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Newsletter of
Giles Civil Ltd
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Comment

We haven't the resources of Donald Trump to run a TV show to find an Apprentice.

But just like Don we have a great opportunity for a person to become our apprentice and like Don & Co we need a person with the right attitude, the basic civil engineering skills already in place and be prepared to work with our team in running projects.



We are always looking for good staff over the full range of positions, from Project/Contract Managers to Construction Staff.

Please feel free to give us a call to discuss any lifestyle moves.

David Hick

Joe Coombe

New Gear & Equipment



3.5T digger

We're pleased to announce the arrival of the new "baby" to our fleet. All rigged up for drilling this new Airman digger has not stopped since we took delivery in March.

New Fuso Truck

Our brand new six wheeler (2007 Shogun 370HP) is easy to spot, all done up in our colours. Give Gezza (Paul) a wave & he will gladly wave back.



You would think they would at least provide a cul-de-sac so pedestrians could turn around

Projects

Work has piled up (Again).

We are still busy on the New **Sound Studio** at Henderson for the **Jireh Construction** (Part of the Tony Tay Group).

The **Okura River Subdivision** has been expanded in scope and will keep us busy for a couple more months.

We have an additional Contract at **Whisper Cove**, Snells Beach.

Work will start shortly on an 18 Lot Subdivision in **Hepburn Road** Glendene.

We have an interesting small Subdivision in **Bernard Magness Lane**, Greenhithe. (By the way Congratulations to the De Silva's for their Country's fine achievement at the World Cup).

Staff News

Congratulations to Joe, Peter, Glen, Steven, Ron for their pass in Confined Spaces Course (This is for working in live Man holes) Our new driver Paul (Gezza) did a two day course (& he passed) for his Heavy Transport Trailer License.

The Weather/Economy

Oil prices are set to rise again as the US is in the middle of a cold snap.

Maybe next time instead of asking how the economy is going we should ask "what is the weather forecast?"

Economic Forecast or Meteorological Forecast?

Should we be reading economic reports or listening to weather forecasts? Ever noticed how many major companies have changes in fortune due to a cold, hot, wet or dry weather pattern?

Clothing retailers – weather has a major impact on all retail sales.

Hellaby's reported a profit drop after the coldest wettest December in years, this reduced sales in footwear (they own Hannah's).

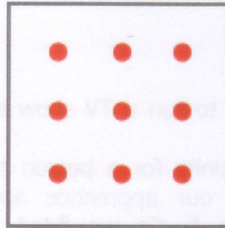
Dairy Farmers and Civil Construction contractors are more obviously affected by weather.

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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!**

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Connect all 9 dots with just 4 straight lines - without going through any dot twice, and without lifting your pen from the paper. *Email your answer to go into a prize draw.*



STRAW MULCHER



Available for hire:
Easy to operate.
\$200 per day. Great for those small areas requiring mulching before winter.

Our **Weather Station** is proving an interesting addition.

<http://www.gilescivil.co.nz/weather/index.html>

A few interesting record to date:

Highest daily rainfall 97.1mm on 29th March 07

Highest one hour rainfall 50.8mm on the 12th March 07.

On the same day we recorded a record 60sec intensity of 10mm. Out of interest the rainfall works on raindrops hitting a pendulum and the speed etc being recorded.

That dispels the story that Joe climbs a ladder every day and empties the rain gauge!

Decryption Key

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

(letter above equals below, and vice versa)

Ybbxvat sbe fbzrguvat pbby gb qb. Tb gb trbpnpur.pbz. Terng jnl gb pbzovar vagrearg naq bhgqbbef.

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

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

A. I really enjoyed

everything. The guys were great to work with.



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

A. Getting up early & working in the rain.

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

A. No, but I may now specialise in Transport Engineering.

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

A. the people are friendly, it is clean and the weather is great.

Q Any interesting jobs you worked on?

A. I enjoyed the Okura Subdivision and the Sound Studio in Henderson was interesting.

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

A. I reckon the stabilising hoe we used at the North Shore Event Centre Carpark was awesome for its power. You guys need to buy one of those.

Q. Your dream career change?

A. No but I'm interested in high technology. A group of us are working on ideas all the time.

Q. Can you tell us about these?

A. They are top secret. If I told you... well you know the saying!!!

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