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*Cricket World Cup
Americas Cup
Rugby World Cup
Netball World Cup*



"Wish you were here"

Bugger. Two down & two to go. There was the potential for this being a great sporting year in New Zealand; lets hope Mayor Hubbard & Mr. Clark don't have the victory parades organized too soon for the All Blacks & Silver Ferns.

As a Country we punch well above our weight in most fields. I'm sure that if the Americas Cup reverted back to a Nationality Based competition, the rest of the world would be fighting for second place, especially if the Technology and construction was restricted to home countries.

A great part of this success is from our ability to think of new ways to solve problems.

In the Construction Industry New Zealanders are in big demand for their skills overseas. On most major Construction Sites around the world you will hear a Kiwi Accent.

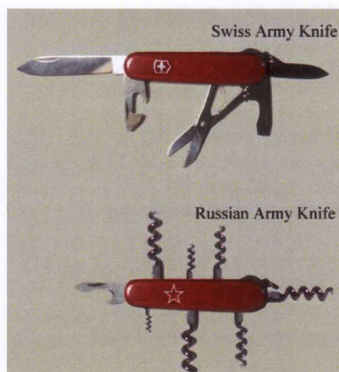
Of course once you have proved you can mix it with the best, and made a few dollars overseas, there is only one more step.. that is to return to the best country in the world. And if you by chance know of some long lost Kiwi looking for a job please direct them our way.

David Hick Joe Coombe

Rubbish received via emails...

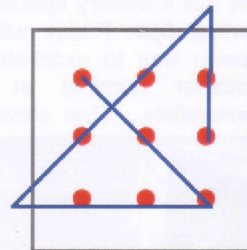


*Great Shopping Bag
I'm sure that this would be an OSH
issue!*



From May... the solution to our puzzle is:

Connect all 9 dots with just 4 straight lines - without going through any dot twice, and without lifting your pen from the paper.
Winner was Surita Heyden of CadPlan... Bottle of Wine has been dispatched.



Projects

Work has piled up (Again).
The state of the art **Sound Studio** at Henderson for the **Jireh Construction** (Part of the Tony Tay Group) is nearly completed and ready for it's first major film booking. The **Okura River Subdivision** is



close to wrapping up. The pillars in this gated development are a feature and once the extensive planting has been completed this Development should be a major landmark in the area.

We have additional Contracts at **Whisper Cove**, Snells Beach.

Work at the 18 Lot Subdivision in **Hepburn Road** Glendene is progressing well.

We have completed a number of Council Roothing projects including **Northcross** and **Sartors Ave**, and **Centennial Park**.

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Some of Murphy's Lesser Known Laws!

1. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. 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.
4. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. He who laughs last thinks slowest

Crown Relocations Remedial Work

Just like a military operation this project required careful planning. Starting 5pm Friday with completion by Monday morning the mission was to excavate & repair a large problem area of the container terminal at New Zealand's leading Household Removalists... One crew completed the excavation in the early



hours of Saturday. Crew 2 moved in at 6am Saturday to load out the spoil while a fleet of trucks arrived with sand and basecourse. By 3pm the hole was all compacted and ready for the hotmix crew who arrived Monday morning.

This exercise was a good training exercise for a similar project we now have at Fletcher EasySteel spread over four weekends.

New Words for 2007

• OH - NO SECOND.

That minuscule fraction of time in which you realise that you've just Made a BIG mistake (e.g. you've hit 'reply all').

* BLAMESTORMING.

Sitting round in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

* SALMON DAY.

The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die.

* CUBE FARM.

An office filled with cubicles.

* PRAIRIE DOGGING.

When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on. (This also applies to applause for a promotion because there may be cake.)

• * MYSTERY BUS.

The bus that arrives at the pub on Friday night while you're in the toilet after your 10th pint, and whisks away all the unattractive people so the pub is suddenly packed with stunners when you come back in.

Staff Interview

Our featured Operator this month is Charles Wootten

Q Hi Charles, how long have you been in construction

A Over 30 years

Q. What's great about the Construction



Industry?

A. Working outside

Q. What's the worst thing about the construction Industry?

A. Wet weather

Q. What would you rather be doing?

A. Fishing

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

A. We are away from the rat race!

Q. If you could change one thing in NZ, what would it be?

A. Would like to have more say in the way the Country is run through say referendums.

Q. Have you met anyone or know anyone famous?

A. I know Stephen Tindall (Warehouse Founder) quiet well.

Q. Favourite Singer

A. Wide variety of tastes from the 60s & 70s.

Q. I see that the Spice Girls are getting back together again. Do you think Abba should reform?

A. Great idea!

Q Any interesting jobs you worked on?

A. They are all interesting. The Okura River Road project is a bit different.

Q What's your favourite earthmoving machine?

A. These days diggers seem to do most things.

Q. Your dream career change?

A. Fishing & more fishing

Giles Civil Weather Station

As an appetizer to something we are working on go to:

<http://www.portunus.net.nz/weather/mml.html>

Our weather station is part of this live weather network (Albany).. MesoMap

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