

Merry Xmas everyone

Another year flies by. The hard times continue. Next year we have the World Cup, and an Election. Hopefully the long awaited boost to the economy will kick in.

Easy times are the enemy, they put us to sleep. Adversity is our friend, it wakes us up. (The Dalai Lama)



In early December I had the pleasure of assisting the LoveYourCoast Organisation (in a Health & Safety role) in a cleanup of the beaches of Rangitoto Island. This group utilises the help of schools to not only pick up rubbish but to educate. For the Rangitoto Cleanup they seconded around 1000 kids & despite the reasonably clean looking beaches a total of 20,000 litres (2.2Tonnes or 2/3 of a shipping container) of plastic & other rubbish was picked up. These people just get out & do it.



Giles Civil Director, Joe Coombe achieved a big goal for the year successfully training for & completing the Auckland Half Marathon. The next big mission is the Round Taupo Relay running race in February. Giles Civil Ltd has a couple of "mugs" making up the team for this 15hr plus run.. Still a couple of places available if you are up for it..



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Have a great Xmas & New Year from us all at Giles Civil Ltd.



Come back refreshed & ready to make millions next year.

David & Joe & the Team at Giles Civil Ltd

Our Truck all done up for the Browns Bay Xmas Parade.

Swanson Bus Depot

This was an interesting project we have just completed for NZ Bus Ltd in association with Babbage Consultants Ltd. The project essentially takes care of the "first flush" of rain treating the runoff in filters and swales.

Buses lined up ready for another busy day on the City Streets.



Sand Filter (15Tonne) being lowered into position.

Komatsu 930

Joe's brother Michael is working on assembling 15 of these beasts in Queensland.

Payload Capacity	291Tonne
Unladen Wt	215Tonne
Heaped Capacity	211cu.m
Engine Capacity	78 litres
No of Cylinders	18



construction solutions



Apple iphones:

What great devices. They are much more than a phone and the Apps are almost endless. You just have to think about an idea.. Search it & generally find out that someone has

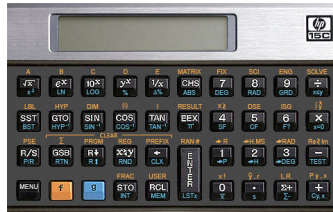
already done it.

For instance how about an HP 15C key board.. Convert phone to a Reverse Polar Notation calculator.



Or download something like the Cyclometer & you have a complete computerised Speedo, GPS etc.

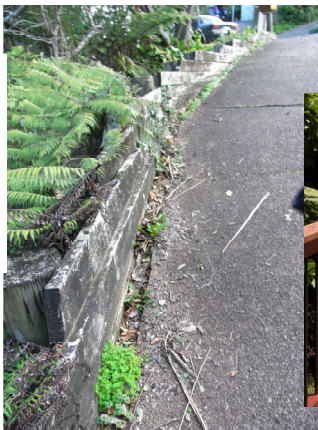
What will the next generation be using???



Browns Bay Driveway

This was as interesting project undertaken in association with Nancekivell Cairn Consultants.

The project involved tying back an existing retaining wall to ground anchors and in turn tying the whole driveway together to prevent a leaning retaining wall from falling over.



Before



After

Bye Bye the Naughties.. Gee that was quick....



What is FixMyStreet for?

FixMyStreet is a site to help people report, view, or discuss local issues to their local council by simply locating them on a map. It launched in September 2010. It was inspired by the UK-based FixMyStreet.com.

Graffiti, unlit lampposts, abandoned beds, broken glass on a cycle path; anything like that that could be usefully reported to your council to be fixed.

Eight Words with two Meanings

- 1. THINGY (thing-ee) n.**
Female Any part under a car's hood.
Male.... The strap fastener on a woman's bra.
- 2. VULNERABLE (vul-ne-ra-bel) adj.**
Female Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.
Male.... Playing football without a cup.
- 3. COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon)**
Female... The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.
Male... Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.
- 4. COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.**
Female... A desire to get married and raise a family.
Male..... Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.
- 5. ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.**
Female..... A good movie, concert, play or book.
Male..... Anything that can be done while drinking beer.
- 6. FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.**
Female... An embarrassing by-product of indigestion.
Male..... A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.
- 7 MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n.**
Female..... The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.
Male.. Call it whatever you want, just as long as we do it.
- 8. REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.**
Female.... A device for changing from one TV channel to another.
Male... A device for scanning through all 375 channels every 5 minutes.