

SPRING 2023 EDITION



By Bert Denée

Welcome to the Spring edition of Kalmar News.

As we rapidly approach the longest day(light) of the year, it certainly feels like the clocks are speeding up with Christmas and its attendant silly season almost upon us.

We have recently finished or are close to finishing several projects that our site teams can be incredibly proud of and reflect the result of many months and even years of dedicated effort. In particular, The Foundation project in Parnell is looking stunning, an opinion shared by the client and the new residents.

Whilst we are looking forward to some more stability in the construction market with a change in government now all but assured, we are still suffering from the uncertainty created by the elections and the departure of the outgoing administration. Because of the inevitable lead times in getting new projects underway, we are currently experiencing the results of that uncertainty and unfortunately, we have had to right size our business to suit.

On the positive side, some FOMO now seems to be taking hold and with the residential property market starting to rebound, we have new projects to look forward to starting in the new

year, and several more that are showing renewed signs of life.

We have now been certified by Toitu as a Net Carbon Zero organisation which is a key part of our transition to the emerging carbon-aware economy that will inevitably become a dominant factor in our industry.

With Santa now required to limit the methane emissions from his reindeer, he may well trade up to an electric sled. We will see what he is driving when he arrives at the Kalmar Childrens' Christmas party in a few weeks.

With the year end now clearly in sight, I hope you all get a well-deserved break, relax, stay safe and enjoy the promised El Nino sunshine.

Bert.

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Metlifecare Edgewater Village

At the recent Property Council 2023 Property Industry Awards on 23rd June 2023, Metlifecare was awarded the Templeton Multi-unit Residential Property Merit Award for their Edgewater Village development. Kalmar is proud to have constructed this project. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Pictured below receiving the award, from left to right are Blair Keenan, Dylan Pell, Melodi Barzandeh (Peddlethorpe) and Michael Lisowski.



Jimmy's Point, Hobsonville

By Neil Ball

With the structure complete and the scaffolding erected, the focus moves to the façade works to get the building watertight allowing the internal works to progress.

Roof framing is progressing with roof cladding scheduled for installation shortly. Internal framing and 1st fix services have commenced across multiple levels, and the façade awaits the highly anticipated terracotta cladding due to arrive shortly from Spain.

The team has been working very hard to keep the project's momentum going to overcome façade delivery challenges that have tested the programme. With these challenges behind us, the focus is on adding the cladding elements to the building to showcase the terracotta-clad building, set to be an iconic addition to the current landscape of Hobsonville Point.



HE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT, BUT HE DID



With a little hard work comes a little play, and the team recently enjoyed a trip to the Angus Steakhouse to refuel their batteries and to determine who can eat "the biggest steak." The challenge was accepted by everyone, but some people fell a little short. I won't mention the names (Joy & Yulia), but not to worry, Eric provided the necessary support to his colleagues, after devouring his own 800g T-bone steak first, before effortlessly clearing the plates of those slightly less carnivorous. Well done Eric for your dedication to the cause.



Eric's 800 g T-Bone steak

Jimmy's Point, Hobsonville

The Jimmy's Point team are also very proud of their MATES in Construction "Accredited Status" underway the high level of focus on suicide prevention, and the professional support the platform offers. Part of the criteria is that over 80% of all active people on site must have completed the General Awareness Training (GAT) in addition to a minimum number completing the higher levels of training. This is a great achievement by the site team to uphold. See photos on Page 22.

We are looking forward to warmer, and hopefully drier months ahead with forecast completion scheduled for the 3rd Quarter of next year.

With the roof completion in progress, watch out for the roof shout invitations.



Is Lance showing Bert his dance moves?

F-A-B-R-I-C of Spring Street, Onehunga

By Neil Ball

The project is called F-A-B-R-I-C of Spring Street and is located at the back of the completed Stage 1 development. The long-awaited stage 2 development is now underway with demolition, bulk excavation and temporary retaining works progressing on site.

This stage comprises two six-storey buildings totaling 118 residential apartments over a large basement level for car parking. The development includes the extension of the “pocket park” theme from Stage 1, interconnected with the final design.

James Stevens, our Site Manager on the project, has been handling the upfront pressures to get this project underway. The team is establishing themselves for early procurement and design management for the eight stage consents required on this design and build contract.

Whilst there are a few upfront challenges with Auckland Transport and Vector, we are pleased the first Building Consent and Engineering Plan Approvals (EPA) have been lodged.

We welcome back a few familiar faces from our Stage 1 client, Lamont & Co., and the design team. We look forward to another successful project as everyone involved adds their contribution to the completion of this final stage of the iconic Fabric of Onehunga.



Demolition of the existing building



Overview of Stage 2 with demolition and excavation and piling crews established

Onehunga Mall Club, Onehunga

By Ross Duxfield

The 102 apartments have progressed well over the last period. The team has made great strides.

Three of the four façade elevations are complete, apartments to all levels are progressing well, with final finishes and inspections underway. It has been a particularly challenging Design and Build contract with many of the complex details having to be resolved with the consultants on site. Thanks to Donovan Ratner for managing this process.

With Brendon Vannan leading the charge and Donovan Ratner at his side, the team comprising Alan Watson, Dillon Halsall, Jayden Liu, Grigory Plekhotkin, Domingo Espinoza and Manie Maritz has been pushing hard to achieve our targeted completion date in early December. Our QS team working in the background are Donald Chataira, Georgia Nesbit and Harsh Upadhyay who have been keeping tight reins on the project costs. Sam Turner joined us recently and is chasing our final completion documents.

The site team recently hosted the UDINZ – Urban Development Institute of New Zealand – for their summer series site tour. Various developers and suppliers attended the event. Members of the site team took them through the building and after the tour, Kalmar hosted attendees on the terrace at Good Home, the local gastropub (formerly the local library building) with good views of the development at the top of the rise. Thanks again to our main Kalmar host Justin De Beer and to Brendon, Ross, Donovan and Clifford Paul (Architect) who guided groups of attendees around the development.



Remuera Gardens, Remuera

By Ross Duxfield

The project consists of two towers making up 61 apartments above a podium level with a bowling green between the two towers.

The team, led by Luke Kus, is doing well, as can be seen in the two shots below taken in mid-August and mid-October respectively. The foundations are complete, the tower crane is up, the basement slabs and the first suspended slab have been poured and the first suspended slab has been poured. The team are pushing to start façade works in late November and expect to complete the structure by the end of the first quarter 2024 with Lee Savage and Douw van der Walt leading the structures team along with Shane Punter, Arona Pere and Neil Campbell.



Team news – Gene Larsen recently enjoyed a trip through Canada and the United States. He now needs to make sure he keeps to the left; he has a tendency to think he is right all the time. Inna Goodwin visited Japan and from what she has said, spent most of her time enjoying their food, so she will need to get back into her training, but I don't expect her to be training for another fight for a while. (Both Inna and Arona represented Kalmar in the recent Mates in Construction boxing fundraiser event, see details of the event on Page 29).

We also celebrated Kaustubh Shinde's move into his first home in New Lynn. Welcome to the property ladder Kaustubh.

After one of the concrete pours, we enjoyed another of Luke's BBQ's done on the slow cooker.

Thanks to Bassett Plumbing and Drainage and Mates in Construction for the BBQ, which was put on for us after the Mates in Construction GAT session. We had a good turn out and the training session was well received.



Metlifecare Orion Point Hobsonville

By Nicholas Botha

Summer is approaching, following a rather wet winter.

The dedicated team at Metlifecare Orion Point has been facing some challenges, but they've persevered and put in a tremendous effort. It hasn't been easy, but the finish line is in sight. Building D is set to be handed over at the beginning of November, and Building C will follow at the end of the same month.

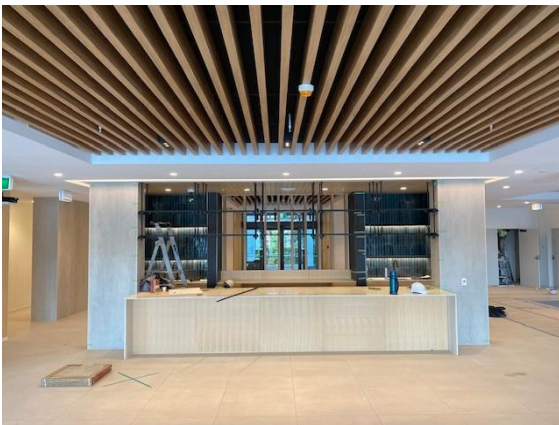
Building D is approaching its handover date, with the Practical Completion walk-around scheduled for November 3rd, 2023. It stands out alongside Buildings E & F, the Pavilion, and the newly constructed Villas. Building D comprises a total of 14 apartments on levels 2 and 3, and on level 1, there are various amenities including a reception area, library, media room, hobbies space, and a bar and servery. Level B1 has a pool, spa, changing rooms, salon, workshop, and a gym/yoga studio.



Reception



Hobbies Room



Bar



Pool

Metlifecare Orion Point Hobsonville cont.



Building C is taking shape, with the scaffolding removed from the southern and most of the western elevations. The remaining scaffolding is scheduled to be fully removed by the end of the first week of November. Building C consists of a total of 47 apartments spread across four levels. All the units on B1 and level 1 have been inspected by the architects for defects, whilst units on levels 2 and 3 have undergone snagging by Kalmar.

Building C stretches 100 meters in length, which certainly keeps the workers in good physical shape on site. At the project's conclusion, we might even witness Derrick Morbay taking on Usain Bolt in a 100-meter dash.

The team's morale continues to thrive, driven by the "work hard, play hard" attitude. We recently had a night out at Angus Steak House, where some team members decided it would be a great idea to take on an 800 g rump steak challenge. Neither of them could finish their steaks and ended up with some serious meat-induced perspiration after a valiant attempt. It was during this evening that Garth Robertson had an unexpected birthday celebration, thanks to Paul Flannery's initiative. To cap off the evening, the guys headed to Hoppers for a few more beers.



The finish is in sight, and the team remains highly motivated to complete these buildings and then to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their family and friends. This break will be well-deserved and much-needed.

I cannot express enough gratitude to the team, and everyone involved in the project for their tremendous effort. As mentioned before, it hasn't been an easy journey, but everyone has shown great perseverance.

Lastly, I'm pleased to report that the pool is fully operational, and I'm quite certain Manie has taken a quick dip to unwind and relax.

The Grove Stages 2 and 3, Orewa

By Tim Ellery

The last period was a very busy one for the team with the push to the end and completing the project to achieve Practical Completion on the 15th September.

The team quickly dispersed to other projects and completing the final snagging, variations and purchaser snags has been done with the help of a combination of Nikolai, Tim and Murray. Residents have been moving in and enjoying their new homes. This sees the end of work at The Grove for some time. Perhaps a future project exists in the coming years when more of the original single level brick and tile villas are demolished to make way for additional multi-level apartments.

Well done to everyone who was part of this project, Nikolai, NJ and Emcee (who have both departed to Australia), Gerhard, Liam, Harold, Lance, Murray, Anthony, Faye, Adam, Cliff, Douw and Rob C – we got there, and the building looks great!



Proxima Residences, Newton

By Neil Spencer

Proxima is a 9-level apartment building, with a modern specification located on the edge of the CBD adjacent to Newton Road in Eden Terrace.

There are 67 apartments between Levels 3 and 9. Apartments are a mixture of 1 and 2 bed on level 3- 8 and level 9 contains 4 penthouses, with spectacular views out to the Waitakere's and over the CBD.

Structure from level 1-8 is made up of precast panels, half beams and rib and infill floors. The structure at level 9 and roof is structural steel lined with a combination of long run steel and membrane roofing and cladding systems.

In addition to the main building there is an existing 2 storey building (Building A) on the site which is to be refurbished as part of the contract. The site office is set up in this building and until recently, also the lunchroom.

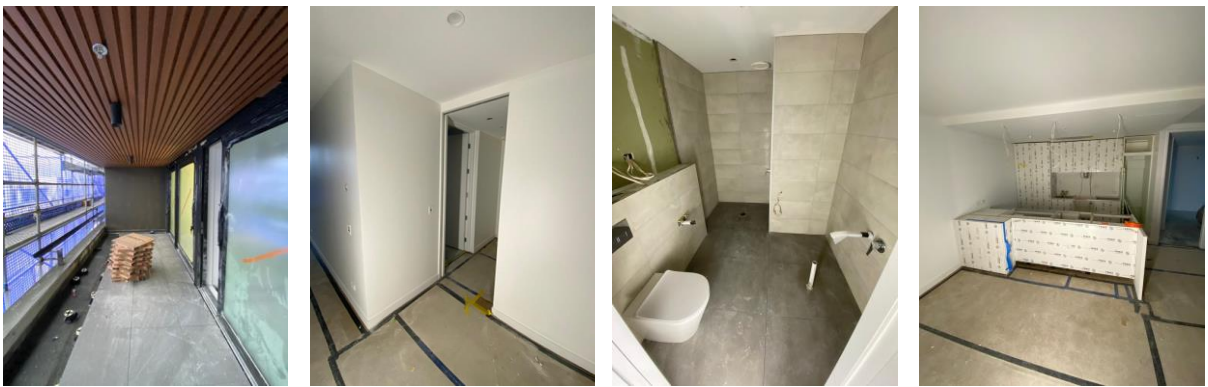
The external scaffold is complete including the West elevation which is supported off brackets over the neighbours building. The tower crane was removed at the beginning of September and the twin car hoist is now handling all personnel and materials movements up and down the building.



Proxima Residences, Newton cont.

Jason Underhay is leading a highly motivated delivery team consisting of Pedro Silveira, Rafiq Sheikh, Paul Lever, Lordkarlo Ibarra, Suzanne Ellis, and Anthony Bugarin. The fit-out and façade are under control and construction has progressed well with the roof completed, façade framing, balcony screeds and tanking membranes almost complete.

The internal partitions and first fix services have progressed to level 9, with GIB linings underway on Level 8. The sample unit on Level 3 is due to be complete at the end of October.



The Façade cladding finishes are a mixture of Flashclad aluminium weatherboard, ACP panels, Insol louvres and Innwood soffits.

With the basement slabs now complete and the lunchroom relocated from Building A, works have commenced on the refurbishment of Building A with soft strip and investigative works completed.

Thomas van Roekel is managing the commercials, well supported by Pierre Gonzales, Vicki Guo and Thomas Lindstrom and the team has expanded further to suit the growing workstreams, with Jess Brewitt a recent addition.

The team ventured out to Wildfire Brazilian BBQ for dinner to celebrate the completion of the roof along with other recent milestone achievements.

The complex build, location, close proximity to neighbours and subcontractors going into liquidation have added numerous challenges to the project, but the team has consolidated and is now well set for delivery in the first quarter of 2024.

Thanks for your effort and contribution.

Te Uru Apartments Stage 8, Hobsonville

By Craig Mullane

Te Uru 8 Apartments is a residential housing development for Fetcher Residential Ltd consisting of 3 Blocks of 72 apartments. The apartments come with parking, including EV charging facilities and a local pocket park.

Kalmar achieved practical completion for Separable Portion 1 (Blocks A&B) in June 2023 and we are now nearing practical completion for Separable Portion 2 (Block C). The Code Compliance Certificate has been uplifted for Separable Portion 1.



The team is currently finishing the external balustrade that was a variation to the Contract and closing out the defects. The Council final Inspection has been completed and the CCC application has been submitted for Separable Portion 2.

The Fletcher Sales team have been busy, with half of the units now sold and purchasers have progressively moved in.



Te Uru Apartments Stage 8, Hobsonville cont.



With the project nearly complete, the team has been reduced. Sukhdeep Sidhu has moved to Orion Point and is assisting with the Façade, James Stevens has started on Fabric Stage 2, while Luca Denee has flown off to Europe for some well-deserved R&R. Sam Atkinson and Craig Mullane remain on site to close out final accounts and to liaise with Fletchers and the purchasers as they take occupation of their new homes.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Kalmar team, including our concrete division who contributed on this Project. The Principal, Fletchers, put the team under intense time pressure to complete Separable Portion 1, achieve Practical Completion and uplift the Code Compliance Certificate by the end of June 2023 but the team delivered under challenging circumstances.



Luca on a rooftop in Istanbul



Sam with his first fish caught in New Zealand

Metlifecare Oakridge, Kerikeri

By Dillon Taylor

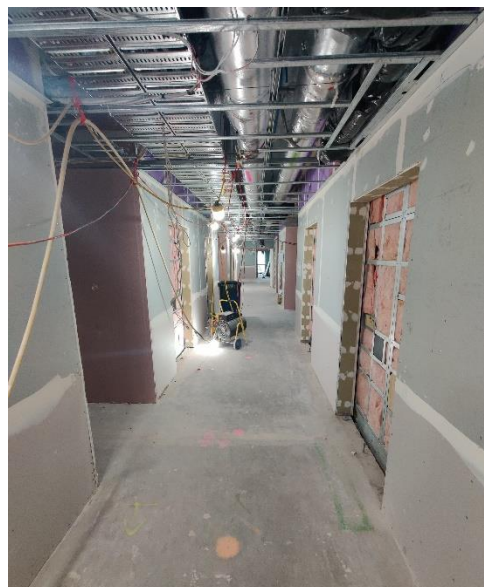
Oakridge has been progressing well in the winterless north.

The project is a new aged care facility that will be a welcome addition to the existing Metlifecare Village in Kerikeri, consisting of a two-storey building containing 65 care suites and amenities for the village including a café, commercial kitchen, and hair salon. The building consists of structural steel, load bearing timber framing and cross laminated timber (CLT) flooring and walls, plus the fit-out of the care suites.

The trusses have finally been delivered and the roof is progressing well with LBY having completed the installation. This has opened up work faces for the local roofing contractor to get the complex warm roof system completed to achieve weathertightness.

The project has achieved a significant milestone with the removal of the tower crane from the internal courtyard following the last delivery of trusses, triggering the remainder of the enabling works to be completed and work on the incoming services and transformer to commence.

Work has been progressing inside, with the first fix services on the ground floor now complete, and well underway on the first floor where the roof has been partially completed. The GIB installation is nearing completion on the first half of the ground floor and earlier in the month, the first of the 15 prefabricated bathroom pods were installed in their final position. There has been a lot of planning done for the installation of these pods, so it was pleasing for the whole team when the pods were installed in accordance with the methodology while also learning some beneficial lessons for the next project. Following the installation of the pods, the suspended ceilings have commenced and the care suites and common areas in this first half are really taking shape. Great work Wayne, Edmund and Rheinhardt for the successful install. Now to get the rest of the building dry so we can continue this momentum!



Metlifecare Oakridge, Kerikeri cont.

On the façade the first area is nearing completion with the scaffold planned to come down at the end of October and the first courtyard following shortly after. Despite the disruption in the sequence from the delay of the roof trusses, the façade trades have been progressing well with the window installation nearing completion.

There has been a mixture of subcontractors coming from Auckland and also local contractors either based out of Kerikeri or Whangarei. The team have been impressed so far with the willing attitude and approach from the local contractors as well as the relief of having dedicated crews sent up to Kerikeri by the Auckland contractors.

Since the last update, the team has grown with Laksh Jaishankar joining the team to take over the remainder of the design coordination. He is also taking care of the extensive administration that the project’s Greenstar 6 accreditation requires, ensuring we are on track for the credits the project needs to achieve compliance.

Cliff Busher has become a local and is keeping a close eye on the roof and Arthur Yan has joined Dave Ross on the façade to give it the final push for our plan to have the scaffolding fully dismantled by the end of the year.

One part of the project’s Greenstar requirements is focused on staff welfare. We have been receiving weekly deliveries of fruit from one of the local orchards to promote healthy eating, General Awareness Training by Mates in Construction. We have Smoke Free visiting later in the year to encourage anyone they can from the site team to break their smoking addiction. The initiatives implemented on site so far have been well received and have been a great addition in keeping the morale up on site.

On a final note, Carters provided a BBQ for the site following the final delivery of roof trusses which was well received by the entire site team, and we have the Roof Shout planned for later in the month, which everyone is looking forward to.



The Foundation, Parnell

By Nathan Halloran

The Foundation project is now largely complete and looking very impressive

The team are now working through the final remedial lists and several apartments have already been occupied by well satisfied purchasers, with the phrases, “we love it” and, “the finish is fantastic” being frequently heard.

To achieve this result, the team have had to overcome numerous challenges, from Covid to supply chain issues and subcontractor liquidations. The façade comprises well over 15,000 individual pieces of Jura Limestone imported from Germany which were then trimmed and fitted on site, and this was a challenge in logistics and planning in itself, with the interface with the extensive external works being particularly challenging. The interior finishes include a vast number of hand-stained oak veneer doors, hundreds of metres of high-quality wall papers, intricate coffered ceilings and over 2,500 downlights in the 46 apartments.

The site team guided by myself and led by Lüder Stock, Michael van der Walt, and David Karim along with the onsite commercial team led by Olivia Li can be incredibly proud of the end result which didn't come without several gallons of blood, sweat and tears.

We all look forward to commencing the next stage of this fantastic project in the New Year after a welcome Christmas break.



PROJECT UPDATES

The Foundation, Parnell cont.



Ministry of Social Development, Beattie Lodge and the University of Auckland

By Justin De Beer

It continues to be a busy period for our Interiors team as we cover the length and breadth of Auckland. It's fair to say a few of our team, who are new to New Zealand, are getting to know their way around without the help of Google maps. It has been a big effort over the last few months from a very tight team. A big thank you goes out to Cameron, Brandon, Alice and Ann. These guys simply turn up everyday with a smile and get things done! Well done.

Ministry of Social Development – Office Fit-out Avondale

After a few “starts” and “stops” by our Client on this one, we finally got a clean run. A big thank you to our Site Manager Brandon Hayes for the tremendous effort; it was truly a testing project. Also, a shout out to the amazing subcontractors who returned to complete the work at very short notice.

Ministry of Social Development – Office Fit-out - Waiheke

The Interiors team ventured “overseas” to the slightly more laidback island of Waiheke. However, there was very little “Island time” for the team as the logistics of getting subcontractors and materials procured, ready for a very quick turnaround, proved to have its challenges. Again, a great team effort from everyone, especially for dealing with a few interesting last minute design changes. Also, well done to our team of carpenters who landed a few decent fish during their stay!



Ministry of Social Development – Pukekohe – Bathroom and Kitchen Refurbishment

Our Client was so happy with the office fit-out we did for them last year, they asked us back to do the kitchen and bathrooms this year. Another quick turnaround for the team.

Re-roofing Beattie Lodge

Cameron Nelson is doing a tremendous job managing the re-roofing of Beattie Lodge. This is a particularly tricky project because the building is part of a fully occupied retirement village. His ability to keep things moving along, but still meeting all stakeholders' expectations, is a real credit to him. Well done.

University of Auckland – Building B114 – Office and Lecture Rooms Upgrades and Refurbishments

Following a successful ECI process, the Interiors team are about to start a very fast paced refurbishment project for the University of Auckland.

Works include a significant services upgrade package between now and February 2024. This is a very exciting project, and we are looking forward to delivering another top-notch project for the University of Auckland!

KiwiRail Wagon Jacks, Otahuhu

By Tim Ellery

Kalmar concrete was engaged by NZCA to install electrical pits and ducting for electric jacks in the KiwiRail Wagon Maintenance Yard in Otahuhu.

The jacks are positioned at each corner of a railway wagon, which is then lifted into the air to be serviced, sometimes involving complete refurbishment of the wagon, including wheel replacement. Wagons are serviced every two years, and they are required to meet a minimum quota of 23 wagons per week in this yard. With the new jacks they will now be able to exceed their quota.

The work involved cutting into the existing concrete slab to form openings to cast in electrical cable pits and trenches for electrical ducting. To minimise cutting reinforcing in the slab and pit walls, we scanned the concrete to mark the reinforcing. This project is in a live environment of heavy engineering maintenance, so health and safety was paramount. It was a great experience working with KiwiRail and seeing how they conduct their business. Lance Blomfield led the site team, and it was a streamlined process with the work completed within two weeks. This has led to other works with KiwiRail, and we hope to see a lot more in the future. Well done to Lance and the team.



Updates from Health and Safety

By Bert Denée



2023 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Awards, Graduations and Scholarships

Site Safe celebrate health and safety in the construction industry by hosting regional events that recognise and reward people for their hard work in making our workplaces safer. Those lucky enough to attend were kept entertained throughout the evening by the amazing MC Wendy Petrie, while also hearing from Site Safe's Chief Executive Brett Murray and special guest speaker, Kiwi Psychologist Nigel Latta.

"It's ok to speak up. It doesn't mean you're weak. Everyone goes through stuff." That's the message Master Plumbers, Gasfitters & Drainlayers NZ is sharing with its member businesses and its own people, says Human Resources Manager Lisa Duston. She and the rest of the Master Plumbers team were awarded the **Kalmar Mental Health and Wellbeing Award** for their Wellbeing on Tap Programme at the 2023 Site Safe Health, Safety and Wellbeing awards.

The award was recognition for their outstanding approach in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of workers, colleagues, friends and whānau.

The judges said what really caught their eye was how Master Plumbers had expanded the programme to employ a Wellbeing Coach Kereama Carmody and set up a wellbeing hotline.

They said the Wellbeing on Tap programme showcased a business "going way beyond its legal duties", and they were particularly impressed with its growth since its launch.



Jimmy's Point receives Mates Accreditation

Jimmy's Point received their Mates Accreditation which was presented at a ceremony on site on 11th October 2023. Congratulations guys.



Pictured above from left to right are Paul Dine, Gerhard Steenkamp and Branden Venter



MATES in Construction Accreditation Ceremony



it's a girl

Tim Ellery, who knew?

Tim's birthday arrived and Head Office staff are treated to a fully catered morning tea, made by Tim. Who knew he had this hidden talent?

Each item was as delicious as the next and it was evident that a lot of time and effort had gone into this birthday celebration. The food was very well received, and everyone has made note of Tim's birthdate for next year 😊.

Thank you for spoiling us Tim.



New Arrivals



Dylan Fourie and Monique Ross

It is a very exciting time for Dylan and his partner Monique who welcomed their daughter Willow-Grace into the world on the 15th of August at 6:25 am.

"Sometimes the littlest things take up the most room in your heart." Winnie the Pooh





Lordkarlo and Maria Ibarra

Lordkarlo and Maria became first time parents on 23rd July 2023 at 6:06 am with the arrival of their beautiful daughter Leticia.

He is coping remarkably well and balancing life between being a parent and work.

Maria is coping very well and is thoroughly enjoying the role of Mum.



Vasily and Anastasiia Bokun

Congratulations to Vasily and Anastasiia who have become first time parents. Their son Dion was born at 10:02 pm on the 11th of October 2023. Both mom and baby are doing well, and the household is adjusting to its new routine - well Dion's routine!



Happiness is on its way

Congratulations to Cameron and Kerry Nelson who are expecting their first child in February 2024.

I say "child" because we don't know what they are having and won't know until the "grand arrival."



Friday the 13th

A few of the lads from Metlifecare Orion Point did their bit and went off to vote during the smoko this morning. Don't know who they voted for, but they all came back with Sushi. 🍣



HUNTING Weekend

28th October – 1st November 2023

A weekend away in the Te Awaiti bush. Craig Curling, Adam Lowbridge (Callander), Paul Dreyer, Bert Denee, Ryno De Beer and Brandon Hayes with Ollie and Matt from Free Range Hunting.

This was a first New Zealand hunting experience for Brandon, with an introduction to the realities of pig hunting Aotearoa style. According to Brandon it was “Hectic, Man!” He was rumoured to be looking for pig dogs on Trade Me on the way home.





Pink Ribbon Luncheon

2nd July 2023

Breast Cancer Foundation NZ hosted a fundraiser event at The Maritime Room. As a not-for-profit charitable trust, they rely entirely on donations from the New Zealand public including personal donations, fundraising events and corporate partnerships for our work.

The “Kalmar Girls” attended in support of this worthwhile cause and invited a few special guests to join them. An informative and enjoyable afternoon that included a bidding war for a very nice pink training jersey signed by Sam Cane.



Keystone Trust Rugby Lunch

24th August 2023

Keystone Trust Rugby Lunch

It was our pleasure to once again support the great work done by the people at Keystone Trust by attending their annual Rugby Lunch.

It is rewarding to know that we have played a small part in helping students to achieve their goals of embarking on a career in our industry. It is also a reminder for a few of us older and “weathered” construction folk, of how we have been helped along the way through having the correct mentors early in our careers. Well done to all involved. Your efforts resulted in Keystone Trust raising over \$135,000.

We are proud to announce that we have “stepped up to the plate” and are now a Tertiary Scholarship Partner of the trust, where we can make a bigger difference in assisting future generations in our industry through education.



Clash for Construction



16th September 2023

Boxing to raise mental health awareness in the construction industry

Presented by Heavy Hitters, the Hirepool 'Clash for Construction' Charity Boxing Event saw "tradies" step in the ring to raise funds for Mates in Construction and help them keep fighting the good fight around Suicide prevention. 100% funds raised go to Mates in Construction.

Our very own Inna Goodwin and Arona Pere took part in this challenge.

Here's Inna's why: "I participated in Hirepool's 'Clash for Construction' charity boxing event, stepping into the ring to support Mates in Construction in their fight against suicide prevention. This journey has been an intense 12-week training experience with Glozier Boxing in Manukau, and I've loved every moment of it.

Mental Health is a deeply personal matter for me, having dealt with anxiety and depression for as long as I can remember. It hasn't been an easy journey, but I've learned to embrace the tools that have guided me through it, one of which is physical fitness, particularly boxing. So, when the opportunity came up to participate in this event, it was an obvious choice for me. I wanted to challenge myself and serve as a reminder (and hopefully inspire others) that there is always one more fight left within us. I'm truly grateful for Kalmar's support and the Social Club for hosting this event.

Together, we can make a difference in the fight for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful journey with me."





BBD Turns 10

12th October 2023

Celebrating BBD's 10th Birthday at the Park Hyatt Hotel are Cameron Nelson and Justin De Beer, pictured with Justinn Valerio from the University of Auckland. .



A DOUBLE RAINBOW OVER METLIFECARE ORION POINT



Fishing with Callander

13th October 2023

So how big was Ryno's fish?

Just goes to show, don't believe everything you see. It's all in the way you hold it.



The octopus was very tasty, thanks John!



Site Events

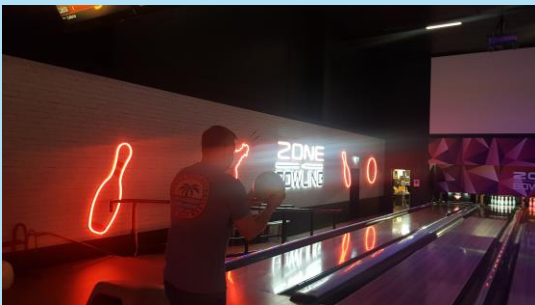
Kalmar Interiors – A Night Out Ten Pin Bowling

15th August 2023

To celebrate all the hard work, we decided to take some time out to try our hand at Ten Pin bowling!

Things started well for Justin, but too many beers (again) and he came crashing down the leader board. From memory, Cameron may have topped the standings in the end.

It was good to see the team cutting loose, knocking over a few pins and having fun.



Metlifecare Oakridge, Kerikeri

19th October 2023

Where there's a roof shout, there is always good food.





EVENTS

2023 Rugby World Cup Fever



Friday 27th October 2023

In support of both the All Blacks and the Springboks, we issued a challenge to our sites to show their support for their team by wearing a shirt in their teams' colours. Byron couldn't contain himself and wore his shirt to work on Monday too.



Social Club

By Rob La Trobe

Mid-winter Christmas at Alexander Park

29th June 2023

Always a fun night had by all at the Mid-Winter Christmas event at Alexandra Park, great food, a few laughs, some wins and some losses but overall, a success.

See you all next year.



CONFIRMED EVENTS

Rangitoto Walk
25th and 26th November 2023

Drift Car Racing
6th December 2023

PLANNED EVENTS

January – Fishing Trip

February – Waiheke Wine Tour

Social Club cont.

All Blacks vs South Africa – Mt Smart Stadium

15th July 2023

40 Kalmar Social Club members headed along to what was a dream night for the All Blacks who were playing South Africa at Mt Smart. The All Blacks went on to win 35-20 to a very vocal home crowd.

The All Blacks got off to a fast start, and so did the Social Club with pre-match drinks at the Good Home, before going into the sheds at halftime 20-3 up. As expected, South Africa responded in the 2nd half, but the damage had already been done. Little did we know that some 4 months later we would meet again at the 2023 Rugby World Cup Final and the tables would turn, but that's a whole other article and we congratulate the South African team and their supporters for their deserved 4th Rugby World Cup title. *Rob La Trobe*





Social Club cont.

Master Builders Charity Comedy Night

27th July 2023

There was a good turn out for the Master Builders Charity Fundraiser Comedy Night. This is a wonderful night, held annually to raise funds for KidsCan, a charity providing breakfast and lunch, as well as clothing, to children affected by poverty. Their programme assists over 200,000 children in over 1,000 schools and ECE's.

The evening provided great entertainment from three NZ comedians who provided lots of laughs and the tickets included dinner and drinks. The main focus though is about raising funds for KidsCan, and this is done through both silent and live auctions. Well done to Donovan and Ryno who successfully bid on items throughout the night as well as Bert who is now the proud recipient of a 'box of air'. A Grand Total of \$34,480 was raised, which will support an additional 95 children. It was wonderful to be involved in such a fun event with such a fulfilling purpose. *Rob La Trobe*



Social Club cont.

Cheers to a Historic Night of Football: FIFA Women's World Cup Semi-finals at Eden Park

15th August 2023

Kalmar's Social Club hit the jackpot with tickets to the sold-out FIFA Women's World Cup Semi-finals at Eden Park on August 15th.

Spain took on Sweden in a thrilling showdown, with team Spain emerging victorious, and it was Spain who eventually clinched the coveted cup!

The atmosphere was electric as history unfolded on home soil. Before the match, we enjoyed pre-drinks and nibbles at the Kingslander.

Drinks flowed, and delicious "worth the wait" nibbles fuelling our excitement for the match.

New Zealand keeps proving itself as a top-notch host for world-class events, and we can't wait for the next world cup on our turf.

