



**KALMAR**

# news

Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

## Growth and Cultural Diversity



In the past 12 months some 70,000 migrants have arrived in New Zealand and 33,000 migrants have settled in Auckland. For all those that arrived in that time (and of course some of them work for Kalmar), they'd be forgiven for thinking that the level of activity we're experiencing at the moment is how it's always been. About 50 tower cranes are currently erected in Auckland, and the construction industry is steaming ahead at a rapid pace, but as an indicator of how things have changed in a short space of time, we only need to go back 3 years to 2014 when there were only 5 tower cranes in Auckland. The year before there were 3. In those years Kalmar Group employed 37 staff and now we have about 120 people working for us. Both we and our subbies were scratching around for work and now the industry is under enormous pressure with work aplenty and limited resources affecting not only head contractors, but subcontractors and design consultants too. It's exciting to be part of the growth of Auckland but in the rush to build, we also need to be mindful of the quality of the products that we are delivering and that's the responsibility of all members of the process, from developers and designers, to Head Contractors, suppliers and subcontractors.

The most important part of the growth of Auckland and New Zealand is the people, those born here, and those who have emigrated here. We've become a vibrant multi-cultural society and the Kalmar team is a microcosm of that society. We have staff from all around the world, bringing different cultures to our shores, and we all need to be respectful and aware of that cultural diversity. Xenophobia, racism, homophobia, and religious discrimination, should have no part in our society and no place in Kalmar. We owe it to each other and to the future of New Zealand to set an example of acceptance and tolerance and I ask all of our staff to follow that in our everyday lives.

Peter Kay

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# Project Updates

## Stonefields Verto wins at the NZ Institute of Architects awards

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Rob Cunnington, Paul Johnson and Peter Kay were invited by Warren & Mahoney Architects to the awards evening along with our client, Todd Property, and it turned out to be a very successful event for all of us. Warren & Mahoney (for Verto) were one of three winners in the multi-unit residential section and they made very positive mention of Kalmar in their acceptance speech.

So well done to the team from Kalmar who were involved in the project, especially Paul Johnson, Dale Sadler, Gene Larsen, Manie Maritz, Alan Watson, Francois de Kock, Terry Grant, Les Gates, Sunny Verma and Lance Blomfield. Of course Rob and the estimating team along with the design management team (Craig Curling and Evan Geeves) also had a lot to do with the success of the project.

Well done guys, and a big thank you for your efforts and for producing an award winning building that the client really appreciates and one which we can all be proud of.



## The James

The completion of the structure is very close with the casting of the last floor slab on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The team managed to achieve a 12 day floor cycle for the majority of the typical levels and would have done so for all of the floors if they were not let down by certain key suppliers.

The team (Garry, Surajpal, Aaron, William, Edward) are now focussed on the erection of the roof, façade close-in and internal fit-out. The latter is in full swing now on the lower 3 levels and about to commence on Level 4 with the propping removal. We bid farewell to William and the Harbour crew shortly with finalisation of the structural elements.

Key to ramping up the works is the closing in of the building from above and the sides. It's not a huge footprint and logistically there are significant challenges. The crane will be removed mid-June. By the end of the month the full team should be back together in a temporary site office within the building.

There is a lot to do to complete the project by mid-October and it's essential we produce a very high quality of finish for our Client.



## Whitaker Park Central Apartments

The Whitaker Park project which consists of 86 apartments, involving a refurbishment of lower levels and a five floor extension, is progressing well towards the completion of Separable Portion A.

Whitaker Park is a small site with a very restricted loading zone and limited circulation space around the building.

The project has just passed the 50 percent mark and the first portion of works is scheduled to be completed by mid-August.

All new floors have been poured and the plantroom will be done by mid May. This portion of work has been overseen by Gene and site engineer David. The guys have done a great job ensuring everything comes together while battling the recent inclement weather events.

The internal works (levels 1 to 9) are being managed by Johannes and Willem. The guys are constantly battling to get resources to commit to their work areas and complete the works in a timely manner.

The focus now is to complete the roof structure and install the curtain wall façade by mid July. These works will finally provide a water tightness to the building that we have all been looking forward to.

David is managing the façade panel installation which is currently underway on level 9 and he is hoping to have it completed by mid-July.

The Team are currently planning all external works in preparation of the hoist and crane being dismantled in late July. These works include the front entry upgrade, and external landscaping which are critical in obtaining CCC for separable portion A.

### Site Team News

#### Arrivals

Tim Hammond and Neil Munro have joined our site team. Tim is assisting Peter Arnold with variations while Neil is here for a short time assisting with the supervision of the roof structure trades.

#### Departures

Vasily has moved over to Sugartree Stage 3, we wish him well.

Tasnim's wedding preparations are in full swing and she is due to fly out to South Africa late July. We all wish the couple well for the future.



## Stonefields Bellus Apartments

The building is rapidly taking shape with finishing well advanced internally, the façade unveiling in progress (external scaffold removal) and exterior elements taking shape. The exterior façade is impressive and looking very similar to the Architects' renders. The quality of finish being achieved is very good and in keeping with the Verto benchmark. The Client has been very complimentary to date.

We are looking forward to the full unveiling of the building around the end of the month at which time, together with the externals progress, the building will have a major presence on the streetscape.

The project is tracking to finish ahead of the contract date of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

The team (Paul, Neil, Steve, Vince, Jason, Alan, Dallas, Oliver, Sunny, Donald and Oscar) are very focussed on the end objective and the requirements expected. It's going to take a real team effort.

There has been little time for any events of late aside from the normal good banter amongst the team. A good blowout at the end will be required in recognition of what will be achieved.



## Bloom Henderson

Construction is now in full swing on our site out in the “far west” down a long driveway accessed off the very busy Swanson Rd.

Foundations/lift pits have been poured for both buildings. Block work and slab preparation is in progress and structure erection close to commencing. The majority of the services are installed and site well positioned for the winter construction.

Lüder, Mark and Simone are based on site and Lisa providing remote support. The site is very tidy and well presented.

The project is tracking very well which is a credit to the team.



## The Oaks

The building is starting to take shape at The Oaks with the structural steel frame for Building A being erected and the commencement of the suspended floors being installed. It is starting to be a prominent feature in Warkworth, standing almost as high as the oak trees up on the bank above.

We've started the top-down excavation of the basement and Paul Leaver is doing a great job of planning and monitoring works which have already had challenges.

The Harbour Construction crew is busy constructing the in-situ shear cores and placing precast flooring. Anthony Francisco has recently left our team for Sugartree which leaves Les Gates with his own office, which looks very sparse now that he uses Evan Geeves' stand-up desk tucked away in the corner. Luckily we have high enough ceilings for Les to be able to do this!

We're planning the installation of the 1<sup>st</sup> precast cladding panels which sees the start of closing in the building and the upcoming fit-out, due to commence mid June.



## Sugartree Stage 2B and Sugartree Stage 3

There has been a lot that has happened at Sugartree since the last news letter!

The roof shout celebration and milestone back in March now feeling like it is in the distant past with Stage 2 nearing completion and works continuing to progress on the fit-out, façade, balconies, podium and roof areas.

The most recent major milestone is the completion of lifts for builders lift purposes and commencement of removal of the hoist.

Architect inspections in the apartments are up to L8 and purchaser inspections are well underway.

A great milestone for the Kalmar team at Sugartree was the signing of the Stage 3 contract on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Our Site Manager Neil Spencer who joined Kalmar in December was pleased to see the commencement of the project on site on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It has been a tough start with many piling obstructions, however the retaining piles are nearing completion and the pile capping beam is commencing.

Harbour are carrying out the concrete works and Justin's team is going to be headed up by Dale Sadler who has two hats at the moment, assisting with the completion of Stage 2 while keeping a finger in the pie of the Harbour procurement items.

On the family front the team continues to express its fertility with Ashlee recently having given birth to her baby daughter Evelyn and both Paul Flannery and Thomas Van Roekel expecting to announce their news in the coming weeks.

There have been a few challengers at Sugartree Stage 2 and 3 on the table tennis table but the undisputed champion remains undefeated. (We won't mention his name as he is pretty modest.)



# What else has been happening?

## “Another” Blind Beer Tasting at Sugartree

24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

This is a serious business and reputations are on the line. Practice makes perfect.

1<sup>st</sup> Paul Feltham  
2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Briscoe  
3<sup>rd</sup> Luke Kus

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Play Offs

Adam Briscoe, Luke Kus, Aswin George and Rob Cunnington



## Tour of NZ Sponsorship "Thank You"

Mark Lyndon

The Tour is a competitive/social event starting at the tip of the North Island with the Cape Reinga lighthouse at your back or the deep South at Five Rivers (85kms south of Queenstown).

### Raising awareness and funds

Tour of New Zealand supports a number of charities and you have the option to select (from a number) the one you wish to personally support.

“To all our sponsors, a big thank you! We raised some good funds for the Heart Foundation (\$11k) and the other teams raised around \$300k all up for ours and other charities.

The riding was fast and furious and our team (Stellar) managed to win the Open Men’s Team competition in the North Island. Not sure how, but we taking it....!!!

We survived the Hot Humid North, Cyclones, Huge Descents, Driving 5 degree Rain, Strong Tail and Head Winds along with avoiding marauding campervans and mad camera cars...just like the Pro’s....

We all planning another campaign in 2 years time it was so good..”



## Maternity Leave Ashlee Wei

21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Ashlee Wei’s Maternity Leave begins as she leaves her “A Team” with a heartfelt message delivered in the form of a chocolate cake.



“People keep telling me that Sugartree site team is the “A TEAM” and I enjoyed working with you very much as a junior. Every one of you is friendly, patient and helpful (maybe not Austin.. haha).

... Thank you all. Ash”

# Kalmar Social Club

## Super Rugby Kalmar Head Office

28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The Kalmar Social Club hosted their first projector night at Head Office. To kick it all off they put on a Super Rugby game, Stormers vs Highlanders.

A big thank you Harvey Norman who sponsored the event providing the projector, speakers and best of all the **TWO** home brew machines. It was confirmed by all that the three beers on offer were all excellent. Harvey Norman and their brew machines are welcome back any time.

We had a good turnout and a valiant effort was made to get through the full 43 litres of beer provided. Pool, Darts, nibbles and the odd slice of pizza rounded off the evening.

Kalmar ran "Guess the Score" on the game. Congratulations to Tony Bennett for taking it out. \$200 worth of Harvey Norman vouchers, a price well worth turning up for.

Harvey Norman has also gifted the projector to Kalmar, so the Social Club will be hosting more events in the future.

Overall, everyone had a great time and we look forward to getting even more people to come along next time!

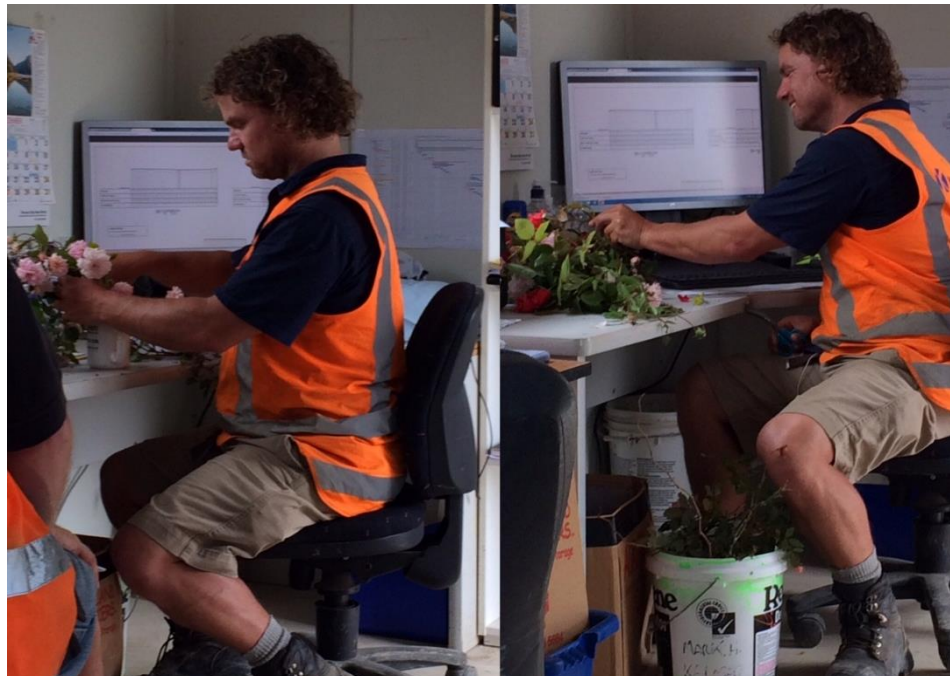
Thomas van Roekel



## Multi-Talented Mark Heritage

Our multi-talented Mark Heritage shows that flower arranging can be taken up anywhere at any time.

Mark, you are full of surprises and we love your creative side.





## Riverhead Cruise

21<sup>ST</sup> May 2017

After heavy rains on Saturday we arrived at Pier Z, Westhaven on Sunday morning to blue skies and sunshine. It was icy, but the sun kept the edge off.

Over forty Kalmar employees and their partners clambered aboard Hogwash and set off for lunch at The Riverhead Tavern. The cruise lasted nearly two hours and afforded those on board a new perspective on their surroundings. Many were brave enough to spend the duration of the cruise on the deck soaking up a weak sun. Others enjoyed the party atmosphere in the cabin.

The pre-ordered meal was perfectly timed for the hungry group. We seated ourselves in the restaurant and hot food was immediately delivered to the tables in waves.

After lunch we relaxed in the gardens, again finding sun where we could. At two thirty we made our way back to the ferry for our return journey.

Fewer people stayed up on the deck as it was too cold.

Everyone was in good spirits when we arrived back in Auckland. For those who noticed there were a number of stingray waiting for food from the fishermen who were cleaning and filleting their catch. All in all – A BRILLIANT DAY! Thanks to Trish and the Social Club.





## The Kalmar Family

We welcome the following new members to Kalmar:

Kolo Langi (Harbour), Nick Buchanan, Dale Sadler, Bernard Tan,  
Basil Victor

## Growing the Kalmar Team

Congratulations to **Ashlee and Jason** on the birth of their daughter.

Evelyn Li arrived on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 5:55am, Auckland Waitakere Hospital. She weighed 2.82kg.

Ashlee and Jason didn't even have time to finish the home preparation works for her.



## Oliver Cubitt and Emma McGrath

18<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Oliver and Emma were married on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Emma's family farm.... and so their adventure begins.

As they start this new journey in life, we wish them both wonderful shared experiences.

Congratulations to you both.



## Growing the Kalmar Team cont.

**Les, Rochelle** and **Zoe Gates** are proud to announce that Joshua has joined the Kalmar team.

He arrived in a hurry on Saturday weighing in at 4.2kg and 56cm. He'll be joining The Oaks team next as a sleep deprivation expert.



**Paul Flannery** and **Bron Moodie** are proud to announce the arrival of **Evie Violet Flannery** who arrived at 21:21pm on 21<sup>st</sup> May. So she is a 21.21.21 baby!



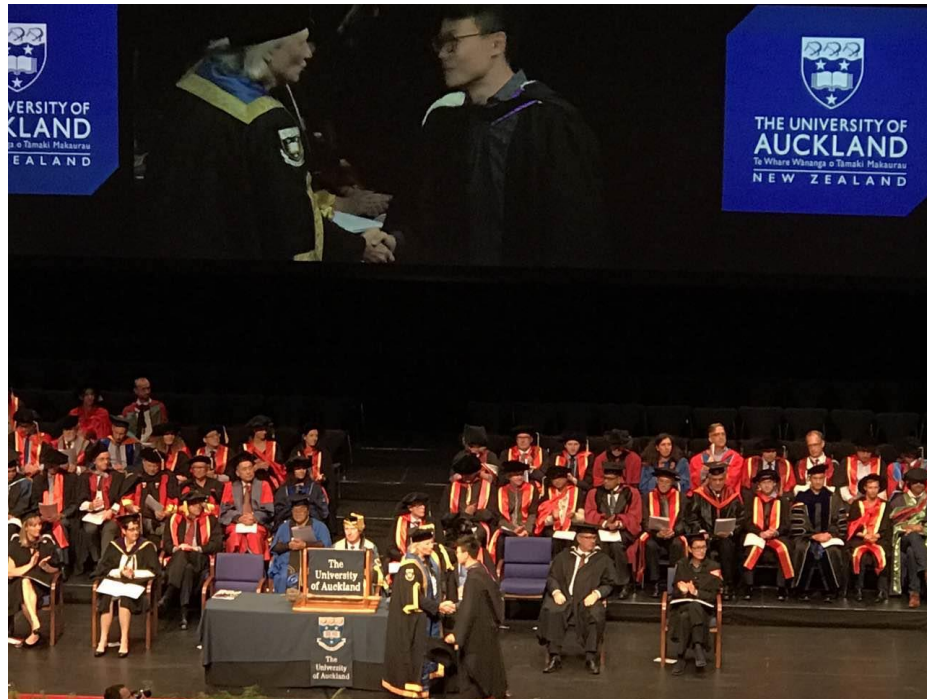
## Graduation Oscar and Yujia

Congratulations to both Oscar and Yujia who recently graduated. A proud moment captured as they are photographed at their Graduation Ceremony.

Oscar Jobberns at his graduation on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Bachelor of Construction (Quantity Surveying)



Yujia (Gilbert) Han at his graduation on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017  
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Civil Engineering



## NZIOB / Kalmar Fishing Competition

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Another successful competition for both sponsors and participants. Tickets were sold out well ahead of the event with 210 participants. 32 Spot prizes were up for grabs in addition to \$15,000 worth of fishing prizes. The weather was particularly good on the day and it was clear to see that a day on the water, doing what they love made for happy fishermen.

Winners in their respective categories are as follows:

John Dory	- Mark Rutherford	2.002 kg
Trevally	- Terry Trotman	1.822 kg
Kahawai	- David Wilkins	2.798 kg
Kingfish	- Simon Barnes	11.414 kg
Snapper	- Sam Groombridge	6.900 kg



