



**KALMAR**

# news

Newsletter of Kalmar Construction Ltd

## EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS FROM THE PHILIPPINES



Whilst the Kalmar Group has had many successes, one of our most recent is the employment of a great team of Filipino carpenters and reo-fixers which now numbers some 78 people. Credit needs to go to these hardworking individuals who have arrived in Auckland and set an example of a solid work ethic.

On our \$76 million Sugar Tree Stage 3 project, working for Kalmar's Harbour Concrete Construction, the in-situ concrete structure has gone up without missing a single pour and the quality that the team has produced is great.



The guys are working a long way from home and their families, yet they maintain a happy disposition, quietly going about their work, and they are always willing to put in that extra effort.

We really appreciate each and every one of our Filipino worker's contribution to making Kalmar as successful as we are.



But not only does this benefit Kalmar. The industry is going through an unprecedented boom in Auckland and one of the consequences has been resource shortages resulting in delays, especially delays to concrete structures. By changing to in-situ concrete structures and doing these in-house using our Filipino workers we have successfully mitigated these delays to the benefit of ourselves and our clients.

At the peak of the boom Kalmar has developed a reputation for performance on time, a fact much appreciated by our subcontractors and clients alike.

*Peter Kay*



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# Project Updates

## The Oaks – Stage 2 Warkworth

The Oaks is coming to an end with practical completion achieved for ground floor to level 4 of Building A. Spark have moved into one of the retail units and are drumming up business. We have commenced the café fit-out which opens in a weeks time.

The client held an open day on 31<sup>st</sup> August which saw several hundred people come through the complex, and on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September the Grand Opening took place with local dignitaries taking part.

The common areas, lounge and pool, all look fantastic with a full sized billiard table a feature of the lounge and the library is now fully stocked with books.

The carpark ramp has progressed well and due for completion at the end of September. Rough weather has seen some setbacks but a big effort is being made to achieve the completion date.

Great to see the final results from a lot of hard work from all the team – well done!

Tim Ellery



## Bloom Manurewa

This period has seen the foundations completed to all 3 building platforms. With ground floor slabs poured on the first two, blockwork, structural steel and precast elements are now starting to shape the building envelopes as craneage activity increases. The scaffold is following close behind the development of the structure, and completing the drainage and services connections upfront, will benefit the project at completion in the latter part of 2019.

Ground conditions, and weather have been the biggest constraints for the project. Timeframes for processing consents have been an ongoing source of frustration over the last 10 months, which is the time it took to uplift the façade and fit-out consent. These timeframes are certainly testing the industry at the moment.

The team, led by Craig Mullane, has done extremely well considering these upfront challenges. In fact, Gene Larsen decided that the team was doing so well, he would enjoy a month's holiday overseas. At such time, Edward Swart joined the Harbour team with support from both Alan Watson and Sunny Verma with increasing activity and number of subcontractors onsite. Simone Scheepers has been developing her skillset applying the "voice over" to the Fabric induction video, with the payment of chocolates fuelling her addiction. Ryno De Beer continues to manage the cost centre and keeping the team under control.

It's been a great milestone getting out of the ground. The structural cycle is well underway, and we look forward to getting into the façade and fit-out elements closer to the end of the year.

Neil Ball



## F-A-B-R-I-C- of Onehunga

The large site has had its challenges over this period with drainage delays, trees within proximity to power lines, relocating existing transformers, asbestos and ground contamination to name a few. The Kalmar team lead by Dario Parolin has been working through these effectively to maintain programme position. A mixture of mud, rock, clay, and water are now some of the challenges that the team are working with daily, as they start to break ground on the Fabric Apartments in Onehunga.

With the completion of the early works package, and the signing of the Head Contract, the project is full steam ahead. The design and construction team has been busy getting design for consent, procurement, and construction activities underway. Donald Chataira heading the procurement team is working to secure upfront trades, with tension anchors, excavation, drainage, reinforcing and concrete trades well underway. The crane base is currently being installed, and the 55m Favco luffing crane will be erected shortly. To date the reinforcing to the sizeable foundations has been tied in place, achieving an impressive daily average of 8 tonnes, thanks to the Harbour workforce. All areas of the 6500m<sup>2</sup> basement are under construction with tight and controlled planning going on behind the scenes.

Ricky Jacobs and Schalk Prinsloo are doing a great job at the coal face, with the smooth integration of the Harbour team of Michael van der Walt, Basil Victor and Luke Kus working well together to get things underway. Everyone is starting to find their feet, as the team dynamic starts to blend, and the usual banter begins. All good signs of a growing team environment with a solid 26-month programme ahead and completion in August 2020.

The project is taking shape and rapidly evolving on a daily basis. Momentum is building, and the project team is focused on achieving milestones, and enjoying themselves along the way.

Neil Ball



## SKHY Apartments Stage 2

SKHY Apartments Stage 2 is rapidly gaining momentum with two of the three buildings underway and the third due to start this month.

This project is really utilising the strength of the Kalmar Group, with Harbour Concrete Construction carrying out the formwork and concrete package, Harbour Carpentry carrying out internal and external carpentry works and K2 carrying out the bulk of the internal fitout package.

The structure of the Terrace building is at the top level 5 with only the roof structure still to complete. External cladding has commenced on L1 and a soft start on fit-out which is awaiting consent to be able to advance further.

The challenges in the ground on the Khyber building, with numerous obstructions and winter weather, are long gone. The structure is now progressing between level 1 and level 2.

The Pavilion building is due to start in the coming month with some precast panels and the first of the structural steel frame.

There are 12 management staff on site lead by Marcus Poor, Steve Mills and Thomas Van Roekel. The team has grown on site with Francois van Rooyen undertaking façade supervision duties, Eric Yuan managing Harbour reinforcing, Jason Underhay managing Harbour carpentry and Alexsei Paule managing the internal steel stud for K2 Interiors.

On the personal front congratulations to Joy Balasabas who is getting married in October....



*Change is coming... I'm getting married!*

and to Nichole Li who is expecting a baby boy in the New Year.

Paul Feltham / Marcus Poor



## SUGARTREE Stage 3

Sugartree Stage 3 is moving at a great pace with close to 300 people on site and record company project monthly turnovers being achieved.

Nathan is so pumped up, some say he must be on steroids.

Neil Spencer is keeping fit, spinning the plates, from basement to L12, structure to fit-out and balconies to façade.

The lift core has been completed and the jump form removed. The structure is at level 12 with Harbour, ably lead by Nick Watson, doing a sterling job.

The fit-out is following closely behind and Austin Irving and his team are champing at the bit to catch the structure.

The sample apartment has been completed and inspected by the Architect, with the other 22 apartments on level 1 nearing completion.

The QS team lead by Rob La Trobe are quietly stoking the fire with coals in the engine room to ensure subs are procured and ready to go.

Congratulations to Etienne Joubert and his wife Carla who are expecting a baby boy in October.

Go Sugartree 3!

Paul Feltham



# Property Council NZ RLB Property Industry Awards SUGARTREE

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Kalmar is proud to be associated with our client Lily Nelson Centro LP in being awarded the Multi-Unit Residential Property Award - Award of Merit at the recent Property Council Awards.



Left to Right: Darren Brown and James Jia

## STONEFIELDS SHOW SUITE

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

Recognition of the amazing job Alan Watson has done at Stonefields Show Suite:

“We popped out on Tuesday to take some photos of the show suite.

We’re really stoked with how they (and the project) came out!!

So thanks heaps to you for all your effort and the pride you took in the project, I think it’s really come through in the final building.”

Joe Murphy - Warren and Mahoney

“Can’t stress how much of a pleasure it was working with you on this. The project has come out looking very sharp and I feel that most of the credit should go to you.

Thank you for making this an enjoyable experience.”

James Morgan - Warren and Mahoney





# Kalmar Social Club

## Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

The Tough Guy and Gal Challenge, also known as the "Mud Run" lived up to its name and muddy it was from start to finish.

Paul Dine, Francois and Tasmin van Rooyen, Nick Botha, Ryno de Beer, Kowie Minnie, Jacques and Leon Venter, Simone Scheepers, Francois De Kock, Rob Telford and Pieter Muller were not afraid to get down and dirty.

Most of the 12km runners chickened out at the 6km mark, but Paul Dine and Nicholas Botha persevered, with Nicholas coming in 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the 12km run.

All in all it was a good dirty day 😊

Ryno de Beer



Left to Right: Francois De Kock, Leon Venter, Ryno de Beer, Simone Scheepers, Tasmin van Rooyen and Francois van Rooyen Front: Jacques Venter



Left to Right: Nicholas Botha, Ryno de Beer, Francois De Kock, Pieter Muller, Leon Venter and Francois van Rooyen Front: Kowie Mienie and Jacques Venter



Leon Venter



Nicholas Botha  
4<sup>th</sup> Place Podium Medal Result

## TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT AUCKLAND

### 12k - Two Laps Podium Age Group Winners



Podium places are determined by GUN time.

#### Male

1st	Jayden Mather	Warkworth	1:16:47
2nd	Diarmuid Kingsleigh-smith	Oratia	1:18:55
3rd	Connor Couchman	Whangarei	1:19:58
4th	Nicholas Botha	Auckland	1:20:02
5th	Noel Benny	Thames	1:28:32

## Warriors game

31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

A great night was had by the 30 who attended the league game between the Warriors and the Raiders on 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was a tight game but the home team came away with a close win 20-16 to carry momentum into the finals for the first time in 7 years. A fitting way to celebrate Simon Mannering's 300<sup>th</sup> appearance for the club.

It all started late in the afternoon with everyone making their way to Fabric for a few cold refreshments and a gourmet BBQ cooked by Chef Les Gates. The fitter crowd decided to brave the elements and walk the 2.3km to the game whilst others drove or Ubered, lazy buggers.

A big thank you from the Social Club to Les Gates, Neil Ball and Dario Parolin for hosting the event. No doubt a request will be sent in next season for a repeat performance all round.

Rob La Trobe



The Kalmar Gang in THE SPOTLIGHT

## KAYAKING WITH DOLPHINS

7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Craig Curling and Paul Feltham were joined by a pod of friendly dolphins who accompanied them for forty five minutes from Torbay to just past Mairangi Bay. Photographs are courtesy of a friendly group of fishermen who happened to pass them and record their experience.



## WEDDING BELLS

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Congratulations to Ricky Jacobs and Janine Africa on their very special day. Wishing you lots of love, joy and happiness.



## RYNO DE BEER ON ONE KNEE

11<sup>th</sup> August 2018

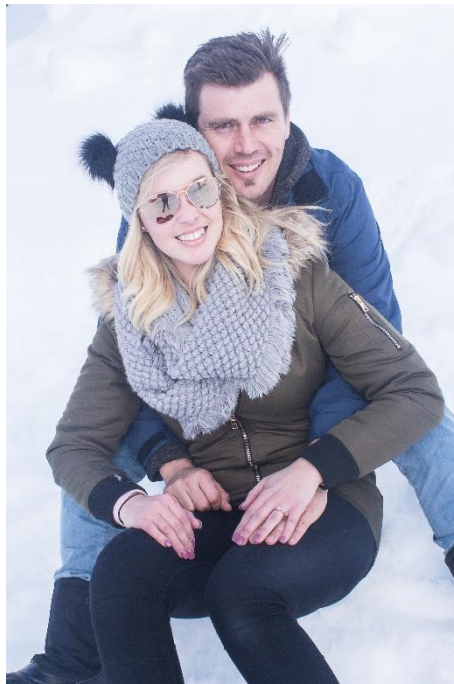
Ryno and Sonnika have been together for 7 years. According to Ryno it did not look like she was going to propose to him so he thought it would be a good idea to propose to her before she and Eloise De Kock left for their holiday to South Africa.

Ryno made up a story about going to Mt Ruapehu to look at the snow and booked accommodation without her knowing. They drove to Whakapapa on Saturday morning, leaving at 5am (eish)(this is a South African term that should not need explaining) with her cousin and her husband. None of them had seen snow before.

They went up the ski lifts to the Knoll Ridge, had lunch, played in the snow a bit until Ryno found a suitably secluded area where he could pop the question and present her with a ring he had designed himself.

This came as a complete surprise to Sonnika.

Congratulations guys!!



## The Kalmar Family

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

Jack Armstrong, Luca Denee, Sabrina Hostos, Daryl Jacobs, Oscar Jobberns, Warren Katzin, Jun Liu, Manie Maritz, Matthew Martin, Schalk Prinsloo, Brendon Vannan, Eric Yuan

## Re-fuelling

When you are as focused as Paul Dreyer is about mountain biking, it's understandable that when setting off for some weekend sport in Rotorua the last thing on his mind is putting petrol in his vehicle. It's all about the bike.

Sadly the vehicle ran out of petrol and Paul had to cycle to the nearest petrol station. Thank goodness for the bike.

Pictured below, to the amusement of Francois De Kock and NJ van Zyl, is Paul re-fuelling so that they can get going.



# Events

## Bloom Henderson Fishing Trip

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

After the successful completion of Bloom Henderson in April earlier this year, it was time for the project team to enjoy a well-deserved day out. Bert Denee, Lüder Stock, Neil Ball, Ryno De Beer, Mark Heritage, Johannes Combrink, Jacques Venter, Simone Scheepers and Alan Watson set off for Ti Point on board Thor Charters. With a fantastic sunrise ahead and Little Barrier in sight, the weather turned out to be great.

The objective was to catch as many fish as possible. With rods in the water, laughter in the air, fish were being caught within minutes of anchoring in the shallows of Little Barrier. Starting off well the fish continued to bite with a good variety being caught throughout the day. There was some solid debate over who caught the biggest fish, so we will leave the participating anglers to decide on that one.

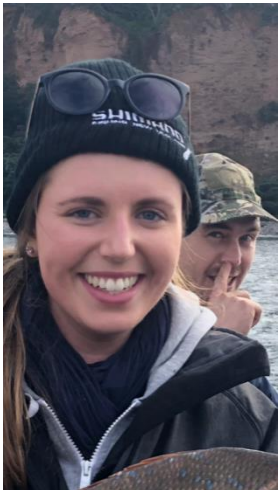
After a good day on the water and everyone fished out, it was time to head back to the local bach rented for the night. The banter and laughs continued, the fishing quickly forgotten as Mark Heritage showcased his general knowledge skills with trivial pursuit, which ended up a game between himself and everyone watching... then the dancing started.

Overall it was a great day and night, and everyone ended going home with bags full of fish, some with a headache but all with memories of a good time out.

Neil Ball



Simone Scheepers looking very pleased with her catch.



We are not quite sure what Ryno is digging for....



## Chinese Mooncakes Morning Tea

14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

In anticipation of the Chinese Moon Festival dinner scheduled for the evening of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Claire, Yannic and Jun introduced Head Office staff to mooncakes. A mooncake is a Chinese bakery product traditionally eaten during the mid-autumn festival. The festival is for lunar appreciation and moon watching, when mooncakes are regarded as an indispensable delicacy.

These cakes come in various shapes and sizes, some are steamed, others are baked – fillings vary. Yannic spent hours preparing these perfect little green and white cakes – a delicacy she had not made before.



Yeyin Zhang (Yannic)



## Chinese Moon Festival Dinner

14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Good food, good wine and good company. Celebrating the Chinese Moon Festival was clearly an evening enjoyed by everyone who attended.



# Rugby All Blacks vs Australia

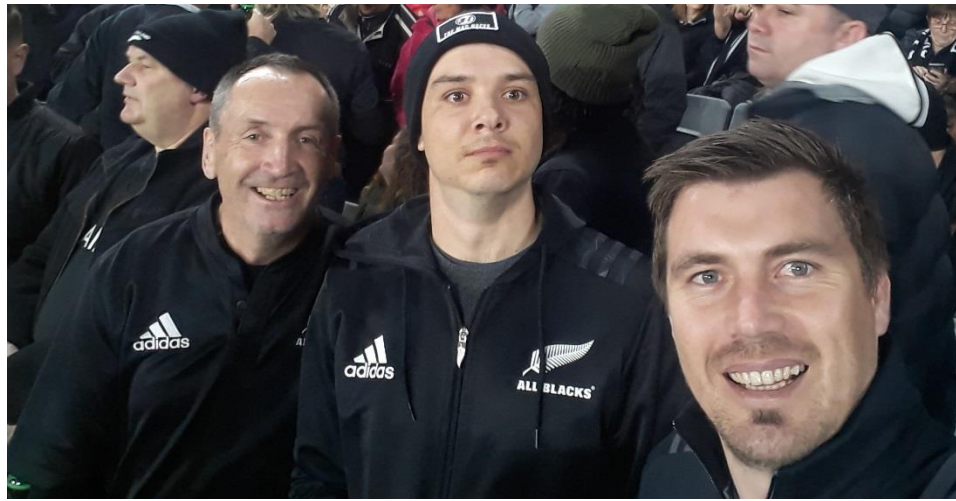
25<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Placemakers offered Kalmar tickets to the All Blacks vs Australia match on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and so ....

.... Rob Cunnington, Leon Venter, Francois De Kock and I attended the pre-drinks function at the Conservatory at the Viaduct before taking the bus to Eden Park where we had mint seats on the halfway line about 10 rows back. It was a great game and the mighty All Blacks triumphed, winning 40 – 12 retaining the Bledisloe Cup.

Unfortunately we could not join the boys for a night out on the town because we had to be up early for the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge the following morning.

Ryno de Beer



Left to Right: Rob Cunnington (eyes front), Leon Venter (before the beers took effect), Francois De Kock (what he is looking at?), and Ryno de Beer



Left to Right: Francois De Kock, Mark Moffitt (Placemakers) and Ryno de Beer



Left to Right: Rob Cunnington, Leon Venter and Francois De Kock



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