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## construction solutions

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### SNAKES, CROCODILES, FLIES & THE HEAT THE GRASS IS NOT GREENER IN AUSTRALIA

And what about the bushfires, floods .. I personally can vouch for all of these attributes which are the down side to working in Australia. A good tip to eradicate scorpions (there are over a 100 species in Aus).. first get them out of your work boots & then give them a blast with an aerosol & lighter (improvised flame thrower). And as a Kiwi (just arriving in Australia).. suddenly ACC, and other Government benefits are not available to recent immigrants.

It is interesting that most of the "Job Fare" recruitment agencies target NZ at this time of year. Winter in Queensland is very nice.. but 40 + summer temperatures for outside construction work are enough to get most Kiwis dreaming of evening summer BBQ's (without flies).

King  
Brown  
Snake



Meanwhile back in the Land of Milk & Honey the exodus of workers has left us with huge experienced worker shortages. Everything has not ground to a halt in NZ We have just experienced two of our busiest months for 5 or 6 years & work seems to be plentiful. We mix with a number of business who are just ploughing on. As more people head for Christchurch or Australia, the work pool in our biggest city is shrinking. We at Giles Civil have a number of immediate vacancies ([see insert](#))

David Hick  
Directors

Joe Coombe  
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Bush Fires



Crocs

### BEING SMALL

Entrepreneurs, especially in the early years of developing their businesses, worry a lot about the perceived size of their companies--and they do many things to appear bigger from day one. Being small can be good: Small means....

- ....accessible.
- ....approachable.
- ....specialized.
- ....speedy.

So the next time you contemplate acting bigger than you are, think about the advantages of being small--and show the big guys that petite can be powerful

*How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?*



Flies  
Scorpions

*Or.. Just another day in NZ*



### IMMEDIATE VACANCIES

Giles Civil Ltd have the following vacancies:

#### Machine Operators

**Quantity Surveyor** (cadet or student??)

**Pipelayer**

Someone (**Chainsaw Chippie**) who can build timber Retaining walls & box up driveways.

Civil experienced **Labourers**

**HT Truck Driver**

[email vacancies@gilescivil.co.nz](mailto:vacancies@gilescivil.co.nz)

*Aussies (who have seen the light) may apply*



### HOW MUCH IS A BILLION DOLLARS?

Courtesy of Rodney Hide

If you were to stack \$100 dollar notes in a pile, a \$1m would be 1 metre high.

One billion dollars would be a kilometre high.

Picture a tower 95km high : Our Total Govt annual spend (\$95billion) of which welfare spending reaches 22km.

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**A-Z of how we can help you:** Asphalt, Bulldozer Work, Carpark Construction, Clearing, Cobblestones, Concrete Breaking & disposal, Concrete Work, Digger Hire, Drainage, Drilling (200,300,400,500 diam.) Driveway & Carpark Design & Construction, Earthworks, Emergency Work, Excavation, Grass Cells, Hotmix, Kerbing, Pothole Repairs, Project Management, Retaining Walls, Roading, Roller Hire, Sealing, Silt Control, Subdivisions (Complete Construction), Topsoiling & Grassing, Truck Hire, Vehicle Crossings & Those really difficult jobs that nobody wants to do!

## RECENT PROJECTS

### North Harbour Stadium : Concourse Upgrade



North Harbour was starting to show it's age & took a bit of a battering during last years Rugby World Cup. During May we gave the main concourse a good makeover with work completed before the Blues: Chiefs game. Our young trainee, Jarred Marwood "hard at work". A special treat was the first All Blacks' training run put on "especially" for our workers:

### Luna Rossa : Americas Cup 2013 Auckland Land Base

This is the "tent" for the new AC72 Catamaran wing (mast) (over 45m long) at the Wynyard Quarter. Giles Civil has just completed work on this site for the Italian, Luna Syndicate. As well as the initial demolition, we have poured the footings for the two (yes there is another slightly small shed for their boat: "The Platform") sheds, & completed all the hotmix preparation work for the sheds & outside assembly area. Not to be outdone Emirates TNZ have has us around at their base constructing new fences & various remedial works for their "tents" & boat assembly areas.



Our 3.5T digger dwarfed in Luna Rossa's Wing Shed

### GILES CIVIL: MASTER CHEF

There has been some serious baking going on at Giles Civil; all challenging for the top chef title. If you a passing our office on a Wednesday it may be worth dropping in & sampling the latest creation. David's "Blokes Fruit Loaf"

1 Egg  
1/2 Cup Raw Sugar  
1 Teaspoon butter (melted)  
Mix together in a bowl  
Add around 250g mixed fruit (buy in a packet)  
Mix Add around 1/2 cup orange juice (or some other juice)  
Sieve & add half cup plain flour & half tsp baking powder  
Grease & line baking tin with cooking paper  
Cook at 140 deg for 1 hour plus.. stick knife in & check it is not soft  
Tastes better over time: I wrap it in tin foil & store in the fridge.

### View From The Cab

Interview with James Peck, Giles Civil Ltd Operator

*Morning James: What is the best thing about working in the Construction Industry?.*

A: The variety of work; not many people get the huge variety of locations & types of work that I get.

*And the worst thing?*

A: The mud.

*What's your favourite Band?*

A: Rage Against Machines ! Also Miley Cyrus

*What???*

*What sports are you into?*

I love Touch, Rugby, League

*& Favourite hobbies*

Hunting & Fishing

*Do you know anyone Famous?*

Not really; I ran into Anthony Borrich the other day. I guess being an AB is famous.



"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

Will Rogers

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\* Sarg; James' best new mate

