



What an interesting few months we have ahead of us. We get our new Super City, (new Mayor & team) get some tax breaks (& GST increase).. & just to throw a bit of a spanner in the works

Christchurch decides it wants to move away from the rest on New Zealand. One day the Government bails out SCF; the next day they try & sneak off with the loot!

Kiwis have always been able to look after themselves and comparison between Christchurch & Haiti is chalk & cheese. As someone said it is not earthquakes that kill.. It is man made structures... (& a lot of luck). It is a great endorsement on our Engineering design & construction standards to survive such a major quake and have the basic infrastructure still ticking over.

New Zealand Earthquake Report - Sep 4 2010 at 4:35 am (NZST)

Magnitude 7.1, Saturday, September 4 2010 at 4:35 am (NZST), 40 km west of Christchurch.

Quake Details

Information about this earthquake:

Reference Number	3366146/G
Universal Time	September 3 2010 at 16:35
NZ Standard Time	Saturday, September 4 2010 at 4:35 am
Latitude, Longitude	43.55°S, 172.18°E
Focal Depth	10 km
Moment magnitude	7.1
Region	Canterbury
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 10 km south-east of Darfield 2 20 km south-east of Coalgate 2 40 km west of Christchurch



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to bigger things.. We cannot match Larry Ellison & Russell Coutts (we tried though).. She moves in with Team BMW Oracle at their new Warkworth base. We wish her well & have already put in a request to a sail on their trimaran. (That's an Airbus A380 they are comparing with) Sally has been good enough to provide a replacement & we welcome Nicki aboard who joins Clare in our office helping to keep our ship pointed in the right direction.

David Hick
Joe Coombe



This month we lose our accounts lady Sally who took over our books in 2001 and has done a great job for us over all these years. Sally is certainly departing

Maywood, California: 100% Outsourced Council

In the last few years, the local government in this tiny, blue-collar town about 20 minutes' drive from downtown Los Angeles drifted towards bankruptcy. Poverty, gang violence and inner-city deprivation were spiralling.

Then last month - in a move that made it instantly famous - Maywood's cash-strapped city council decided to respond to its myriad problems with a revolutionary initiative: it voted to contract out every single public service the city once provided, from the management of parks and libraries, to the book-keeping at City Hall, to the running of its police department.



These days, Maywood is the US' (and possibly the world's) first completely outsourced city.

Where other local authorities might privatise their traffic wardens or binmen, Maywood's council has gone the whole hog: sacking everyone from school crossing guards and parking wardens, to street maintenance workers, park wardens, librarians and even the clerical staff in city hall. The number of people it now has on its payroll?

Imagine this happening in Auckland!!!!!!!!

& also from the US of A

Sherriff Joe Arpaio is an American law enforcement officer and the sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona. Arpaio promotes himself as "America's Toughest Sheriff." He has become controversial for his approach to operating the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Typical of his approach: he banned all TV in his prisons.. When some smart constitutional lawyer won a case saying that they must have TV.. He introduced two cable channels: Disney & the Weather channel.. So they could see what the weather was likely to be outside (on the chain gang). & he introduced PINK as a colour of choice at his Prisons.

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OUR OVERSEA PROJECT

While the rest of Auckland has been enduring yet another wet miserable winter, we have relocated a number of our staff overseas.. Well that's partly true. We have a carpark construction project at the main Ferry wharf on Waiheke Island. The logistics of this job are challenging.. At the time of writing we have made well over of 130 trips to & from Waiheke.. people & vehicles. The attached picture is a snapshot from our GPS

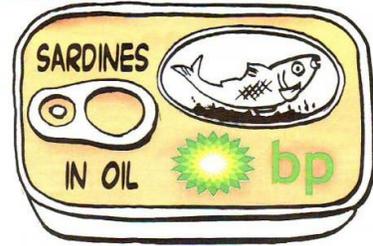


tracking system showing 4 (the 5th vehicle is obscured) being ferried across early one morning... arriving at Kennedy Pt.

This project is due to be completed in October & will increase the commuter carparking at the Wharf.

Our Foreman on Site, Glen has become an honorary "local" and has done a great job in organising the day to day running of the project.

BP's little North American Problem



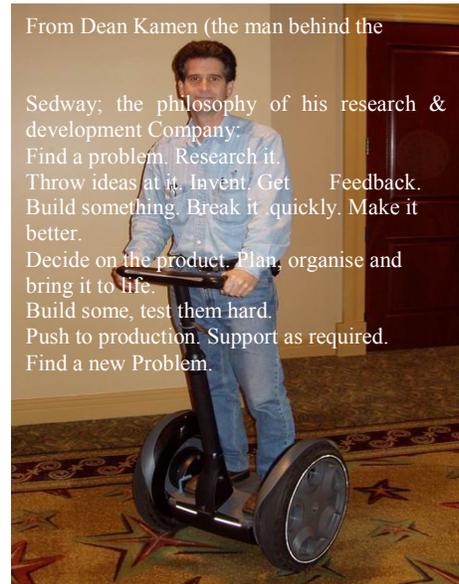
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 Throw ideas at it. Invent. Get Feedback.
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 Push to production. Support as required.
 Find a new Problem.



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