

Count down to Christmas

Call it 'the year from hell', and yes, it's been a terrible year in terms Covid-19's impact on the health of millions of people, on travel and tourism, and job losses, but if I may look slightly selfishly at the Kalmar situation, we've come through the global pandemic in remarkably good shape. Make no bones about it, it has been tough and stressful for all of us, but the outlook in terms of new work in 2021, is very positive indeed.

Our estimating and new work teams have never been busier with enquiries coming into Kalmar thick and fast, and I'm confident that we'll be converting these enquiries, tenders, registrations of interest, and ECI's into reality very soon. Our reputation for being competent, competitive, professional, delivering projects on time, and generally being good to deal with, is standing us in good stead as the year draws to an end.

This year sees the end of a career of one of our most valued staff members who will leave a gap in our business and in our circle of friends. Paul Feltham may only have worked for Kalmar for some six years, but some of us worked with Paul back in the mid- to late 90's, and our respect for Paul's capabilities and our enjoyment of his character and personality knows no bounds. Many thanks for everything you've done for us Paul, and we trust that you'll stay in touch as you head into your well-earned retirement – enjoy every minute !

Christmas is only just over a week away and on behalf of my fellow directors I wish you and your families a very Happy, relaxed Christmas and may 2021 be a great year for all of us.

Peter Kay



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Project Updates

Metlifecare Edgewater

The MLC team wish to welcome new team members Austin Irving and James Stevens along with our summer intern James Sun.

We are currently on Critical Path for the Contract Programme with a completion date of 14th October 2021, and targeting end of August 2021.

We have completed the Structure to Buildings 1,2 and 3 with the final floor pour targeted for the 8th January for Building 4. The Façade and Fit-out Consent has still not been issued, but we have received formal instruction to proceed with elements of the facade and this has also been agreed to by Council. Building 1 and 2 timber framing is 60% complete to the top floor and 40% of the roof trusses have been installed. Fit-out and 1st fix services have commenced to Ground Floor and Level 1 with timber framing and Securock completed to GF Façade and ongoing to Level 1. Building 3 Fit-out is also progressing well with Sprinklers and 1st fix services nearing completion to GF and has commenced on L1 and the façade components are continuing as well. Building 4, Precast and In-situ walls are complete to L1 with TT's booked for 14th December 2020.

The project is complex, with many different facets of construction and the site is tight, making the servicing of all four blocks simultaneously challenging.

The team is doing well and have formed a good relationship with the Design team, Principal and the Metlifecare residents.



Kāinga Ora - Atkinson Avenue

The Atkinson Avenue Kāinga Ora social housing development consists of two blocks, made up of three buildings incorporating a total of 83 units. The site also includes 49 car parking spaces, 12 bicycle parking spaces, two buildings housing mobility scooters and waste bins and landscaped gardens with children's play area.

The landscaping is well underway, and the newly planted trees have quickly given the project an overall completed look. We are pleased to announce that after 3 months in transit our "Gondola Snake Swing" has arrived in the country and against all odds will be installed on time.

The project is currently on the final stretch with a focus on having all the CCC applications submitted pre Christmas with a targeted handover date of 12 February, 3½ months ahead of programme.

On Completion of the 1st Fix, Warren Katzin left to join the St George's Road project and Alan Watson will be following him before the end of the year. We thank both for their contribution.

Overall, the Kalmar teamwork has been excellent on this project. A strong relationship with the Principal, consultants and supply chain was fostered and we are all looking forward to closing this one out and taking on new challenges in the new year.



Atkinson Avenue Toolbox Talks on SpaTec Safety Bolts by Reid Ramset



500 Queen Street Hotel

500 Queen St Hotel started out as a derelict building and after 21 months of construction is fully refurbished and comprises 96 hotel guest suites across 7 levels with two street level retail units, entry lobby reception, bar, restaurant and full commercial kitchen. Project completion is currently expected mid December 2020.

“Queen St” as it’s affectionately known has turned out to be a truly unique and challenging project. The finishes blend a dynamic, quaint, existing structure with new finishes. There are some unusual internal fabrics such as moss look-a-like carpets coupled with an agricultural aspect of existing ‘off’ form concrete and existing beam structure.

Kalmar, together with a buoyant subcontractor team, have completed what appeared to be, 6 months ago, a truly insurmountable task. The façade consent was issued approximately 8 months late resulting in aspects of the project being thrown out of sequence. Factoring in the out-of-sequence works took countless hours of meticulous coordination with service trades and consultants, resulting in a floor sequence that had the top floors finishing prior to the middle floors.

The finished result is looking great and the team is looking forward to a well earned rest.



Kāinga Ora – St. George’s Road

The 71 apartments being constructed in Avondale for Kāinga Ora are in full swing with activity across the varying stages of the three buildings.

The building structure has been completed in the last period and we want to congratulate Harbour for getting us out of the ground and keeping up with a demanding programme. Well done to the team lead by Lance Blomfield and James Stevens! James has now moved on to join the Metlifecare team in Edgewater.

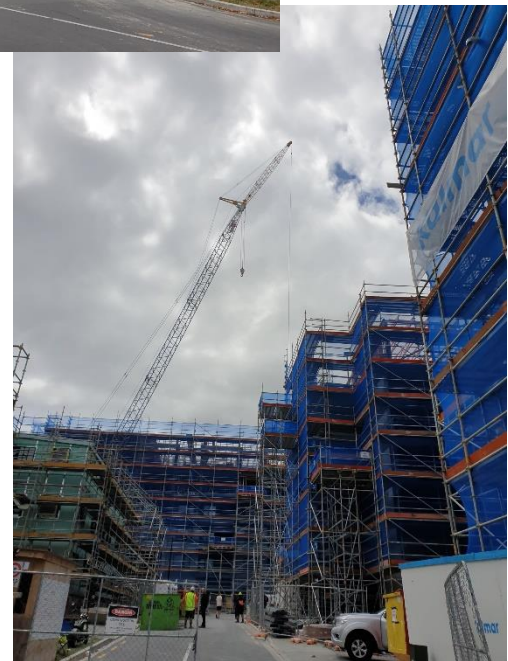
With the structure out of the way, we are aiming to have the roofs on all three buildings before the Christmas break so that we can take a well deserved rest after being on site for the past 13 months.

The complex façade works, with a combination of brick, E-span, curtain walls and ALP panels are being managed by Adrian Stewart and Dillon Taylor along with looking after the subcontractors, consultants and council.

First fix works are underway on all three buildings with new members Warren Katzin and Steve Rademeyer leading the charge.

For the University holiday period we are happy to have the assistance of Sam Mateparae who has come all the way from Christchurch where he is studying Civil Engineering, to undertake his internship.

With the roof on we look forward to our next milestone of having all windows installed as well as starting to drop the scaffold in early February 2021.



Three O Eight Remuera Apartments

Three-O-Eight Apartments located in Remuera, one of Auckland’s most prestigious areas, will be welcoming a six-story building offering 18 luxury apartments with completion due early 2022. One and a half of the lower levels will be providing basement car parking and the remaining four and a half levels will be living spaces with stunning panoramic sea views. This uniquely shaped Apartment Building consists of a combination of structural steel and in-situ concrete components as well as precast concrete walls and floors. Apartments are fitted out to the highest quality.

Even during the challenging times that this year has presented, the 308 Team has put in 100% and we are pleased to say will end the year with a bang after pouring the first half of the floor slab on Level 3 with fantastic teamwork, impeccable management and proactive attention to safety and quality, this project lives up to its slogan – “Nothing Compares”.

The 308 Team also knows how to play hard, with a recent fun cook-off competition. We enjoyed the delicious flavours from the Philippines and the succulent tastes from Tonga. With both tasting equally good the Spit Roast BBQ title ended in a draw. At the same time we also paid our respects to our fellow worker Lani and our friends from Mates in Construction reminded us how to deal with grief and pain in a healthy way.

After a well-earned break over Christmas the team will be finishing the structure in February 2020 with a roof shout shortly after.





On 3rd December 2020, the Three O Eight team reached a project milestone by completing a significant slab pour. The next day the weather let them down, but this did not put a damper on their event, with a couple of pigs on the spit going down a treat with the team.



Fabric Apartments

As promised in our last newsletter, we are proud to share some of our completion photographs of Fabric Apartments Stage 1 with you.



Smythe Road

The delivery of 24 apartments in Smythe Road Henderson for O&A Smythe Ltd. continues to gain momentum as the project moves towards completion.

With the building envelope weathertight and the façade final inspections proceeding, the fit-out work is progressing rapidly on each level. All areas of the building site are occupied with tradesmen working feverishly to meet their deadlines before the Christmas break.

The external scaffolding is due to come down shortly to unveil the team's remarkable efforts of pushing through the winter period to allow the civil works to progress in more favourable conditions during the warmer summer months.

Trades across all the levels are proceeding inside the building, with plasterboard linings finishing on the upper floors and kitchen joinery starting to shape the ground floor apartments. The sample room is coming together nicely and is due to be complete before the Christmas break.

Led by Nicholas Botha, the onsite team is Mark Heritage, Yulia Mokshina and Steve Mills. Steve recently joined the project to give the team a helping hand as we prepare for a new project which is just around the corner for this valued client.

With the Christmas rush upon us, the roof shout will be scheduled early in the new year so watch out for the invite. We are excited to showcase this great development.

Despite the unusual challenges this year has presented, the project completion is well-positioned for April 2021.

Until next year, Merry Christmas and stay safe from the Smythe Road team.



Health and Safety

Project Health and Safety Awards

Nick Watson recently nominated Harbour's Velio Nuuola who is working at Metlifecare Edgewater. Velio has been policing Health and Safety on site and giving other subcontractors a "grilling" if they do something that is unsafe. He's definitely not shy when it comes to Health and Safety, which is something we have promoted.

Velio gives input relevant to Health and Safety issues that need improving at our Toolbox Talks as well as at the morning pre-start meetings.

Greg Bailey nominated Terry Smith who is doing remedial work on the fins at Skhy Apartments. Terry noted that the 6Kn anchors installed at Skhy are not rated anchor points for abseiling, and he is absolutely spot on and has potentially saved a life.



Left to Right: Terry Smith and AJ Staples

Steve Mills at Smythe Road has recognised that Vincente Seno's housekeeping and tidying up after himself is exceptional and I quote "has never seen anything like it during his time in construction". Vincente from Callander Electrical has been extremely good at closing out H&S audits timeously. Steve feels it is therefore only fitting to present him with the award.



Left to Right: Phil Williams, Nick Watson, Velio Nuuola and AJ Staples



Left to Right: AJ Staples, Vincente Seno and Nicholas Botha



David Acero from Top Cleaning received his award from Michael van der Walt on behalf of the Atkinson Avenue team. David set an extremely high standard of cleanliness on site, which in turn had a knock-on effect across the rest of the site. David self-managed and it was clear that he took his responsibilities of ensuring a sanitary work environment for all site staff seriously.

Zhong Xian Liu from Graysons Engineering was nominated by the Metlifecare team for his excellent setup and controls while working a Mobile Elevated Work Platform.



Left to Right: David Acero and Michael van der Walt

Left to Right: AJ Staples, Graysons Supervisor Dechang Zhang, Zhong Xian Liu and Neil Spencer



Yulia Mokshina showing her support for Movember – Male prostate cancer and Mental Health Awareness

Flying the Flag for Suicide Prevention

7th - 11th September 2020

"The MATES flags are a visual reminder to stop and take a moment to re-commit to being a mate who will look out for a mate. To have that 10 seconds of courage to say, 'Hey mate, are you OK?'"

Kalmar hosted BBQ's for site staff during the week and a creative challenge was issued for the best photograph.

Congratulations go to **Brendon Vannan** for his photograph of the Kalmar and Mates flags on the Three O Eight Remuera Apartments crane and to **Paul Dine** for his photograph of the St George's team holding the Mates flag.



NZIQS Membership Award

15th – 17th October 2020

Paul Dreyer recently attended the NZIQS Conference in Auckland and was presented with a certificate in recognition of 20 years of membership, having joined NZIQS on 16th August 2000.



NZ Building Industry Awards 2020

30th October 2020

Congratulations go to Nathan Halloran who received two Highly Commended awards at the NZIOB Awards Dinner in October. Nathan was nominated in two categories for his role in Sugartree Apartments Stage 3 (Altro) – projects \$35-\$100 million and Anzac Unilodge – projects \$20 - \$35 million.



Brazilian BBQ

18th October 2020

A FUN DAY OF BRAZILIAN MUSIC, FOOD, CAPOEIRA AND DANCING



Rodney Coastal Challenge

15th November 2020

The annual, very anticipated Rodney Coastal Challenge event took place on the 15th of November 2020. Kalmar has participated in this event for many years and usually has the most teams entered, and this year was no exception with Kalmar entering 5 teams.

In recent years, Kalmar’s participation in this event has resulted in a fierce rivalry developing between the Kalmar Blokes (Ryno de Beer, Mark Heritage and Francois de Kock) and the Kalmar Dark Horses (Matthew Martin, Paul Dreyer and Craig Curling).

This year the Dark Horses came out on top by a couple of minutes, thanks to a stellar performance from the young gun Matthew Martin. There is some controversy around the results because the kayak used by the Blokes may or may not have been sabotaged by the Dark Horses, no one knows.

An honourable mention should be extended to our only lady taking part, Yulia Mokshina. She was recruited as a substitute at the very last minute for the “Kalmar Young Guns and the Old Fart” team. Yulia did a fantastic job running the 10km. It must be said she replaced Nick Botha who pulled out at the last minute due to a groin injury, although his Instagram feed showed him dancing on the eve of the RCC putting the said groin injury into question.

Afterward our exertions we enjoyed a well-deserved couple of brewskies and a good BBQ that was taken care of by Justin Savage, Brendon Vannan and Johan Muller.

As always it was a fantastic day out with good competition, good food and great camaraderie.



Team no.	Team Name	Run	Cycle	MTB	Kayak
1	Kalmar Blokes	Ryno De Beer	Mark Heritage	Francois De Kock	Ryno De Beer
2	Kalmar Nothing Compares	Byron Westcott	Branden Venter	Greg Bailey	Nikolai Zacharov
3	Kalmar Dark Horses	Mathew Martin	Mathew Martin	Paul Dreyer	Craig Curling
4	Kalmar Allsorts	George Watson	Warren Katzin	Paul Lever	Michael Van der Walt
5	Kalmar Young Guns and the Old Fart	Yulia Mokshina	NJ Van Zyl	NJ's Mate	Paul Feltham

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Kalmar Fishing Trip

23rd November 2020

Kalmar's charter took to the water early on Monday morning and from the look of the photos, the fish were biting!



Kalmar Children's Christmas Party

29th November 2020

Santa visited New Zealand early this year to the delight of children who did not have to wait until Christmas Day for gift giving, and opening, to start.

