

## "TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN."

With my nephew having emigrated to New Zealand a month ago, I've spent quite a bit of my time showing him around Auckland and the North and it's been a time when I've been able to reflect through another pair of eyes on how lucky we are to be living in a great country like New Zealand. It also made me realise that his transition has been made easier because he has family to show him the ropes and guide him along the way, which is not always the case for some new immigrants who find themselves alone in a country that is not familiar to them. I'd like to think that we could all keep an eye open for newly arrived immigrants within Kalmar that may need a little help from time to time.

When hearing about issues abroad it's clear that as a country, our 'issues' are tiny in comparison to many others and we have a pretty good life. My nephew has been really impressed with NZ and he's observed that our economy seems to be trucking along very nicely, people in the service industry are so friendly and helpful, the weather's been great, he and I have caught fish, swam, surfed, paddle-boarded, mountain-biked, the construction industry is, in particular, very strong, and generally this is a very good place to be. Reminds me of our business!

Kalmar is in good shape, the prospects are good and I believe that clients, consultants, and subbies all find us efficient, pleasant and good to deal with and that's what we strive to achieve. Plus, we like to have a bit of fun along the way too, so hence the mention of fishing, swimming, cycling, surfing and paddle-boarding – pastimes that many of our staff are into and which we encourage – stay fit and healthy and enjoy yourselves this summer and please lend a hand to any of our "newbies" who might be finding their way in this beautiful country.

*Peter Kay*



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# Project Updates

## The Oaks – Stage 2 Warkworth

Site work continued through the Christmas holidays with a skeleton crew and progress was made in some key areas. Thank you to those in our team and the subcontractors who contributed to this.

We're working hard in the January heat to complete closing in the building and we are pushing on with the fit-out. Austin's fit-out crew has grown considerably and we're now working simultaneously in both buildings.

The roofs are on and the basement will be completed in February. The ramp has commenced with piling and this becomes a whole other mini project that Wayne McKeown is heading up.

We welcome Tony Bennett and Bernard Tan who joined us this year, and Karl Brown who arrived just before Christmas.

At the time of writing, we expect Francois De Kock to make a hasty departure as his wife is due with their first baby any day now. Looking forward to your shout Francois!! Good luck with your big day, your life will never be the same (seriously!).

Over the next few months the external façade will be completed and the scaffold coming down to open up the site works and landscaping. May this wonderful weather continue for this part of the project.



Santa had a great view from the top of the tower crane in Warkworth this year to see which children had been naughty or nice. Thanks Phil Leaning for some great drone photography.



## Whitaker Park Central Apartments

With the outdoor temperatures rising, it's certainly good to be enjoying the benefits of our level 14 office setup.

Overlooking the Auckland harbour with windows wide open and fans on high it's not a bad place to be. Despite the grand views and the cool breeze, the location of this project has certainly tested the team's ability to deal with ongoing logistical challenges in order to keep this project moving forward each day.

The external façade is complete on the 16 storey high-rise building and looking remarkably like the architectural renders, and a stand out in the Grafton gully. Internally the refurbished levels 1-9 have been occupied. The extension of the upper floors is advancing well with levels 10-13 under client inspections, and levels 14-16 awaiting council sign off.

The team's energy has been a great complement to a difficult project with Gene, Peter, Tasnim, Paul Dine, Paul Flannery, Alexsei, Aswin and Gilbert (Yujia) all doing a fantastic job.

With the project coming to completion on the upper floors we all look forward to the final handover.



## Bloom Manurewa

Bloom Manurewa is currently in the procurement process and the start date will be in early February as we await commencement of site setup.

Asbestos removal and demolition will be followed by site scrape and cut & fill.

Resource Consent has been received, but we are still waiting on Building Consent.



Bloom Manurewa Artist's Impression

## Bloom Henderson

Bloom Henderson is heading towards completion, which is scheduled for early April.

There have been some delays to the weatherboard cladding, but finally the site team has seen the removal of the scaffold, revealing the first of the two three-story buildings.



Fit-out is going well and the first open day is booked for the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. This will allow the new apartment owners and neighbours the opportunity to view the new apartments.

The site team is working extremely hard to ensure that the site works and landscaping are completed in time.

The next Bloom project is already gaining momentum and is waiting for them in Manurewa.

## The James

For those of you who venture into the depths of Newmarket you will have surely noticed an awesome looking new building standing on Khyber Pass Road.

Twenty nine apartments, retail spaces, car park and storage facilities make up the bulk of the new building wedged into the rock face.

We acknowledge the team throughout the latter stages of the project comprising of Aaron Goddard, Surajpal Channa, Edward Swart, Sunny Verma, Bernard Tan, Karl Brown and Jacques Venter.

A building we can be proud of!



## SUGARTREE Stage 3

Stage 3 has now been underway for 11 months and significant progress has been made.

The piled foundations, basement retaining walls, 2 levels of basement and the podium level have all been completed.

We are nearing completion of the first in-situ floor, being level 1, and are close to achieving the first pour on level 2. The double core in-situ jump form is at level 4.

The “Kalmar/ Harbour one team” approach is being adopted for the structure and we currently have a management team of 21 based in the Sugartree site office.

A successful Sugartree Site visit was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 attended by approximately 40 Kalmar staff where we showcased the Stage 3 progress, a completed apartment on Stage 2, level 13 and 14 penthouse common decks as well as the Child Care Centre retail fit-out on podium as fitted out by K2.



## SUGARTREE STAGE 3 Health and Safety Award

Motu Kingi from Total Access was recognised for showing good initiative and a proactive approach to several safety issues including pointing out observations on harness anchor points to be rectified, assisting with an edge protection solution and spraying studs with dazzle which were a trip hazard and bringing this to Kalmar's attention so they could be removed.



From left: Paul Feltham, Neil Spencer, Motu Kingi and Nick Buchanan



From left: John Habracken and Tim Ellery

## Certificate in Construction Safety

8<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Jaco Mostert, Steve Mills, Gene Larsen, Nathan Halloran and Cliff Busher have completed their Site Safe training, achieving the 40 points required for a certificate in Construction Safety.

Jaco, Steve and Gene attended the ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and are pictured below with their certificates.



## The Oaks Health and Safety Award

John Habracken from Mason Contractors was the November recipient of The Oaks Health and Safety Award.

He was nominated for his outstanding work in co-ordinating their works with other subcontractors involving the safe movement of excavation vehicles in the basement. This is a high risk area with overlapping duties with different subcontractors and John's efforts were recognised by there being no incidents or accidents and co-operating with all involved.

# Kalmar Social Club

## Drift Cars

26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

This annual event was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Oct in Henderson.

Neil Ball was unable to attend so could not defend his reign of "King of the Circuit".

Francois De Kock reigned supreme as fastest on the circuit in 2017 with Oscar Jobberns coming in a close second.

Pizza and refreshments ended off a fun evening out.

## Crazy Golf

4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

With the rugby season over, Eden Park became a "Golf Course" called the ASB G9.

This concept was a ground breaking event. Eden Park converted its turf into a 9-hole golf course teeing off from nine different locations around the stadium. It was held over an eight day period. 15 Aspiring Kalmar golfers entered this inaugural event on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. This was a fun and challenging game of golf – no lush green turf to tee off on, but astro turf on concrete! – aim for a hole in the middle of the park.

Expressions of Interest are being sought for 2018. Let Trish know if you are interested.

## Rodney Coast Challenge

5<sup>th</sup> November 2017

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November Kalmar's seven teams took part in the Rodney Coast Challenge (Muriwai to Wenderholm).

Unlike last year, this year we had fantastic weather on the day.

The victorious team on the day was the "Kalmar Old Farts" where Leon Venter set the foundation with a good run, Tim Hammond solidified this position with an outstanding ride on the road bike section, Paul Dreyer had his work cut-out with a 20 minute deficit going into the mountain bike leg and rode like a man possessed to set up Craig "The Machine" Curling who brought it home with a strong performance in the kayak leg.

The support crew did a great job with the BBQ afterwards, which was well attended by a number of staff and their families.

Bring on next year!

Leon Venter



From left: Tim Hammond, Leon Venter, Craig Curling and Paul Dreyer – Kalmar's Old Farts

## Classic Male Team (50+)

Place	Race No	Name	Split Times*	Time
1	707	Kalmar Old Farts	0:56:34, 1:05:27, 1:11:56, 0:48:18	4:02:15
<i>Leon Venter, Tim Hammond, Paul Dreyer, Craig Curling</i>				

## Melbourne Cup

7th November 2017

Head Office had their usual \$2 sweepstake going until a number of big punters wanted to up the ante for a bigger pool for the winning places so a second sweep was done at \$5 a ticket – last of the big spenders.

Fascinators adorned the ladies heads and gents sported ties, hats and jackets looking the part as everyone waited expectantly for the race to start.

Once again Mr Dreyer was in the money for the second year running. He shouted morning tea the following day - a real champ.



Francois De Kock at the "races"

## Business House Lawn Bowls

Current

This popular past time for the "retired" generation was again offered to the "still working" generation by having a business house competition over the summer. Kalmar entered a team into the Browns Bay and Warkworth clubs to show off their bowling nous.

The first week at Browns Bay saw the Kalmar team have a good win but unfortunately the next week a group of ladies who had not played before gave Kalmar a run for their money and "down trou" them. Not sure if the girls had short skirts on or not or they were just outplayed.



## Upcoming Events

### WINE AND BEER TRAIL

Matakana area  
February 24<sup>th</sup>



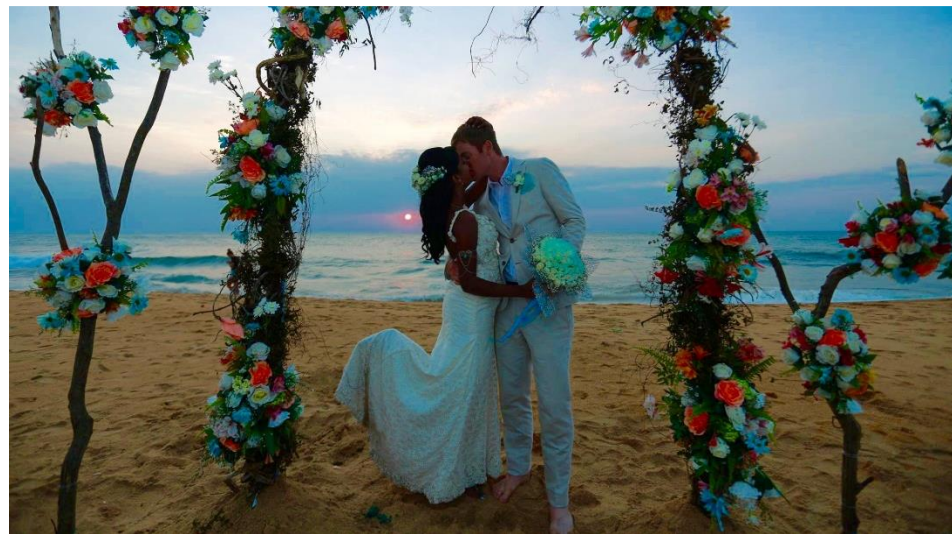
North Harbour Stadium  
11<sup>th</sup> March



## Tying the Knot

Congratulations to Paul Leaver and Ushanthi Siriwardane who married “one afternoon” in September (1<sup>st</sup>).

A big ceremony on December 28<sup>th</sup> at Mt Lavinia in Sri Lanka, with both families, was “the real occasion” according to Paul. That’s where these beautiful photographs were taken.



## Keystone Trust Awards Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

The 2018 Barnes Beagley Doherr Property Scholarship has been awarded to Kalmar’s Simone Scheepers.

Simone attended the Keystone Trust Awards evening to accept her scholarship and is pictured at the event with Simon Barnes, Scott Beagley and David Doherr.





## Placemaker's South African Adventure

November 2017

Pictured at Madikwe Airstrip are Peter Kay, Patricia Kay, Rupert Denee and Bert Denee who visited South Africa with Placemaker's in November.

## Growing the Kalmar Team

Janko Swanepoel arrived on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to proud parents Hanno and Lucinda. What a wonderful start to 2018.

Congratulations. We wish you a whole lot of fun with your new little one.

Francois and Eloise De Kock welcomed their beautiful baby girl Lexi into the world on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 14:05pm. Lexi weighed 3.1kgs and measured 49cm.

Mum and Dad are feeling fortunate and excited to have her with them. Both Eloise and Lexi are doing well and are already home.

## The Kalmar Family

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

Jacques Venter,  
Nichole Li, Dario Parolin,  
Yeyin Zhang (Yannic),  
Marcus Poor, Russell Leggett,  
Craig Mullane, Robert Telford

Wishing you all the best during this special time as new parents.



## Henele Langi National Certificate Concrete Construction

1 December 2017

Congratulations to Henele Langi who has been awarded his National Certificate in Concrete Construction.



From left to right: Cliff Busher, Henele Langi and Justin Savage



## Kalmar Team Christmas Party / Lunch

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Our venue this year was the beautiful Kumeu Valley Estate where horses grazed in the adjacent pasture adding to the relaxed feel of an afternoon away from the office.



## Staff Awards

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

As is custom, our staff were recognised at the Kalmar Team Christmas Party/Lunch for their performance excellence and long service to the company.



From Left: Bert Denee and Peter Kay present the 15 Year Service Awards to George Kubicki, Paul Dreyer, Gene Larsen, Tim Ellery and Justin Savage



Peter Kay presents Mark Heritage with his 5 Year Service Award



Francois van Rooyen receives the Kalmar Health and Safety Award for 2017

## Meeting Santa

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

The 2017 Kalmar Kids Christmas party was held at Parakai Springs.

The weather was hot hot hot, so the pools were a great place to cool off.

Santa arrived after lunch and was promptly told off by miss 3 year old for wearing sunglasses. Although she quickly forgave him when the lolly scramble started.

A big thank you to Santa and his helpers for their effort on the day, and what a great day it was.



# Special Event

## Chopper Cup

21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Ever since I came to New Zealand, going on a sailing boat has always been on my wish list. On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, my dream came true and I was lucky enough to be asked to participate in the Chopper Cup Regatta as part of the Kalmar/K2interiors team.

One couldn't wish for better weather on that day for my first sailing experience. Everyone had a fantastic day out on the water. Our boat 'Princess' was a classic NZ 'Stewart 34' built in 1970's, owned by our experienced and friendly skippers Charles and Bill since 2005. At 2pm we were already out on the water just under the Harbour Bridge. The sky was blue and sea was calm. Whilst Leon and Johannes were being trained as our 'horse power' by our skippers, I had a relaxing time with our lady clients on board, enjoying the gentle sea breeze and the warm sunshine. However, soon after the race started, everyone on board was kept quite busy. Both Johannes and Leon were sweating at the end and a couple of us 'old ladies' were constantly being asked to run to the other side of boat during tacking or jibing. You do need to be fit to enjoy any outdoor experience don't you!? Princess had a good head start right from the beginning and she maintained this almost throughout the whole journey. As a classic boat, she did really well in the group of small boats, even though we did not get the trophy at the prizegiving. GJ Gardner's boat was the big winner although Princess beat it by a boat length at the finishing line. I am not sure how this was worked out!

After the race, we had few drinks with our skippers on the boat before heading back to Ponsonby Yacht Club for a BBQ dinner and charity auction. The auction was a successful event too and raised more than \$100K to help the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. It was overwhelming to see the generosity of corporates as well as individuals.

What a fantastic event for the community. I was very proud to be part of it on behalf of the Kalmar/K2interiors team.

Clare Ding

