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An 'outstanding job' as East 2 Pavilion handed over

It is with great pleasure we can announce the completion of the first stage of the Wynyard Central East 2 Project. Due to hard work by all the team, the Pavilion apartment building was handed over on the original programme completion date of Friday 15 September.

The team has done an outstanding job to produce a spectacular building inside and out. It's one to be proud of and has taken some very long nights and weekends. We are sure the local Domino's Pizza will be sad we have finished.

We are now focusing on the second stage of the project which will be complete in April 2018.



Some of the East 2 crew enjoy a celebratory Lion Brown, imported all the way from Wellington.

Building award winners

Congratulations to Kerrin Manuel and Chris Murray who were recognised at the New Zealand Institute of Building Awards dinner in Auckland on 25 August:



Kerrin won the James Hardie Innovation Excellence Award for his work on St Mary of the Angels.

Setting priorities



These lads know how to prioritise – the first stage completed by Tony G and his team at 100 Taranaki Street was the brewery. The clients had to leave their existing premises early so the team finished four weeks' work in two. 5000L of beer now beckons thirsty punters and more is being brewed.



Chris won the Colorsteel Projects \$10–\$25 million, Highly Commended Award for his work on the David Jones department store.

Health and Safety: Accidents only happen to others - or do they?

We all have a Super Hero inside who at times makes us believe we are indestructible and that accidents only happen to others!

This belief encourages us to take risks we would consider dangerous to other people. How often do you stop and ask yourself, "Would you let someone else do it your way?"

We are programmed to save time and effort and will often take incredible risks to save just small amounts of time.

These short cuts can become routine but can also be unsafe. We need to balance the time versus the risks. Ask yourself this question: "Is taking the risk really worth it?"

See enclosed update on Hazardous Substances rule changes.



Welcome to new LTM staff

Welcome to these new staff who have recently begun working for LTM:

In Auckland

Alfredo Hilario	Declan Scanlon
Crespin Magsago	Abraham Galerio
Bohan Lin	James Cotton

In Wellington

Jonathan Bailey	Bryin Malone
Ryan Cook	Callum Beal
Callum Burns	Josiah Boulton

Les Taylor remembered

It is sad to note the passing of LT Legend, Les Taylor, writes Peter McGuinness.

Les was born in Wanganui on 1 October 1928. I first met him in 1993 when we were tendering for the Honda Cars building in Wellington.

Les's company, Steel Structures, had provided a price for the steelwork and we met Les as part of the acceptance process. His company had carried out large contracts including major wool stores at Seaview and the Basin Reserve's RA Vance stand.

Looking back 25 years later, Les was then 63, an age when most people are contemplating retirement. But for the next 25 years Les worked for LTM, retiring only three months ago at age 88.

What made Les so unique was not only his engineering skill but his boundless energy and engaging personality. Over the last few years Les worked at our depot, manufacturing and maintaining plant. Rob the yard manager had to adapt our H&S plan to cater for an 80-year-old but was happy to do it as he told me Les was a calming influence when the pressure was on.

Les set a wonderful example to our young staff with his early starts, enthusiasm for work and ability to communicate and encourage them. In later years, Les also became the captain of our business house bowls team.

Our deepest sympathy go to his wife Joy and family.



Volcanic underfloor discovery

Staff working on the University of Auckland project in Newmarket thought they had seen it all, but what they found beneath the floors was something else again.

Throughout the excavated areas, they discovered 15,000-year-old lava flows. The lava had been historically cut for foundation and tie beams by earlier builders.

Working with it today is truly testing the teams and their breakers.

Chris, John and Jack are leading the team at Newmarket as they now mark a quarter way through creating the new Exercise Science School.



◀ PHOTO: The volcanic lava flow beneath the building. It lies directly under the existing footings which had been cut into it. Across the wider Auckland area, there are 48 volcanic cones.

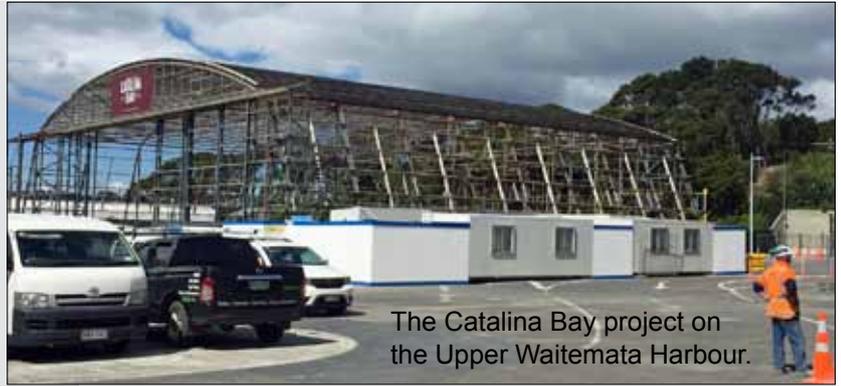
Great progress on Catalina Bay project

Stage 1A is on target for completion by the end of this December, with the first stage handover the Farmers Market. It will be operational on weekends from mid-October and we are currently accommodating various tenant request additions before then.

The first fit-out has started in the South Workshop for HLC. It's a really tight programme and the team are working hard to integrate the works with the basebuild.

The first piece of glass went up on the façade this month. Working with existing 100-year-old steel frames has brought its fair share of challenges for the subcontractor but the glass looks primo in place.

Stage 1B, 'aka' the Sunderland Hangar design, is progressing well. A Little Creatures brewery on the



The Catalina Bay project on the Upper Waitemata Harbour.

ground floor will open to the public by Christmas 2018 with other tenant fit-outs continuing into early 2019. Initial pricing has been submitted and the first pile is programmed to be drilled mid-late October.

Foundation & Civils Drainage EWP is out for tender whilst the design is finalised for the balance of works to be tendered later in the year.

Old truck shudders off

by Rob Dickinson, Chief Yard Reporter.

After 12 years' faithful service, the Yard's old workhorse has finally been put out to pasture. The truck that is, not me.

Punching well above her weight - quite literally on occasions with Fish's infamous loads - the only screaming we heard was when she was approaching 90km/h. This came in handy as a kind of 'self-speed limiter', keeping the drivers legal and saving the embarrassment of wearing earmuffs!

The shiny new truck, which *will* remain shiny for a long time, has all the mod cons (that's modern conveniences, for younger readers) that will make life easier and the truck's operation safer.

The quieter engine also allows the driver

to actually hear the radio. It has a fancy diesel particulate diffuser that, in simple terms, diffuses diesel particulates, which I think is quite a big deal to James Shaw.

More importantly, the payload has increased by a ton. We can now take 2½ ton which will lead to more efficiencies. But, sorry Nick T, no hiab! Maybe on the next truck...



"Out with the old (right), and in with the new"

TREETOP ADVENTURES: Great to see so many at the Auckland Social Club's event at 'Tree Adventures' at Woodhill Forest in September. Everyone had a great time on the high ropes

and zip lining course although there were a few sore muscles the next day. Ten courses are set at heights up to 14m. By the end of the day, a brave few had conquered deep fears and cleared the highest and hardest courses. **Far right:** Johnny Byrne at home in the tree tops.



Wellington Social Club bowlers

A great ten-pin bowling night on 16 September was capped off by the All Blacks' big win over South Africa, 57-0.

Out on the bowling lanes, big winners among the 60-plus LTM staff were:

Men:

- 1st - Matt Hayne
- 2nd - Graham Bowen
- 3rd - Otto Rasch.

Women:

- 1st - Claire
- 2nd - Debbie
- 3rd - Becs.

A bit more practice needed for next time: Nino Stowers.



Accolades...

From Wynyard Apartments..

Hi Matt and Aaron, thank you again for showing us around this morning. You and the team should be very proud of this project, the quality is first class. Best of luck with the rest of the apartments.

- Andrew, on behalf of property owners.

And from a Wellington publican..

A publican who was impressed with a Bowen Street steelies/demolition crew sent LTM this note:

"In the 11 years I have had the pub I have never had a group like this. Normally these kinds of people come in with the attitude that it is their right to have a shout and that they will go hard.

Your crew would be the first ones to come in and respect the right that LT McGuinness was shouting because of the work. I spoke to a number of employees and not one person was disrespectful toward the company, but best of all appreciated that fact instead of believing it was a right.

Great crew that we would love to work with again should there be an opportunity.

Well done to Team McGuinness."

Calling all golfers!

Seamus Nolan and Ronan Gilsenan are setting up a Golf Society for spring and summer outings in Auckland. Once the lads are up to par, an Auckland vs Wellington tournament could be on the cards! Any keen golfers please contact either Seamus or Ronan.

Congratulations to new parents

Best wishes to **Aaron Jeffs** and partner **Nicke Forman** on the birth of **Arlo McGavin Pedro Jeffs**, a healthy 8lbs 3 ozs when he came into this world at 2.53am on 10 August.



And congratulations also to **Seamus and Irina Nolan** on the birth of **Ezra** (left) on 30 September, LTM's first Auckland baby!

A sail around Croatia



To the relief of the Bowen teams, Adam Guile is back on the job after a trip that took in England, Wales, France, Monaco, Italy, Vatican City, Germany, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Hungary, Croatia, Spain, Portugal and Belgium.

Among many highlights, Adam says, were the Oktoberfest in Munich, sailing around Croatia (including at Dubrovnik, above), the Sziget Music Festival in Budapest, and the sun in Spain and Portugal.