

SUMMER 2024 EDITION

By Bert Denée

Welcome to the summer edition of Kalmar News.

After the rain and foul weather last summer, the balmy weather, sunshine and calm(ish) seas that we experienced over the holiday break have been a welcome contrast this year. Hopefully you all enjoyed the holiday break and came back to work invigorated and fully recharged.

Unfortunately, the year started on a very sad note with the passing of Garry Nesbit. Garry was part of the culture of Kalmar almost from our beginnings, tending many a barbeque at company events, always being one of Kalmar's staunchest supporters, and bringing with him a ray of sunshine every time he walked into the office. He will be sorely missed.

We completed stage 1 of the Foundation complex in Parnell towards the end of last year, and this building was officially opened this week on the 13th of March by the Prime Minister The Rt. Hon. Chris Luxon as the Nathan Residences. The Kalmar site team should be rightly proud of this high-quality building, and it has deservedly been receiving accolades from the new residents and general public alike. We started work on the next stage, to be known as the Abbott Residences, on the 7th of February this year and this exacting and challenging project will keep the site team busy until well into 2026.

Whilst the construction market is seemingly quiet right now, the estimating department is once again extremely busy and we are looking forward to starting some exciting projects in the second half of this year, with a notable shift to in-situ, post-tensioned concrete structures which will also keep our Kalmar Concrete teams busy.

Sustainability, diversity and recognition of Te Ao Maori have become a non-negotiable part of our historically conservative industry. This is something that Kalmar continues to embrace, and we see real benefits coming to our business and the wider community in heading down this path.

Whilst we are all looking forward to the tangible rewards of this strategy, as Rachel Hunter once said, "It won't happen overnight but it will happen."



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Jimmy’s Point, Hobsonville

By Neil Ball

Despite having to work through the Christmas break, most of the team have enjoyed a well-deserved break, and continue to enjoy the glorious weather this summer has had to offer.

The project team comprises Branden Venter, Pieter Swart, Yulia Mokshina, Gerhard Steenkamp, Andrew Jhoond, Adrian Stewart, Murray Johnson, Adam Domok and a recent newcomer, Tony Shi. We bid farewell to Adrian during this period, as he leaves to embark on his own journey. We wish you all the best Adrian, and I have no doubt that we will see you around in the future.

The project team is making full use of the sunshine, applying the final cladding finishes, and with the tower crane dismantled, the podium infill has been completed to allow waterproofing to commence.

The building RAB is complete, and the building is weathertight. The finished building materials in the form of terracotta cladding tiles, GRC lintels, and ACP spandrel panels can now be installed. We look forward to unveiling this architecturally impressive façade.

Internally, painting and kitchen deliveries have commenced on the ground floor, with plasterboard, stopping and first fix services being completed on the upper floors to support the construction sequence.

These thirty high-end luxury apartments are starting to take shape, and visually, they are showing off the hard work everyone has put in as we work towards the completion of the show suite.

We look forward to showcasing the development at the scheduled roof shout in March, so we’ll see you all then, but for now, let the sunshine continue as we move into the completion phase of this project with the anticipated completion in the third quarter of this year.



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

By Neil Ball

With the successful completion of the demolition works, the temporary retaining walls and bulk excavation have progressed.

The project team worked through the Christmas break in preparation for the uplift of the Stage 1 (foundations) Building Consent. This was necessary due to the volume of basement rock breaking and bulk excavation. We are pleased to say that the foundation consent has now been granted allowing the basement foundations to be constructed. The team are now required to work in a planned sequence around a live existing wastewater drainage line that runs diagonally through the site in order to continue the momentum of the programme whilst the Engineering Plan Approvals (EPAs) are being progressed.

The \$64m design and build project comprises two six-storey buildings totalling 118 residential apartments over a widespread basement level for car parking with eight staged consents. The design is tracking well, and three consents have been lodged, with one already uplifted. The focus remains on the uplift of the EPAs to enable the site team to continue progressing the in-ground works.

The project team currently includes Brendon Vannan, Donald Chataira, Liam Dorotich, Brendon Matthews, James Stevens, Lance Blomfield, Paul Leaver, Joy Rivera, Jerrin Koshy and Eric Yuan. The site office is currently set up in one of the neighbouring warehouses which is likely to expand as the team grows.

Despite working through a variety of challenges progress has been good, and the weather has certainly been helpful with the in-ground works, so let's hope the sunshine continues.

Kalmar Concrete has now been established on site and we anticipate the erection of the tower crane, and foundations to be completed enough in the next period to commence the vertical construction of the basement.

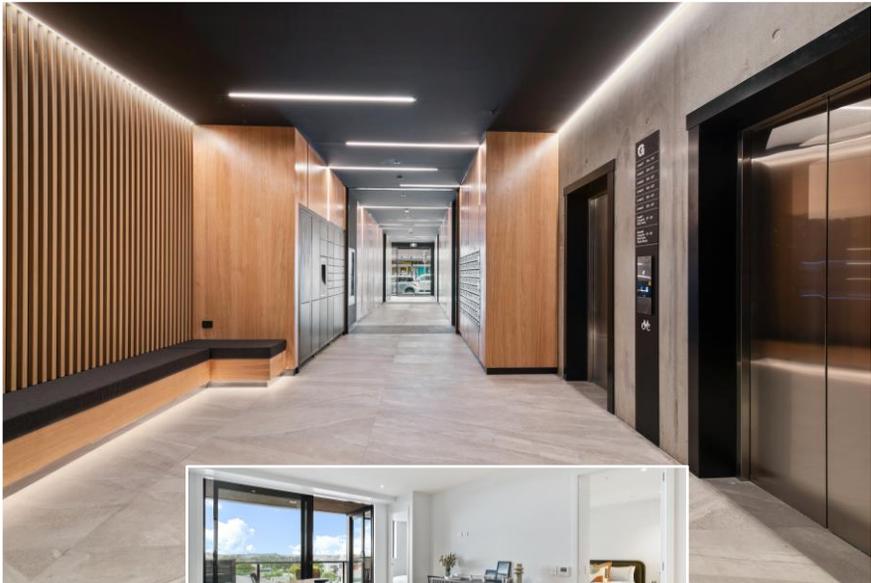


Onehunga Mall Club, Onehunga

By Ross Duxfield

Brendon Vannan and his team achieved Practical Completion in January 2024.

102 Apartments with a mixture of 2- and 1- bedrooms, 2 levels of car parks and two retail spaces. The team worked very hard to get this 9-level building for Lamont and Co over the line and have now moved on to their next project, and they are proud to have left behind a permanent change to the Onehunga skyline.



Remuera Gardens, Remuera

By Ross Duxfield

The project is now close to having the structure completed.

The last concrete slab pour is booked for 20th February 2024.

In between many social events, the project team has made great progress as can be seen in the aerial photo below. Fit-out and façade are now well underway.



We have welcomed Nick Watson to the team. Nick joins us to fill big shoes, those of Gene Larsen who is hanging up his safety boots in April after MANY years in construction. Gene, we wish you well in your retirement and look forward to hearing how your golf handicap has improved and how the fish have gotten considerably bigger.



Marc Barton, Derrick Morby, Harrison Chapman and Sukhdeep Sidhu have also joined the team. Their role is to close the two building facades over the coming months as the interior fit-out gets underway. Manie Maritz, also new to the team, will manage this aspect of the project and will be assisted by others as the need arises.

When most were winding down over the holiday, our team was making moves. Ann Chia jetted off to Singapore and Malaysia for some well-deserved R&R with her daughter. Harold Fulo embarked on an adventure to the Philippines and Hong Kong, soaking up the sun and sights.

Meanwhile, Kaustubh Shinde spent his holiday channelling his inner builder. After receiving sky high quotes for a new deck, he decided to roll up his sleeves to tackle the project himself (and probably earned a few blisters). Talk about a true QS move!

Our social calendar has been anything but quiet these past few months. In November 2023, we kicked things off with a site visit, fuelled by Luke's legendary pulled pork and crackling.



Remuera Gardens, Remuera cont.

We also took a break for a team dinner at a Korean BBQ restaurant in town – nothing fancy, just good food and good company.



And who could forget the adrenaline-fueled paintball showdown at Woodhill Forest?

Kalmar Construction versus Kalmar Concrete with a few OMC team members thrown into the mix. Kalmar Concrete emerged victorious, beating Kalmar Construction in every game.



We wrapped up 2023 and kicked off 2024 with a couple of BBQ's. One to say goodbye to 2023 and the other to welcome our newest team members. Food disappeared faster than a tape measure in a toolbox!

We recently welcomed the administration team from the head office to one of Luke's famous cook ups and it went very well. Lee Savage joined the team, as can be seen in the photo. We all know how he likes to be among the ladies.



Park Green Neighbourhood Centre, Hingaia

By Ross Duxfield

This is a project that we got underway late in December 2023.

Our Client is the Hugh Green Group, and the project is the result of an Early Contractor Involvement process that ran for most of 2023.

The project consists of a café, retail shops and an early childhood education centre. We set up on site in December 2023 and have since gotten underway with the café and retail shops. Completion is scheduled for late this year.

The team comprises Craig Mullane as Project Manager, Alan Watson as Site Manager, Vincent Escalante, Mikhail Filatov is the administrating QS and Luca Denee is the procurement QS. Progress is going well with foundations well underway to retail and the slab to the café poured. Works to the ECE will start in March.



Metlifecare Orion Point, Hobsonville

By Nicholas Botha

Santa arrived right on schedule this year for the Orion Point team, delivering two buildings just in the nick of time. This allowed everyone to relax and enjoy a well-deserved break. Although the challenges increased towards the end of the year, the team persevered.

Building D – Separable Portion 2a achieved practical completion on 22nd November 2023. Metlifecare has since taken possession of the building and furnished it, resulting in a truly spectacular product.



After handing over Building D, there was no time to rest. Building C – Separable Portion 2b was still in progress with 100+ people on site daily. The team worked tirelessly to complete Building C before Christmas, and the joy was palpable when Practical Completion was granted on 20th December 2023. The team was thrilled with their accomplishment!

Metlifecare Orion Point, Hobsonville cont.



Upon returning from the break, the team significantly downsized, leaving only a few members to finalise subcontractor final accounts and to complete the deferred works. The remaining team members are scheduled to depart by the end of February to join other projects. Achieving a final account settlement with Metlifecare in early February 2024 was a significant accomplishment, and everyone involved can take pride in their contributions.

The current focus is on closing out remaining defects and deferred works by the end of February, which Dylan Fourie and Zubin Hansotia are diligently working towards achieving. Uplifting the Code Compliance Certificate on Blocks E, F, C, D, and the Carports, will also be a significant milestone to achieve.

After a demanding three-year journey, the team is pleased to see the successful conclusion of this project. The monumental achievements during this time are commendable. I wish everyone the best in their future endeavours and projects.

Thanks team, Nicholas.



Proxima Residences, Newton

By Neil Spencer

Proxima is a 9-level apartment building, with an upmarket specification located adjacent to Newton Road in Eden Terrace. There are 67 apartments between Levels 3 and 9. Apartments are a mixture of 1 and 2 bedrooms on level 3 - 8 and level 9 contains 4 penthouses.

In addition to the main building there is an existing 2 storey building on the site which is currently being refurbished as part of the contract.



Construction has progressed to the point where the roof has been completed, and façade and balcony finishes are nearing completion. Internally apartments led by Pedro Mancuso, with Rafiq Shiekh and Bernard Tan in support are in the process of being defected by Kalmar and architect inspections have commenced on Level 3-8. GIB linings and stopping of common areas are also nearing completion and decorations have commenced.

Level 9, which is made up of 4 penthouse apartments is progressing well under the direction of Dave Karim with Gib lining to walls nearing completion and ceiling framing well underway.

The builder's lift is now in use and the twin passenger and goods hoist will be dismantled in the coming days.



Jason Underhay, supported by Lordkarlo Ibarra and Karsten Jaeger, is managing the façade works and the external scaffold is planned to be stripped in the very near future, which will reveal the fruits of all the façade team's labours and expose the finished product to the public for the first time. The Façade cladding finishes are a mixture of Flashclad aluminum Weatherboard, ACP panels, Insol louvres and Innwood soffits, with glass balustrades.

The commercial team, Thomas Van Roekel, Pierre Gonzales, Jessica Brewitt and Thomas Lindstrom are beavering away with progress payments, variations and managing the subs expectations.

External works are in progress with the vehicle entry ramp complete and footpath and main pedestrian entry currently underway.

The site team has undergone further changes with the recent addition of Karsten Jaeger, Domingo Espinosa, David Karim and Bernard Tan with Paul Leaver departing to join the Fabric Stage 2 project.

The project has been split into 2 separable portions with completion dates, April and July 2024.

The team has ventured out recently, with a dinner in Newmarket at a Chinese restaurant with ZYJ and the Skybar for a few drinks to celebrate recent milestones.

Thanks for your support and effort, Neil.



Metlifecare Oakridge, Kerikeri

By Dillon Taylor



Oakridge is a Care building comprising 65 care suites and amenities that will add to the existing village of approximately 100 villas in the center of Kerikeri. 15 Care suites form a dementia unit which will be the first available in Kerikeri.

Since the hurdles of the roof truss supply issues last year, the roof has now been completed and the majority of the scaffold has been removed showing the hard work Arthur, Wayne and our team of contractors have put into the façade over the last 6 months. There is a small section of scaffold remaining around the building’s Port Cochere with a site BBQ planned for once this has been removed, achieving a great milestone for the project of having the façade elements completed.



Work has been progressing well inside under the watch full eyes of Edmund and Rheinhardt, now having the GIB lining complete in all areas. December saw the last of the prefabricated bathroom pods installed by Rheinhardt and his crew of LBY carpenters and after a lot of planning the install went very smoothly. This is a great milestone for the team after the pods have been sitting on site since mid-2023 waiting for the roof and GIB work to be completed before installation. The cabinetry in the care suites is now nearing completion in the final few suites with second fix and flooring following right behind. The final common areas of the building have their stopping and painting ongoing with cabinetry installation imminent. These common areas include a café, hair salon, commercial kitchen, libraries and common dining and lounge areas for the residents.

The project achieved a 6 Star Greenstar rating for the design and under Laksh’s management we are on track to a maintain this 6 Star rating through the construction phase too. One part of the project’s Greenstar requirements is focussed on staff welfare and so we have been receiving weekly deliveries of fruit from one of the local orchards to promote healthy eating, have had general awareness training from Mates in Construction and have had Smoke Free visit the site later to try and encourage anyone they can from the site team to break their addiction. The initiatives implemented on site so far have been well received and have been a great addition to keep the morale up on site.

Kalmar Concrete has re-established themselves in Kerikeri with Shane (Shifty) Punter and his crew of carpenters working on our channel drains and hard landscaping. The team working under Wayne’s guidance has made great progress so far with the first half of the patios and footpaths poured and the second half well underway. Greenscene who is subcontracted directly to Metlifecare have also started on site, following the hard landscaping with the external areas starting to take shape.

The project is now moving into the focus of completing areas ready for architect’s inspections and the preparation for the extensive commissioning that a care building like this, and our Greenstar 6 rating requires. The current momentum we have positions the project well to finish on time.

Thanks Team Kerikeri.

The Foundation, the Nathan Residences, Parnell

By Nathan Halloran

Stunning is the word most commonly used to describe the appearance of the first stage of The Foundation.

Residents have now started occupying the building and they, and their visitors, have been extremely complimentary of the standard of finish that the team has achieved. This was no small task, and thanks go out to the Client Team, Subcontractors and the thirty-odd members of the Kalmar Construction Team who all worked tirelessly to achieve this result.



13th March 2024

The Foundation – the Nathan Residences was officially opened on Wednesday by Prime Minister Christopher Luxon.

Rob Cunnington pictured with Chris Luxon.

The Foundation, the Abbott Residences, Parnell

By Nathan Halloran

Introducing the next stage.

Kalmar Construction is proud to announce that we have been engaged by The Foundation Village Partnership to build the second stage of The Foundation Village.

The village’s second stage, the Abbott Residences, comprises 60 retirement apartments across six levels with underground basement parking and storage. The apartments include a luxurious high-end specification featuring large, full height windows, 2.7m high ceilings, hand painted French wallpaper and generously proportioned covered balconies. Similarly to Stage 1, balconies are set back from the façade, creating a more refined façade appearance whilst ensuring privacy between apartments balconies.

The in-situ structure requires extremely tight tolerances in the vertical and horizontal alignment, to allow the facade to be aligned vertically and horizontally. All works to the structure will be constructed again by Kalmar Concrete.

The façade has over 16,500 individually cut and fitted pieces of Jura limestone which has been processed in Germany and will be finished on site.

The internal fit-out features a substantial number of complex finishes and detailing requiring significant amounts of out of sequence work, which needs to be carefully planned to minimise potential damage to finished works during construction.

Several significant challenges face the construction team on Stage 2. The proximity of the build to Birthcare and other sensitive medical facilities mean noise and vibration controls require careful planning of any noisy or vibration generating works, including the piling, mechanical and structural upgrades to Birthcare basement.

Works commenced on site on the 7th February with piling currently underway. Again, as per stage 1 a “hammerhead” type tower crane will be utilised including twin concrete boom pumps and an extensive traffic management schedule.

Nicholas Botha and Michael van der Walt will be leading the Kalmar build team with Vasily Bokun heading up the commercial side. The completion of the build is scheduled for August 2026.



University of Auckland, Beatie Lodge, Kensington House and the Ministry of Social Development

By Justin De Beer

University of Auckland – Building B114 – Office and Classroom Fit-out

Take 60 Working days, 19 subcontractors, 1 Christmas holiday, Kalmar Interiors and wonderful support from the Client and Consultants. This is the simple recipe for a 100% successful project delivery. It was a mammoth task completing this \$2.5 million fit-out for the University of Auckland in 60 days, but under the wonderful onsite leadership of Brandon Hayes, the team got it done! From Alice Holroyd (Interiors QS) blazing through the procurement of 19 subcontracts in just over a week through to the fantastic work Cameron Nelson did on the close out paperwork, this was truly a monumental Kalmar Interiors team effort. They operated at a level others can only admire and applaud. Well done! The big celebration was well deserved.



Beatie Lodge and Kensington House Roof Replacement

The Interiors team have successfully handed over the project and the building looks new again. The project required the removal of the old roofing and replacing it with 3,746m² of new Colorsteel roofing. Considering this work was all done whilst maintaining the full operation of the retirement village speaks volumes of Cameron Nelson’s commitment to being prepared and organised whilst juggling a number of variables, not least the weather. Well done Cam!

Kensington House Refurbishment

Donovan Ratner is our man in Remuera on a “special operations” task taking charge of a very extensive refurbishment of the existing retirement village. The works involve a full soft demolition of the existing care units, recladding the building, extending the floor area of the building, running brand new services throughout, new bathrooms, kitchens and living areas to create 17 care suites. Oh yes - and keeping the building fully operational as we do all of this. Truly the Interiors special ops team at its best. Stage 1 is due for completion in May and is on track. Well done “The Don” keep up the great work.

Ministry of Social Development – Pukekohe – Kitchen and Toilet Refurbishment

Following the successful office fit-out earlier in the year, our Client re-engaged us to do a full kitchen and toilet refurbishment. As always, this was a very tight programme and work was undertaken in a live building environment. The final product looks great and a big thanks to our team together with the sub-contractors who did their magic as always.

Updates from Health and Safety

By Gregory Bailey

Well, it's finally here, Safety Space 2

Previously only available on PC's or laptops, upgrades have been made to Safety Space to create a more user-friendly environment and to make it available as a phone App on both Apple and Android.

The new App ensures that information loaded is not lost if Wi-Fi connection is lost. We all know how handy this will be when completing site inspections and internal audits.

There are several new functions available including online Safe Work Statements, Hazardous Substance Inventory, Toolbox Meeting Minutes, etc.

The Dashboard has been updated with changes in the layout and any adjustments that need to be made will be done so as required. Actions have a new look with additional functions added that offer assistance, one of which is email notifications that can be sent out if actions are required.

2024 Health, Safety & Wellbeing Awards, Graduation & Scholarship Sponsorships

On Wednesday 6th March 2024 we attended the 17th annual Evening of Celebration in Auckland. Donald Chataira, Cole Prendergast and Nick Watson were graduates of the H&S Construction Programme and Justin Savage presented the Kalmar sponsored Mental Health and Wellbeing Award to this year's winner, Link Alliance.

Link Alliance is made up of a consortium of seven companies, including CRL Ltd. who are delivering the main stations and tunnels for the CRL project. As part of their renewed commitment to make a positive impact on the mental health and wellbeing of their team, they held discussions with focus groups, team members and leaders to develop a new objective to build a mentally healthy workplace supported by an industry leading wellbeing programme.



From left to right are Greg Bailey, Justin Savage, Kristen Todd, Cole Prendergast, Nick Watson and Donald Chataira

Updates from Health and Safety cont.



Certificates were presented by Brett Murray from Site Safe who is pictured from left with Cole Prendergast, Donald Chataira and Nick Watson. (Nick graduated in 2023, but was unable to attend the 2023 event).



Justin Savage above right, presenting the Kalmar sponsored Mental Health and Wellbeing Award to this year's winner, Link Alliance who are pictured below



Tying the Knot



Jerrin Koshy and Reethu Elza Joseph

Jerrin and Reethu were officially engaged on 30th August 2023 at St John's Cathedral in Kerala, India.

They were married on 10th September 2023 at Jerrin's church, the Immanuel Orthodox Church in Kerala, India.

Both occasions were celebrated with their friends and family. More than 700 people, combined over the two events, were in attendance.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Goa on the southwestern coast of India.

Congratulations to you both. May your journey be filled with love, understanding and companionship.



New Arrivals



Pieter and Stephanie Swart

Congratulations to Pieter and Stephanie on the birth of their second child Chaise who arrived on the 23rd of December 2023 "a little earlier than expected."



New Arrivals cont.

Cameron and Kerry Nelson

Cameron and Kerry are thrilled to be first time parents. Malakai Asher Nelson was born on 12th February 2024. He is strong and healthy and already the apple of his daddy's eye.

Welcome to the world Malakai. You have already changed your parents' world in the best way possible.



Byron and Kerry Westcott

June 2024 is going to be an exciting month for Byron and Kerry who are expecting their second child.

Beauden did a great job at the reveal party, as a soon to be big brother, when he made a star appearance carrying pink balloons.



Honeybees at Remuera Gardens

16th December 2023

Paul Dine did a check on his honeybees at Remuera Gardens and found that “the girls” had done their best to bring a little sweet cheer to the site team. Pictured below are a few happy recipients with their honeypots.



If you are interested in keeping bees of your own, Paul is happy to offer advice. He is a member of the Auckland Bee Club and a registered inspector for AFB with MPI.

GIVING
 **back**

Kalmar supplied ten hams to the City Mission in December 2023.

Thank you for helping spread a little aroha to those most in need.

Meri Kirihimete

From all of us here at the Auckland City Mission - Te Tāpui Atawhai, thank you for standing with Aucklanders in need this year. My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones this Christmas and New Year.

Ngā mihi maioha,



Helen Robinson
 Auckland City Missioner – Manutaki



Head Office



Our much-anticipated Secret Santa started with bubbles and good food! Our in-house reindeer handed out the gifts. Starting with the biggest box, which put Cole Prendergast first (photographed bottom left).



Long Service Awards 2023

15th December 2023

At our annual Christmas lunch, we celebrated staff who have been part of Kalmar for a significant number of years.

Years of Service ranging from 20 years to 5 years highlight the diversity and character of the people who make up the fabric of Kalmar's culture.

Awards were presented by Bert Denee who appears in most of the photos on the far left.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Lüder Stock, Justin Savage, Cliff Busher, Alan Watson and Neil Ball.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Tevita Tahaafe and Henele Langi.



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Craig Curling, Nick Watson, Jason Underhay and Lukasz Kus (absent).



5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Craig Mullane, Adrian Stewart, Dillon Taylor, Brendon Vannan, Eric Yuan, Justin De Beer, Luca Denee, Manie Maritz, Ricky Bando, Crisanto Basalan, Michael Biazon, Regie De Guzman, Christellis Espiritu, Michael Estrada, Jeff Fortaleza, Mehedi Hasan, Allan Labrague, Daniel Murillo, John Nuzzi, Jerry Parcia, Arsenio Santos, Andro Sarcilla, Masum Sayal, Florencio Tejada and Sunny Vargas.



HEALTH AND SAFETY 2023 ANNUAL AWARD

This year's winner was someone who truly made safety part of everything he did and demanded a high standard from those around him.

He led by example, was inclusive and enquiring, and was a key mover in shifting our safety culture forward.

Health & Safety Excellence



Nick Watson

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Vincent Escalante, Cliff Busher, Murray Johnson and Adam Domok (absent) were recognized for their exemplary response to a medical emergency that resulted in the successful resuscitation of a cardiac arrest victim on 10th March 2023.



and now for the party photos...



Chopper Cup Regatta

21st November 2023

It's clear to see that Alice is in her element on the water.

This event is high on our favourite list and one that we look forward to every year.

There were 32 boats in the 2023 regatta, the weather was perfect, and we were lucky enough to secure the same boat and skipper that we had in 2022. The race was enjoyed by everyone on board, though it appears that it was certainly not a stressful event, everyone looks particularly relaxed.

\$170,000 was raised for the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust allowing many more lives to be saved across this summer.



NZIOB / Kalmar Fishing Competition

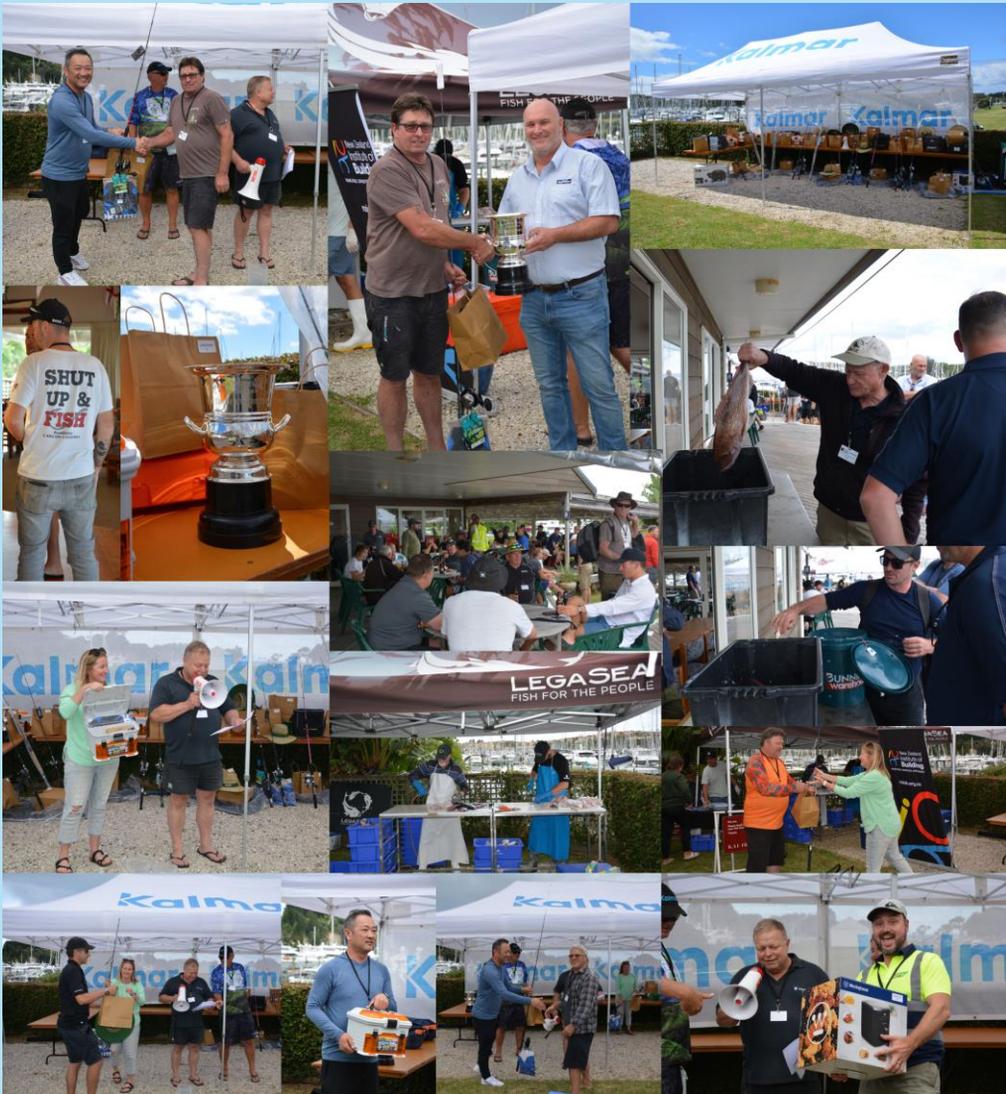
8th March 2024

Another successful fishing competition is wrapped up.

Thank you to all our sponsors for your continued support and contributing to the success of this event.

Whilst fishing on the day is unpredictable, it's always a great day out, and good to catch up at the club at the end of the day to compare experiences.

The heaviest snapper prize and the Eric Campbell Memorial Trophy go to Craig Johnston with a fish weighing 5.649kg.



EVENTS

Site Events

Head Office Morning Tea

13th December 2023

Thank you to The Labour Exchange who put on another excellent Morning Tea Shout for Head Office staff in December.

Meetings were scheduled around the event and panic set in when the food arrived later than expected (Auckland traffic).

This was a wonderful treat and was well received by everyone at HO on the day.



Business House Bowls 2024 (Browns Bay)

28th February 2024

Week 7 was the much-anticipated dress up night. One Kalmar team, the Kalmar Krooks, dressed as prisoners, the other, the Kalmar Kowboys dressed as Mexicans. It was a fun night, but the bowls wasn't very impressive! Rumour has it, Lee Savage has been spotted wearing his outfit on weekends!



NZIOB – Northern Region Bowls 2024

15th February 2024

As winners of the 2023 event, it was necessary for us to defend our title.

Being such a popular event, we decided to spread the fun and entered two teams. The “defenders” and our all new team took to the bowling green in their Summer Vibes; fancy dress was optional, and had a great night with great company.

Whilst we did not take first prize, we managed to win the second and third places and maintained our bowling mana. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Social Club

By Rob La Trobe

Rangitoto Walk

25th and 26th November 2023

Rangitoto Summit Walk, finally after 5 rounds of cancellations due to bad weather a group of 25 were able to make the trip and take in the breathtaking views of Tamaki Makaurau.



Social Club cont.

By Rob La Trobe

Blastacars Drift Kart Racing

6th December 2023

Congratulations to Brendon Vannan who beat 25 drivers to take out the competition and stand atop the podium.



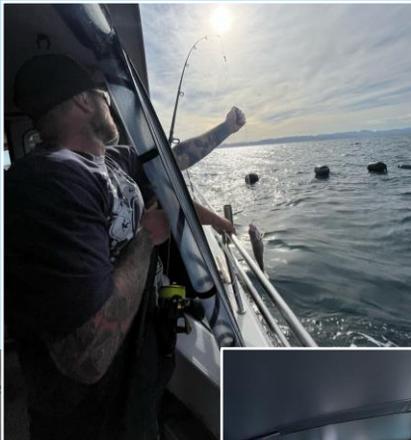
Social Club cont.

By Luke Kus

Fishing Trip

Sunday, 18th February 2024

Great day out on the boat. Caught some fish. Nothing major. Clearly a man who knows how to spin a tale about a day on the water with mates and a fishing rod....



Social Club cont.

By Inna Goodwin

Waiheke Wine and Dine

Saturday, 2nd March 2024

Our Social Club embarked on an adventure to Waiheke Island, starting with a scenic ferry ride.

We gathered at The Heke for a sumptuous lunch followed by an exciting whisky and spirit tasting at the distillery. Throughout the day, the venue provided entertainment with various games available.

Following the distillery experience, some members opted to bask in the sun at Onetangi Beach, while others ventured to Stonyridge Winery to indulge in more drinks against the backdrop of vines and olive trees.

Despite the gloomy start, the weather held out, treating us to a sunny day filled with fun and laughter. It was a perfect opportunity to catch up with peers, unwind, and make the most of Waiheke Island's charms.

