

THE HARD YARDS HERALD

DECEMBER 2016

Bowen Campus project kickstarted

After two years' hard preconstruction work the Bowen Campus Redevelopment team has started onsite. The project involves strengthening and refurbishing the two large 1960s/70s' era office buildings behind Parliament.

LTM will carry out and oversee demolition of interior fit-out, strengthening, new extension to the Bowen State Building, new façade, construction of new interior, new services systems and lifts.

In the first few weeks, LTM's own 'Tip of the Spear' division has worked hard to seal the massive site's perimeter and to install a plywood village within the old carpark. The village is a huge hit with the workers onsite. It features a lot of re-purposed items from the existing buildings,



Early works are progressing well with piling and demo in full swing. The project team is looking forward to building up a full head of steam in the New Year with two tower cranes going up in January-March and up to 350 workers expected on site each day. Make Bowen Campus great again!

MAKE BOWEN CAMPUS



GREAT AGAIN

carpet, table tennis table and café style furniture, as well as the usual site offices and fully-stocked Lion Brown fridge.

Top shot for TopShop

British retailer TopShop opened on Lambton Quay on 3 November in a blaze of publicity. Another stellar effort by all involved was led by Nick Grice and Mitch Aitchison who looked after a level apiece.

The fit-out and new canopy's condensed 12-week programme featured oversize 900x900mm tiles, illuminated stretched fabric (barrisol) ceilings and alucabond feature perimeter panels.

Initially engaged to undertake just the fit-out, LTM also took over the contract for the new feature façade and canopy comprising alucabond 'goal posts', illuminated signage and aluminium fins.

Feedback to date has been great, with a UK TopShop representative classing the workmanship and build quality as some of the best she has seen worldwide. Great effort team!



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LTM's WELLINGTON OFFICE is now back in Francis Place. ALL LTM OFFICES and sites will close at 3pm on Thursday 22 December and re-open at 7.30am on Wednesday 4 January 2017. LTM wishes all staff and clients safe and happy holidays.

Stay focussed until final whistle

It's been a pretty good year all round - accident statistics are looking good and people are letting site teams know what they are finding unsafe so it can be fixed before we have an incident.

The number of green cards issued has increased and the overall good feeling and working together as a site-wide team that we're noticing is great to see. Keep questioning if you feel things are not quite right. Remember, there is no such thing as a stupid question; presumptions provide uncertainty and so lead to mistakes and accidents.

The summer holidays are fast approaching and

sometimes it's hard to keep your head in the game at work. Everyone's thinking about what to buy their partners and children, and how many fish and crays they'll be catching during the break.

These good thoughts will bring a smile to your face, but remember that the construction industry is a dangerous profession. Our accident statistics over the last few years show that we have a spike in accidents and injuries just before the Christmas break and into the New Year. So please keep focussed until the final whistle, and make sure you come back in New Year refreshed and aware.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Safety Team

Proud to be working on unique Home of Compassion project

LTM staff and contractors have taken on a challenging project at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay with a great attitude and respect for its purpose.

They are building the final resting place for Suzanne Aubert, founder of the Sisters of Compassion. Earlier this month the Pope announced from Rome that Mother Aubert has been declared 'venerable', a major milestone on the path to sainthood in the Catholic Church.

The ceiling frame has a spider-web pattern finished with diagonal rimu slats across the room, curving from one height to another. The post-tensioned coloured concrete has only one square corner while the four walls have different heights and angles, and raking windows finished with leadlights.

Mother Aubert, who lived from 1835-1926, will be transferred there on completion of the unique project, one that everyone is proud to be associated with.



Inaugural IronMaori a winner

Earlier this year a 26-strong LTM team began training for the IronMaori, a half ironman which comprises a 2km swim, a 90km bike and a 21km run, by individuals or in teams of three. On a fine Saturday in Napier on 3 December, first off were the individuals, David Grindrell, Jeff McHardy and Tony Gormley, on their 5-plus hour journey. Team legs

were staggered throughout the day; bikers first, then swimmers, then elite runners. A big support team including families filled the LTM tent to cheer everyone on. At day's end, the team celebrated with dinner, awards and well deserved cold drinks.

This fantastic event fuels good health and creates a great team spirit and we hope it becomes an annual event. Well done to all involved, and a special thanks to Marianne for organising.

• **We raised \$4200 for Wellington Children's Hospital and are aiming for \$5000. You can make donations up until 22 December 2016 - <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/ltmironman>**



The competitors included Peter Dynan, Mark Mulhern, Wilson Auld, Nick Grice and girlfriend Gill Higgins, Sam Boulton, Wade Pulford, Sean McGuinness, Ben Whaanga, Jack McGuinness, Russell Mulder, Steve Becker, Matt Hayne (from Cudby team), Mark Oldfield, Ene Leafe, Sione Feki, Amby Talamaivao, Edward Russell, Hoani Russell, Craig Swain, Adam Guile, Kerrin Manuel, Tony Gormley, Jeff McHardy, Dave Grindell and Dion Russell.

East 2 looking good for 2017

The giant East 2 job has been progressing well with the pavilions taking shape and Artisan Lane completed. 2017 will start with a bang with four new staff and lots of new subcontractors on board.



Glasses were raised in Auckland recently to celebrate Rowan Smith completing his apprenticeship and Aaron Lindsay's 40th. Those present included Takeshi Burden, Aaron Lindsay, Morgan Loughnan, Peter Dynan, Chris McGuinness, Matt McGuinness, architect Frank Coleman and Bruce Hurrell.

Drawing comp unearths talent

We had 41 drawings submitted by staff and subcontractors for LTM's very first 'My Dad Works Here' competition, the brain child of Aaron Lindsay.



From the genuine drawing by one kid who thinks their Dad works at the Warehouse to computer-generated images trying to look like masterpieces, and a new-found talent in our Services Manager who now works on a park bench doing caricatures in his spare time, this competition is sure to become an Auckland-region staple.

Missing ginga

East 2 also welcomed a new staff member, one claiming to be our former services manager, Joe Plamus. He's the same guy who sits on a park bench doing caricatures and who raised \$3350 for the Children's Starship Hospital by taking off his gingerbeard on 9 December.

This new guy is clean cut, has no beard and hardly swears. The real Joe Plamus' current whereabouts is unknown. If found, please contact any LTM Auckland staff member. In the meantime,

the stranger claiming to be Joe will be supervised at all times and tested on his services' skills in case our adorable ginger has vanished for good.

• **It's not too late to donate to Joe's fundraiser – see <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/gingerbeard>.**



If seen please call 0800-got-lost

Happy client

'Thanks for the efforts at Thomas,' Auckland University's property services recently said to us. 'The copper work by Numecon is very impressive, the site is clean and Lyndsay is well in control.'

Apprentices gather

Our 16 enthusiastic young Wellington apprentices caught up with Kerrin Manuel, Sean McGuinness, Matt Pattison and Marianne Mulholland on 20 October for a timely reminder of LTM's culture and to discuss current projects. They heard from the experienced Matt and Sione who have come through our apprenticeship programme, got some feedback on how they're performing, and munched their way through some pizzas.



Pictured are Phillip Stephens, Jamie McKay, James Leach, Evan Anderson, Trey Ryder, Peter Coles, Daniel Pickett, Samuel Wheatley, David

Gregory, Oliver Pike, Sean Reilly, Jack Craughwell and Raymond Nunns (absent: LA Moemai, Rawiri Riwaka and Matthew Kontze).

LTM also has two apprentices in Auckland, Takeshi Burden and Ollie McMillan.

Hard yards in Kapiti

With the Kapiti School blocks all but finished, the focus has switched to completing the landscape package. It's been hot, sandy and windy work. Add perspiration and greasy sunscreen to the mix, and over the, day crusty skin layers develop. Truly hard yards.



KAPITI CREW (from left): Sam Boulton, Stu Hercus, Eugene Hynson, Te Manga Herewini, James Leach, Jack Craughwell, Jason Tofts and Manu.

A slippery slope - warning!

On a classic damp Wellington morning, an eager Russell rode like the clappers to start work on the Bowen campus. Unfortunately, a second's misjudgement saw him get too closely acquainted with the slippery corner of Ballintrae Street just under the motorway.

Russell emerged from the incident injury free, only his pride dented. The scene is now immortalised as 'Russell's Corner'.



Happy Wellington car poolers

'Your staff are friendly and polite,' say a group of car poolers who contacted LTM. The group are given a pleasant good morning every day when they park behind Site 10 on the Wellington wharf. An LTM workman who guided them to their carpark as trucks poured off the Bluebridge ferry told the group that staff are well treated and have pride in their work. He also pointed out the tidiness of the Site 10 worksite!

Hats off to Habitat for Humanity

After a few months of hard yards at the Yard, the second apprentice sleep-out project came to an end in November. No sooner was the paint dry than the home was on its way to Wainuiomata to provide much-needed Habitat for Humanity accommodation for a deserving family.

Hats off to all involved with the project, a great effort that the grateful recipients are bound to appreciate. Looking forward to the next team starting a new building in the New Year.

2016 highlights have included acquiring our neighbouring property to provide much needed space for our tower cranes and now Site 10's reo cage building and storage. Another highlight



was the June arrival of two Liebherr 280 EC-H tower cranes. The new space has come in very handy for storing and maintaining them.

Rumour has it that crane manager Jens Normann has requested that next year's apprentice sleep-out be placed next to the cranes so he can keep a watchful eye on his babies 24/7!

From the team at the Yard, have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Kids' Christmas party 'a blast'



Over 60 kids had a blast at the LTM Christmas Party held at the ASB Sports Arena in Kilbirnie. Organiser Graham Little, who talked David Batty into donning the Santa suit, thanks Mollie and his wife Heather for helping to make it a great day.