

# THE HARD YARDS HERALD

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## Full steam ahead in Auckland Wynyard Quarter

Wynyard Central East 2 is continuing to reach its milestones with good progress on both the pavilions and apartment structure. Recent key milestones include:

- Erection of the steel structure to the first two pavilion buildings
- Completion of the 3500m<sup>2</sup> basement slab and of the basement perimeter
- Start of the installation of the level-1 double tees.

The site has changed dramatically in the past month and pressure is now on to get the structure up to accommodate the high-quality façade and apartment fitouts. With summer approaching we doubt there's a better place to work than the sunny Auckland Viaduct!



## Victoria University's Rutherford House on target



After 18 months' work, a new annex tower extension for the School of Commerce at Victoria University's Rutherford House, opposite Wellington railway station, is on target for completion in mid-October.

The entire project team is focused on getting the building operational. Regular floor inspections over the past six weeks mean the project is in good shape for a successful handover on time.

A zero-disruption programme has been in place from day one. It's been a complex job with a major new build and refurbishment carried out adjacent to

a busy campus.

Commerce staff and students will soon enjoy new teaching and seminar spaces, and new open-plan and traditional offices. These are joined by an open and modern podium floor with new entrances and light-filled atriums that create a vastly improved learning area.



**GREAT PROGRESS** down at the Cuba Dixon job in Wellington, with the façade looking better by the day.

## The positive effects of teamwork on health and safety

Teamwork is a major contributing factor to the success of every project, and this is definitely the case when it comes to providing a safe and healthy work environment.

Construction teams are made up of all kinds of people on sites - our staff, subbies, suppliers and the client - and they all have to work together as a team to improve the way we work.

I'm very proud to say that LTM's approach to training teams (including individuals) to take ownership of their own health and safety as well as those around them every day, is on track!

As a result, incidents have reduced and those creeping in are generally minor in nature, with the amount of time off having reduced.

Given our increase in workload over recent years, this is impressive. It comes down to the hard work that teams (and individuals) are putting in. As a company, LTM is well regarded in the construction industry as a safe and reliable place to work.

Some good independent feedback on our health and safety practices came in August when a senior officer from the council visited our PWC Site 10 on the Wellington waterfront. He later emailed LTM to describe our processes as 'exemplary and impressive'. So well done everybody. Keep up the good work!

Remember, if you have any ideas on how we can better our health and safety practices, or any initiatives please let your health and safety reps know (below). Our next committee meeting will be on 25 November.

*Chris Diston*

**LTM's CURRENT H&S REPS ARE: Vao, Albie, Tony Gormley, Graham Little, Bill Manuel, Chris Guile, Bryce Hunter, Steve Lowe, Otto Rasch and Martin Sheehan.**

## 'Above and beyond', client says

Bill Tonkin, director of Scientific Software and Systems Limited (SSS), sent this email to LTM about a job at the IBM building in Petone:

"I want to let you know how grateful I am to Hoani, Gary and the other men that assisted with the glass this morning.

Their actions went well above and beyond my normal expectations, and they have provided another example of why I had such faith in LTM as the prime contractor on this job.

As project and site manager, Hoani:

- took responsibility for a problem that was not of his making,
- tried conventional approaches, but when faced with an uncooperative subcontractor, took appropriate practical action to progress the project at a time when speed matters most.

The men started very early so as not to affect any other building tenant, undertook a physically demanding task with fragile materials and succeeded.

The process undertaken by Hoani showed awareness on many different level; awareness for the client, for the company, for the men involved and for the public.

I just didn't want to let this matter go without passing comment, as I think this reflects very well on Hoani personally and on LTM as a company.

Best wishes.  
Bill"

## Site 10 crane erected



**ALL IN A DAY'S WORK** on Saturday 1 October: our tower crane was erected on Site 10 on the Wellington waterfront - a great effort to get it completed in one day.

### New team members on board in Auckland

It's been an exciting few months in Auckland with starts for our second University of Auckland project and for our new head office fit-out in Grey Lynn, plus bringing on board new team members.

Welcome to Scott McCallum, Danilo Tomas, Aurelio Amano, Alex Cousins, Josh Klein, Sarah McGuinness, Thomas Pratt, Carlos Mercado, Arnel Jadloc Hilirio Guzman and Jonard Gaces. Addition of these fine people further extends our capacity to complete current and future Auckland projects.

### Team effort in quiz night

Much like the All Blacks, the 'McGuinness A's' stormed home in the last 20 minutes to claim the inaugural NZ Institute of Building quiz night in golden-point extra time and put another LTM stake in the Auckland turf. It was a team effort with:

- Pete Dynan's tactical nous to play the joker in the last round and keep the scoreboard ticking over (but try not to get your Cindy's and Claudia's mixed up again this weekend).
- Morgan Loughnan, like any good QS who knows a bit about lot, picked up points in each round.
- Surprise package Seamus Nolan with his specialist topic: 'Catherine Zeta-Jones movies since 1998'.

- Takeshi 'The Bridge' Burden was selective with his answers but was carried through by 'Rohan, Son of Thor', and Tom 'I've got all the answers'.
- Dennis '60 Bricks' Bowes kept team morale soaring with constant heckling and his fondness for Margaret Thatcher.

And top marks to Chris 'I'm from Wellington' McGuinness for winning the heads-and-tails prize, and Scott for a top-three placing in 'smartest man in the room'.

As for the 'LT McGenius' team, it was a valiant effort to come home mid-table. Their blistering start put pressure on the other teams and paved the way for the A's. You can't win the Tour de France on your own.

### Top 10-pin bowlers

The Auckland Social Club's first event in August was a memorable one - congratulations to Rowan Smith, 10-pin bowling top scorer, and to team winners 'Mighty Maedas'. Commiserations to Ollie MacMillan, last in the bowling (by a long way, we're told).



## 'The Apprentice, Wingate'



Wingate apprentices (from left): Evan Anderson, Phil Stephens and L A Moemai, with tutor Rod McLeod on right.

Come rain, hail and even sleet, every second Saturday for around six months, four keen LTM apprentices have descended on the Wingate Yard to build a sleep-out for Habitat for Humanity, and cover off various units needed to complete their

apprenticeships.

Despite only a slight resemblance to the infamous reality TV show, we may yet get our version on television. Due to his electioneering commitments in the US, The Donald has been replaced by The Peter, who has taken to the role like a duck to water.

The cast of Phil, James, LA, Evan and Bernard have been under the directorship of Rod McLeod. His skills and teaching ability have seen the guys perform with distinction - they may even be up for an LT Emmy™ or two.

One variation on the TV series is that nobody ever gets told, "You're fired!", although The Peter says he's working on that.

On a serious note, this is a win-win for all. Habitat gets a first class building and the lads get great hands-on tutoring. Thanks Rod for your time and expertise, and thanks to the Yard support crew who ensure there's always milk in the fridge.

On the personnel front, warm welcomes to Jens Normann, who has joined us at the Yard in his role as crane manager; to labourer Manaraina Collins-Lucic and to our latest Roblawmax man, Rob Boyd.



**IT ALL ADDS UP:** At Project 44 The Terrace, a successful formula was rolled out for another top fit-out: 16 months + 13 floors + 7 tenants + 4 clients + 2 project teams = job well done.

A fine effort by management team David A, Adam G and Graham L, and the onsite team of Joel D, Paul S, Phil B, Joe K, Pete C and Connor L.



## Celebrations all round

Vao Palemene was presented with his pewter for 10-years' service by Sean McGuinness on 5 August.

Celebrated at the same time was completion of two big LTM jobs, 56 The Terrace and David Jones.

## Propping up the Lions

Well done Finbarr Kerr-Newell, Resident Services Manager at Clyde Quay Wharf, who made his first appearance for the Wellington Lions against Northland in Whangarei on 22 September.

In his 20 minutes off the bench, front rower Finbarr contributed to Wellington's win with six tackles and two carries while conceding just one scrum penalty. "It was a game of two halves and a tough battle but the boys pulled through for the win," says Finnbar, who played in the unaccustomed position of tighthead prop.

## Match of the day

In another match of the day, congratulations to Katy Kemp and Evan Anderson who have announced their engagement - a first match for LTM.

## 'Ironmaori' fundraiser

Good luck to the five LTM teams and four soloists who are training hard for the 'Ironmaori' fundraiser in Napier on 3 December. Each team has a swimmer, cyclist and runner. All funds raised will go to the Wellington Children's Hospital - see <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/ltmironman#>.



## HANDY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT

A new FARO point cloud scanner that can scan a building's interior and exterior is proving a useful piece of kit. We've already used it to scan the façade of Bowen House (above) and the ceiling services of Bowen. The scanner produces 3D models so we can measure dimensions and share them with consultants and others involved in a project.

## New arrivals

Congratulations to **Amby Talamaivao** and his partner **Faith Milkins** on the birth of **Archie Cruz** (right) on 1 August.



Congratulations too to **Nick and Fleur Morris** on the birth of **Heidi Camille Morris** (left) on 18 August. She's a 'bundle of joy' says proud Dad, and her favourite All Black is Beauden Barrett.

Best wishes to **Sione and Heidi Feki** on the birth of **Ioane** on 4 September.

And best wishes to **Ben Whaanga** and **Danelle** on the arrival of **Samuel** on 9 September.

## Trailer still does the hard yards

The original LTM trailer, here on the job at St Patrick's primary school in Kapiti, is still doing the hard yards on a daily basis. That's despite new apprentice Jack Craughwell putting a few dents in it as he learns how to reverse.

