

## “We haven't got the money, so we've got to think!”



A famous quotation by Lord Rutherford.

I see note one of the South Island Hospital Board's have adopted this as a theme. New Zealand's Nobel winning pioneer in nuclear physics also said: "If you can't explain your physics to a barmaid it is probably not very good physics." In 1908, Rutherford was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on the transmutation of elements and the chemistry of radioactive material.

It is good to see the NZ Contractors Federation leading a push to standardise various training & industry certification standards. New Zealand is a small Country. If, we were part of Australia, we would have three states larger than us. And in the USA, there would be some 25 states larger than us. I would bet while standards would differ between states in Australia (& USA), that any one state would not have the vast array of standard & accreditation in Health & Safety, Environment, engineering standards that exist here.

As the CEO on the NZCF, Jeremy Sole explains.. In First Aid, there is one certificate to an industry standard, which covers the whole on NZ. The same should apply to other Certifications.

In an Auckland City Council Tender recent I came across the attached. There was a requirement for an Environmental accreditation. "Environmental Accreditation may include: ISO 14001:2004, ECO Warranty 2008, Enviromark, Envirostep (or Equivalent)".

One standard would make it much more effective.

The "Bums on Seats" mentality of Institutes & Training bodies in NZ is really out of control & needs a good overhaul.  
*"That feels better."*

This summer we had the pleasure of employing a young second year Engineering Student, Jessica Taylor. Jesse has been helping us with a lot of the behind the scenes "stuff". We are close to fully implementing QEST (Quality, Environment, Safety & Training) Jesse has also been involved with putting together ACC accreditation procedures.

See interview on over page

David Hick Joe Coombe



## TRAINING Everyone can feel much safer..

At Giles Civil we have had everyone at work upskill their First Aid training in January.

Do you know what AED\* is & where one is located? These seem to be "the new kid on the block" as far a First Aid goes. These can be operated by the public.

It maybe worthwhile making a note where one maybe located.

\*Automated External Defibrillator: For Heart Resuscitation



## Some of Murphies Lesser Know Laws

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
3. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
4. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. The things that come to those who wait will be the things left by those who got there first.
7. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat all day, drinking beer.
8. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
9. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
10. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart

## Largest Swimming Pool in the World.

Situated on the coast in Chile, The San Alfonso del Mar Seawater pool is just over 1000m long & covers 8ha or 20 acres!



## Did you know?

New Zealand holds the record in pools per capita with 65,000 home swimming pools and 125,000 spa pools). & we have a few 1000 km of pretty good beaches.



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The next Americas Cup Farce is due to happen in February.  
Cartoon Courtesy of Alinghi website

## RECENT PROJECTS



70 Whitney Street.. a 7 lot Subdivision

NSCC: Awaruku Road .. before



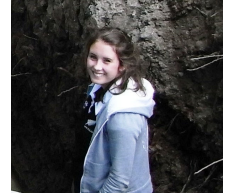
..... & After



Our guest this month is Jesse Taylor, our University Engineering Student who worked with Giles Civil over the Summer Holidays.

Q Hi Jesse, What was the best thing about working for Giles Civil?

A. Because of the small size of the business I was involved in so many different aspects Civil Contracting work which provided me with very valuable, hands on experience.



The friendly attitude of Dave, Joe and all the guys meant that I was in a very comfortable learning environment, had no hesitation asking questions and basically just had a really enjoyable working experience.

Q. What's the worst thing about your holiday work experience?

A. 7am start ha-ha.

Q. Did working for us change your thinking about your career path?

A. If anything it affirmed it. The reason I chose engineering was that I had a keen passion to understand how things work. Dave and Joe really took me under their wing in helping me to further understand all the ins and outs of their line of work.

Q. What's the best thing about N.Z.?

A. The water, I love going to the beach.

Q Any interesting jobs you worked on?

A. As I hadn't had any previous hands on experience in the civil industry before I found most aspects of the all the jobs very new and interesting but it was pretty cool to be able to have a leading hand in organising the Awaruku Rd job.

Q What's your favourite (or coolest) earthmoving machine you worked with?

A. Loved the digger driving.

Q. Your dream career change?

A. A singer, if I could actually sing

Q. Are you famous for anything?

A. Writing way too many lists.

Q. Do you know or have met anyone really famous.

A. Peter Andre (a 90's boyband popstar) walked past me at the Sydney Airport these holidays.



Thank you Jesse. Best of luck for the future & remember us when you are famous.

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