

Endless Summer

Whilst the amazing weather we have experienced this year in Auckland may have exposed the lack of planning and infrastructure for our city's water supply (masquerading as a drought) there has been no drought in the flow of new opportunities and projects crossing our desks so far this year.

With the successful completion of the Atkinson Avenue project for Kāinga Ora and another Bloom project in Smythe Road in the first quarter, we are ready to launch into some new projects. We have already commenced work on two new buildings at Hobsonville Point, with at least another two large projects at Hobsonville to follow for other clients.

In March we celebrated our 20th anniversary; quite a milestone given the turbulent nature of the construction industry in Auckland over the last 20 years. We've come a long way from our early days in Ellerslie with less than a handful of staff, onto our own premises in Queen Street and then settling down by the beach in Takapuna. We now have just shy of 200 staff, and I believe we have built a reputation as being an employer "of choice".

One employee who we will be missing this year and into the future is one of our founding directors, Peter Kay, who has decided it is time to dust off his longboard and head to the beach on a more permanent basis. Whilst I'm sure we will all miss Peter, he leaves with the business in strong heart and with a very bright future. I'm also sure you will join me in wishing him all the best in his retirement, and in any case, he will likely continue to be involved on a part-time basis. There was a rumour that he was seen walking out of the Golf Warehouse with a set of clubs and a membership application for the Mangawhai Golf Club, but this is yet to be confirmed...

Bert Denee



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Project Updates

The Marlborough and Ovation Apartments – Hobsonville Point

The site teams have established quickly, following a successful tender, to build two new apartment buildings for Winton Property; The Marlborough and Ovation Apartments at Launch Bay, in Hobsonville Point.

The Marlborough is a seven storey, 39 apartment residential development and Ovation is a six-storey boutique apartment building over a basement with an automated car stacking system.

The two projects started on site in early February this year. Having little upfront time with the enabling works having been completed, has resulted in procurement pressures that have tested the team's ability to respond to an immediate start. Nevertheless they have come through with flying colours.

This has also challenged us to develop some innovative ideas to keep the programme moving forward. Forming a solid relationship with the client has enabled us to influence some early and necessary design changes in order to keep things moving .

The team is led by Nick Botha and Donald Chataira with Jessica and newcomer Mikhail who are supporting Donald through the early procurement pressures. Gene, Michael and Lance are taking on the challenging coal face whilst Paul Leaver is grinding through the structural coordination to support their activities.

The Harbour Concrete crews are progressing the structures exceptionally well, and the emergence of cranes, structural steel and precast panels are starting to transform the building sites.

The project team is settling in well with the client and consultant, developing collaborative relationships to create a work environment to achieve a successful project.

We look forward to the progress of these apartments as the projects build momentum through the structural phase.



The Marlborough Apartments above.



Ovation Apartments right.

Project Updates

Metlifecare Edgewater

Metlifecare consists of four three and four storey buildings comprising of 71 apartments, 24 care units and amenities including offices, pool, cinema and restaurant. Initially, Practical Completion was for 14th October 2021; however, with a delay in receiving Façade and Fit-out consent, the revised completion date is 24th November 2021.

We recently had our roof shout which was very successful – Alana @ Brazilian BBQ put on another first class spread, which was enjoyed by the client, consultants, subcontractors and Kalmar. The team was fighting for leftovers at the end of the day, ensuring they wouldn't have to cook for the next few days!

The site is going well under Senior Site Manager Neil Spencer and we are currently progressing with the Façade and Fit-out. The Façade has multiple complexities with a mixture of brick, Espan and Innowood cladding systems, designed by Peddle Thorp Architects and engineered by Oculus Façade Engineers. This has resulted in the façade team, led by Adrian Stewart, Jason Underhay and Cody Mackay being faced with technical challenges whilst finalising details in collaboration with the consultant design team.

We are currently finalising 1st Fix on all four buildings and proceeding with Gib wall linings, after a redesign from the client in relation to the Data and Communications delayed completion of the 1st Fix. The fit-out is being managed by Austin Irving, Grigory Plekhotkin, Alexsei Paule and Manie Maritz, with a focus on delivering in November.

With the various changes from Consent and Design amendments and introduction of additional subcontractors to maintain programme, the QS Team of NJ Van Zyl, Luca Denee and Faye Yu are keeping busy whilst ensuring that variations are well documented and submitted in line with the client and PQS expectations.

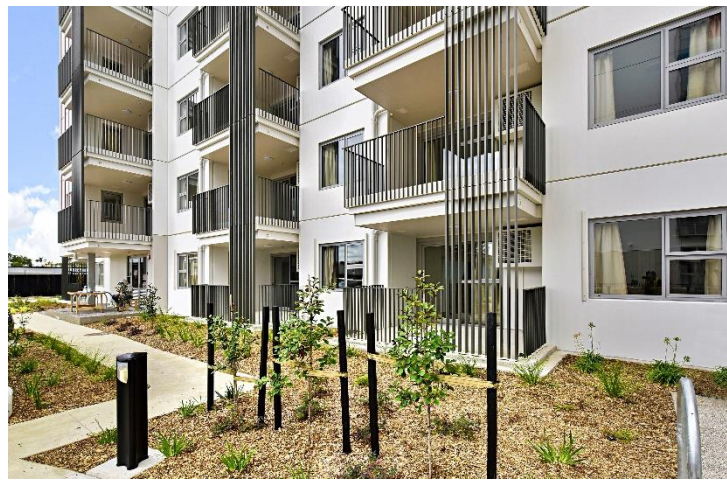


Kāinga Ora - Atkinson Avenue

The Atkinson Avenue project obtained Practical Completion on the 29 March 2021, eight weeks ahead of the contractual completion date. In order to qualify for PC, the team had to apply for and be in receipt of a Code Compliance Certificate and lodge 223 & 224c applications under the Resource Management Act. The Principal, Kāinga Ora, took possession and handed the facility over to Kāhu Tū Kaha the Transitional Social Housing Programme Manager.

The team celebrated the successful delivery of the project by going on a fishing trip on 30th March, leaving from Leigh for Little Barrier Island. A good days fishing was had by all, with the conditions being challenging for those that were still obtaining their sea legs. Paul Lever championed the day with a decent sized Kingi.

Special thanks to all of the Kalmar personnel who worked and contributed to the successful outcome on the Atkinson Avenue project, including Tony Bennett who turned up and helped close out the remaining defect items at the 11th hour.



Bloom Lincoln

Déjà vu comes to mind as this project starts to build momentum with another four level, 24-unit residential apartment building for our valued client, Bloom Living.

The site fronts Lincoln Road and is alongside the Bloom Swanson development in Henderson that we completed just a few years back. It is also around the corner from the Bloom Smythe Road development that has just reached completion.

Commencing onsite in January earlier this year, the asbestos, demolition and excavation works have finished taking full advantage of the drier months. The site compound is well presented with a visual "Kalmar" presence along the Lincoln road frontage.

The young team led by Jacobus (Kowie) Mienie is committed to refining and continuing to make improvements to the build model across the portfolio of these developments.

James Stevens is keeping a close handle on the Harbour resources as they progress through the in-ground works, preparing for the first ground floor slab pour. Drainage work progresses around the site before the arrival of structural steel and the first precast deliveries in the coming weeks.

Ryno and Yulia continue to keep a handle on the financial aspects while pushing through the procurement pressures.



Kāinga Ora – St. George’s Road

The 71 social housing apartments being completed in Avondale for Kāinga Ora, are ahead of programme with steady activity across the varying stages of the three buildings.

With the building structures complete and some minor cladding elements being finished on the last building, the fit-out trades are following closely behind. Carpeting has commenced in Building C, and the 2nd fix trades are progressing in Building G, with the installation of the kitchen joinery in Building F. The team is aiming to have the benchmark units completed by end of April for Client and Architect inspection.

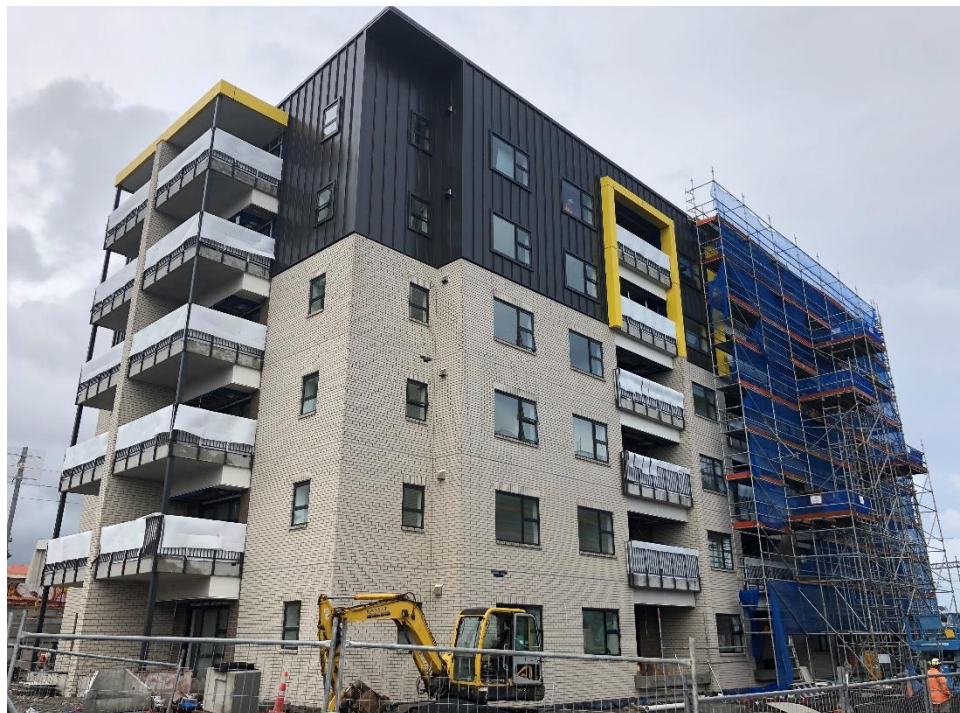
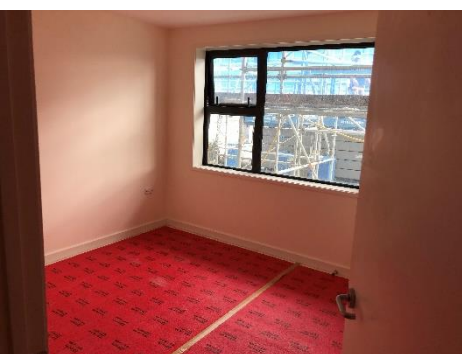
The scaffold has been partially dismantled on the first two buildings and the civil works have started with the stormwater tank installation. The rubbish rooms, gardens, concrete footpaths and kerbs are all shaping up and the external works are programmed to commence in May.

The project demands have increased and there is activity across the full spectrum of the site. The team is focused on managing the client’s expectations and delivering this project to a very high standard. So far they have commenced with planning and preparation for commissioning, completion programme, final council inspections for the nine Building Consents and Code Compliance Certificate applications.

Guillem Ferrer leads the team consisting of Thomas, Gerhard, Matthew, Neil, Johan, Warren and Bernard who have relocated to the community area to make room for the site works. We would also like to welcome Edmund Changwai, a Construction Management Cadet, who recently joined the St. George’s Road project.

While working on the project, Matthew Martin has been training for his first half Ironman in Taupo, finishing with a time that classified him for the World Championship in Utah, USA. Well done Matthew!

The roof shout was held on 25th March to celebrate the success of the project to date.



Three O Eight Remuera Apartments

The 308 team have been busy completing the structure of this eighteen-apartment building, commencing fit-out, and getting ahead on closing in the external envelope before winter strikes.

The Harbour Concrete guys finished the major concrete works on time, with only minor works remaining, whilst services and fit-out have been progressing, starting from the lowest floors. More than half the windows are now in place and the overall shrink wrap temporary roof has just been added so that there is a weatherproof environment for both the commencement of finishes on the lower level apartments and the installation of the membrane warm roof. The tower crane was dismantled and removed from site in mid-April. The completion of the structure is an important milestone and was celebrated at the roof shout on 16th April.

Services coordination has been an ongoing challenge, with the usual battle between tight ceiling spaces, the requirements of each of the different services trades, and desired apartment ceiling heights, but 3D modelling and the helpful input of the services subcontractors have greatly aided in resolving things.

The site team were able to feel part of the recent America's Cup racing, as the highest level of the external scaffold facing Rangitoto provided a grandstand view over one of the regularly-used race courses. With the arrival of autumn, we will certainly miss what must have been the sunniest site office with the best views anywhere last winter. Now that the building has risen and blocked out both sun and views, we will be thankful for our site sheds with heat pumps this winter!

The 308 Remuera site is a big supporter of the Mates in Construction programme. Most workers on site have completed the Mates General Awareness training (GAT) and a large group of supervisors and workers have done the Connector training. A 'Connector' is trained to keep someone in crisis safe, while at the same time connecting to professional help.

The 308 Remuera project is going well and is on track for completion in early 2022, or possibly very late-2021.



Seven staff members completed their Mates Connectors Training at 308 Remuera Apartments on 22nd February 2021. From left to right are Nick Watson, Chevez Matthews, Ben Morunga-Toi (Mates), Lüder Stock, Neil Munro, Etienne Joubert, Branden Venter and Scott Ruddy (Emcon).

Three O Eight Remuera Apartments - Photos



Smythe Road

The 24 apartments in Smythe Road Henderson are in the final throes of completion with the team preparing for the project handover by the end of this month. It is great to see the final touches that are being applied to what has been a challenging project. The successful completion of the council final inspections has enabled the timely lodgement of the CCC application.

Nick Botha, Mark Heritage and Steve Mills have all worked very hard putting the project into a great position before their departures.

We wish Nick all the best on his new project and bid Mark farewell for his South Island escapade.

We would also like to take a moment to express our respect and gratitude to Steve Mills who passed away recently. We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and loved ones during this sad time.

With these staff changes, Alan Watson has joined the team bringing his knowledge and applying his experience, adding great support to the Bloom Lincoln team to help deliver this project on time.

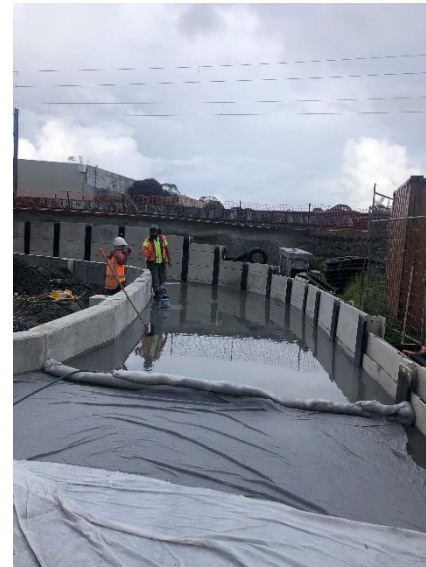
In spite of a year of peculiar circumstances, the Kalmar team are pleased to deliver another magnificent Bloom project. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the success of this development. We look forward to the handover and continuing our efforts up the road on the Lincoln site.



Avondale Cycleway

The cycleway project is a 100m section of the cycle path Dempsey Wood are constructing between Avondale and New Lynn train stations. Our section is immediately behind our St George's Rd project for Kāinga Ora and includes a series of retaining walls adjacent the railway in Kiwi Rail land.

Managed by Cliff Busher, we have now completed three sections of the pathway after a lot of design changes and additions.



We are now in the last phase where it connects to a culvert that runs under the railway tracks that Dempsey Wood installed over Christmas. Some feature columns and beams form the entry into this underpass and have provided a challenging formwork and carpentry task for the site team. We're looking to have this all wrapped up by the end of May when the site team will move on to their new projects.

Health and Safety

Project Health and Safety Awards

Dizney Peters from Emcon received a Safety Award following a Site Audit at St. George's Road.

During the Site Audit, Dizney was observed wearing all the correct PPE when using his Paslode nail gun.

This included hearing and eye protection as well as the standard hard hat, hi viz and safety footwear.

He consistently wears his PPE and sets an excellent example of how things should be done.



Left to Right: Guillem Ferrer, Dizney Peters and Gregory Bailey

Jake Poi from CGI Electrical was nominated by the team at 308 Remuera Apartments.

Jake received a Safety Award for going the extra mile by modifying a power tool to include a remote foot peddle, eliminating the requirement to operate a dead-man switch by hand.

This is a great initiative that makes using the tool much safer and deserves our recognition.

Due to Covid Level 2 social distancing requirements, we were unable to capture others in the photo without face masks.



AJ Staples nominated Neil Campbell from The Labour Exchange, who is currently based at 14 Todd Plaza, for his efforts to ensure that the site met compliance during Covid Level 3. Neil went above and beyond what was expected from a labour hire labourer.

Neil is the sort of guy who keeps working without instruction and ensures the site is running with no issues and actively looks for things that need doing. He adds so much value to a project and you will never find him sitting idle. He is always thinking ahead, with safety in mind.



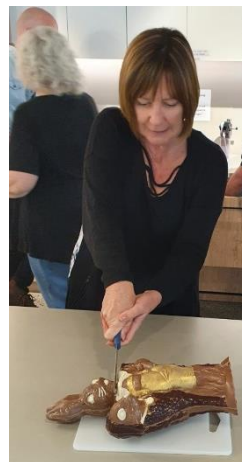
Nicholas Botha was nominated for stepping in to support the safety team following a heated disagreement with a crane operator.

The crane operator was “offered directions” out of Hobsonville if he did not follow the safety team’s request and suddenly saw the error of his ways, and complied.

Nicholas is a positive supporter for safety on his project.

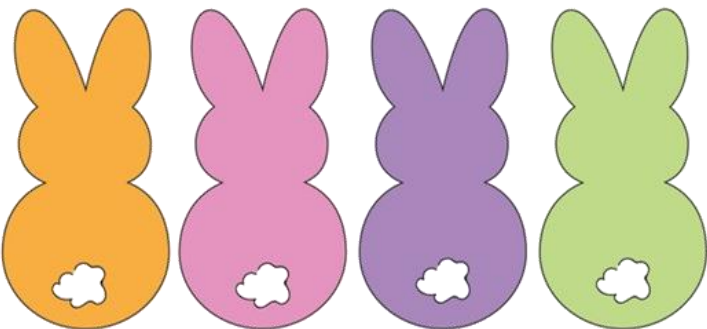


Left to Right: Iloa Pauu, Justin Savage, Nicholas Botha and Gregory Bailey



I am not sure how safe Jocelyn is with a knife in her hand, we all stood back, but she certainly got into the spirit of demolishing the bunny.

Many thanks to Lüder Stock for bringing us this beautifully hand crafted bunny by Cara Telle for everyone at Head Office to enjoy.



Hatchings

Introducing Emily Grace Hattingh, who was born at 10:40am on 25th January 2021. This lovely little girl weighed 8.433 pounds (3.825 kg) and was 54cm.

Mum and bub continue to do well, along with dad Rick.

We have had the pleasure of meeting Emily, pictured at Head Office with a very restful Jocelyn Nesbit. She has grown substantially and is a pure joy.



Happy 60th Birthday Bert

31st January 2021

Bert celebrated his 60th birthday with family and friends in beautiful Rarawa. We quietly arranged a surprise birthday cake and gift for Bert, which were presented to him the day before he left for Rarawa.



Tying the knot

13th February 2021

Bert Denee and Linda Lockie were FINALLY (by which we mean **congratulations**), married in Taupo on 13th February 2021, after having postponed their wedding due to the Covid-19 Level 4 lockdown in March 2020. Auckland once again went into lockdown, this time Level 3, at 6am the morning after their wedding.

We wish you happiness as you pursue your shared dreams.



Steve Mills

16th July 1957 – 11th April 2021
Bert Denee

Sadly, Steve Mills passed away recently after battling complications from a severe heart attack.

I first met Steve back in the '80s when we both worked for Civil and Civic. Steve started his construction career at Civil and Civic as an apprentice chippie working on the foundations for the Regent Hotel (now the Stamford Plaza) supervised by a leading hand by the name of Evan Geeves. He quickly progressed to General Foreman and we worked together on several projects. Steve was unflappable and someone you could always rely on to get the job done no matter how difficult or awkward it was. And he always did it without complaint and with a very dry sense of humour.

Steve was the last man standing at Civil and Civic when they pulled out of NZ, and he then came to join Kalmar in 2003 – in fact I'm sure he only ever had two employers; a great testament to his loyalty. Over the years Steve has trained and mentored many "young guns", whilst always shunning the limelight himself. Mark Heritage (one of the not-so-young-anymore guns) told me "Steve was a great guy and a big influence on my time at Kalmar. He was the first guy I met on site when I started as a chippy at Silverdale Medical and he showed me and Underhay the ropes when we started as supervisors at Brickworks. I learned a lot from that man over the years on various jobs and had a lot of good laughs in the process. He will be sorely missed." Evan Geeves told me, "I've known Steve since 1983 and worked with him on many projects over the years. He was a loyal, totally reliable and highly skilled colleague, a man who didn't say much but did a hell of a lot, a quiet achiever. He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends in the building industry."

Steve will leave a big hole in the Kalmar Family, and our sincerest condolences go out to Ninka and all his family.

Valé, Stephen Geoffrey Mills.



Paul Feltham's Retirement

16th December 2020

Paul Feltham retired his hard hat and said his goodbyes at an informal gathering at Kalmar's Head Office on 16th December. With no shortage of activities to occupy his time, retirement is going to be a busy business for Paul.



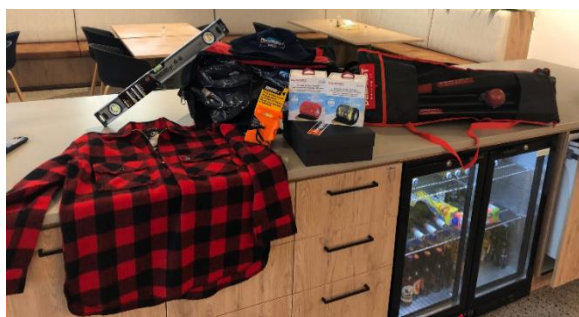
Social Club Fishing Trip

11th April 2021

A big thank you goes out to Mana from Placemakers and the Placemakers Digital Team for their generosity in sponsoring prizes for our Social Club fishing trip this Sunday.

We are very grateful and as you can see from the photos, there are t-shirts, hats, levels, glasses, bluetooth speakers, a cricket set, Milwaukee gear bag as well as a Swandri shirt. This will be the grand prize awarded for

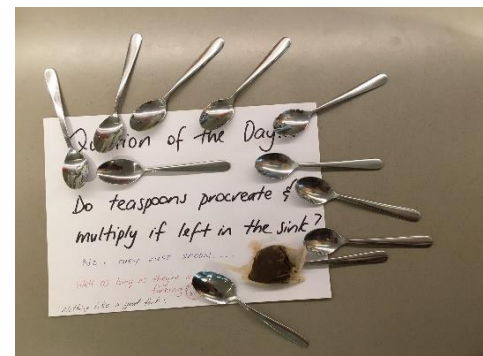
for the biggest Snapper. Perfect timing with colder weather on its way. The winner will be the envy of those on board. Let's see if they can make it back to shore with it 😊.



Question of the Day...

Do teaspoons procreate & multiply if left in the sink?

No - they just spoon....



Kalmar Christmas Lunch

18th December 2020

PROUD
All Blacks
supporter



Hot lips
Houlihan



Serenading
Kristen



I wonder if Susan
will let me wear
her pink hard hat?



Long Service Awards

18th December 2020

Ending the year on a high note, our long serving staff were recognised for their commitment to Kalmar and the Annual Health and Safety Award was presented at Kalmar' year end party.

10 YEAR AWARD

Lance Blomfield, Yulia Mokshina and Linda Page (pictured from left to right)



5 YEAR AWARD

Donald Chataira, Paul Feltham, Paul Leaver, and NJ van Zyl (pictured from left to right)



ANNUAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD

Michael van der Walt



Kalmar Fishing Trip

18th January 2021

A very happy Justin Maritz from Graham White and Associates with his catch.



NZIOB / Placemakers Golf Day

25th February 2021

The NZIOB hosted it's Northern Region Golf Day at the North Shore Golf Club. This is always a fun day out and the change of venue got a thumbs up from our 4-ball.



Pictured from left to right are: Neil Ball, Grant Johnstone, Justin De Beer and Aimee Lee.

Neil Ball was busy smoking fish into the early hours of the morning after his day on the water and treated Head Office to the spoils the following day.

We were impressed by his presentation skills and greatly appreciated his efforts - it didn't last long. Everyone tucked in and made short order of the meal.

Thank you Neil.



Queen Street Fishing Trip Part 2

25th February 2021

The Queen Street team spent a well deserved day on the water heralding the completion of the project. The weather was perfect and they caught their limit so considered it a successful day all round. Thank you to Alexsei Paule for the photographs.



Kalmar's 20th Anniversary Celebration

19th March 2021

Kalmar turned 20 and celebrated their milestone anniversary at the Hyundai Marine Sports Centre in Okahu Bay. The event was attended by more than 170 staff and guests who have travelled all, or part of this 20 year journey with Kalmar.

Earlier in the day the Head Office team took delivery of 24 cupcakes and a heartfelt card from The Labour Exchange. Thank you, this put everyone on a sugar high and revved up for a night of celebration.

