Staff News

The Kalmar Family

We welcome the following new members to Kalmar:

Surajpal Channa, Oliver Cubitt, Aswin George, Gregory Hoeben, James Kendall, Leo Qian, Jeff Reynolds, Sajid Samad

May Wedding

Ashlee Wei and Jason Li married on 15th May 2016 and again, on a date yet to be confirmed, in a double wedding in China.

Congratulations Ashlee and Jason. We wish you lost of love, joy and happiness.



Graduation

A proud day for both **Aaron Goddard** and **Olivia Li** who recently graduated.

Aaron's ceremony took place on the 12th of April. The walk began in Queen Street and the ceremony was held at the Great Hall, inside the Auckland Town Hall. Aaron graduated from Unitec with a Bachelor of Construction – Majoring in Construction Management.

Olivia's ceremony took place on the 20th of April. Because her walk began at Hurstmere Road, we were lucky enough to cheer her on as she walked to the Bruce Mason Theatre. Olivia graduated from Massey University with a Bachelor of Construction – Majoring in Quantity Surveying.

Well done and congratulations to you both!



Aaron with Erin

Olivia

NZIOB/Kalmar Fishing Competition

Friday, 4th March 2016

During the week leading up to the competition, preparations were in full swing at Kalmar Head Office. Prizes were delivered, goodie bags packed and after a flurry of activity, the ground crew headed to Gulf Harbour Yacht Club to wait in anticipation.

Conditions on the water were far kinder this year. A good number of fish were caught, the heaviest snapper prize and the Eric Campbell Memorial Trophy going to Sam Groombridge from Tempest with a fish weighing 8.33kg. Sam's winning catch was hooked from land. Well done Sam.

This year we added an onboard photographic competition to the mix, and received some great action shots. Someone obviously told the sharks to join the party.

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

Once again thank you all for your contribution to the success of the day and we thank George Kubicki in particular, for organizing every aspect of the event from start to finish.



Sam Groombridge with his winning Snapper



Kalmar Family BBQ

Sunday, 20th March 2016

The beautiful setting of Wenderholm was host to Kalmar's Family BBQ.

Fortunately the weather held after a couple of teasing showers so the games could go on. A few energetic souls ran around chasing balls whilst the rest of us looked on sedately from comfortable chairs perched on the periphery.

Everyone got stuck in, chattering over the preparation of food, which is a lovely way to get to know new people. Thanks to Garry Nesbit who was chief cook, but not bottle washer, for manning the BBQ and ensuring no one went hungry. After lunch the children (and some adults) joined the queue for ice cream. Jocelyn did her best, with one scoop and three flavours, to serve the ice cream as quickly as possible so that they could be decorated with a choice of sprinkles, jelly beans and chocolate sauce. A few crafty people put the chocolate sauce inside the cone before the ice cream was added. I wonder whose idea this was? A somewhat messy, but fun part of the afternoon due to the fact that the ice cream was melting faster than it could be eaten. This did not stop anyone coming back for seconds!

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the day such a relaxed and enjoyable one.



Kalmar Social

Family Bike Ride - Orewa

Sunday, 21st February 2016

A 7km family bike ride around the Orewa Estuary was organised and fortunately the day was perfect for cycling. Tim Hammond, an avid cyclist, set off from his home in Mairangi Bay to join us in Orewa. He ambled along with us and then cycled home again, which is a 'normal' ride for Tim – not bad for an old fellow. Paul Dreyer, normally favouring Woodhill Forest terrain endured a more sedate ride around the estuary with his family.

Jocelyn, our novice rider, gave it a go and managed to keep up with us – most of the time.

UFC 196 (Cage Fighting)

Sunday, 6th March 2016

UFC 196 (Ultimate Fight Club) is an American "thing" and is gaining popularity in NZ. There are couple of staff members, who shall remain nameless, who are into this sport so an event was hosted in the Kalmar boardroom. I fronted up with my two American boarders who love the sport and left them with the handful of people who had come along.

I took myself off to the beach returning at 6.30pm thinking that all the excitement would be over, only to find that the main 'card' had not even started yet, so I joined the guys to find out what the sport is all about. It's wasn't as bad as I thought it would be, but it's pretty ruthless all the same.

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Wednesday, 30th March 2016

Late in the afternoon a number of staff members participated in a Stand Up Paddle Boarding lesson. Unfortunately it was a little breezy on the day, so the conditions were testing.

Everyone managed to get themselves upright and paddle along Takapuna beach. No one ended up at Rangitoto!

You would think that this recreational sport would not result in an injury – but beware! Peter Kay, an experienced paddle boarder who joined this session in a supportive role, returned to the shore stepping off his board and twisting his knee doing some serious damage. Consequently he will be visiting a physio over the coming four weeks.



Trish Milne

Gillespie Pass Tramp

15th-19th April 2016

Pictures speak louder than words in this instance.

Eight intrepid trampers headed off the beaten track to experience some of the majesty of the south island. From all accounts it was an incredible experience for those who had not been and a vivid reminder to those who had travelled the path before.

