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Hobsonville project kicks off in Auckland

After a lengthy preconstruction period, Stage 1A of the high-profile Catalina Bay Project at Hobsonville Point (also referred to as the Landing) is set to commence later this month.

Stage 1A involves the refurbishment of several pre-1930s' military buildings including an engineering workshop that housed RNZAF seaplanes, an ammunition bay, fabric bay, painting bay and GRP building. The LTM team will convert the spaces into a mix of high-end dining, retail and office space while maintaining the heritage buildings' character and integrity.

Site mobilisation is planned within the next two weeks. Demolition and piling will kick off in the seaplane hangar/workshops in early March. A



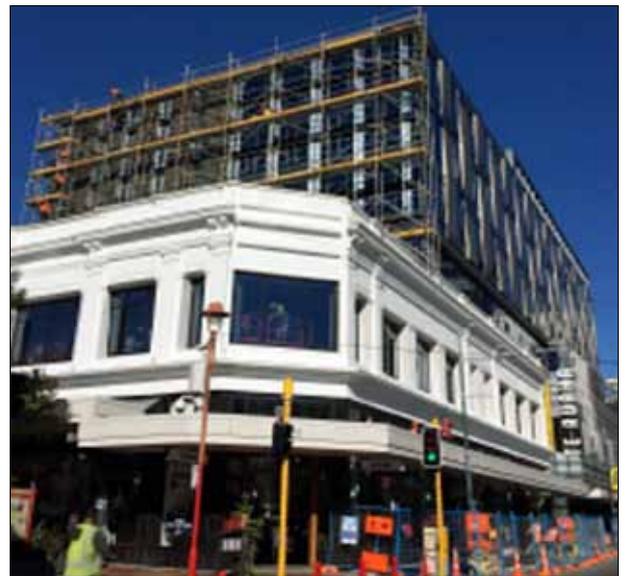
new mezzanine floor and state-of-the-art façade will be the main focus in the hangar as demo and refurbishment work progresses in the other buildings.

The project team will be in full swing soon with the exciting news that Stage 1B and 2 are set to happen sooner than expected. Watch this space!

Cuba-Dixon on target, on time



The Cuba-Dixon precinct before (left) and after, completed on time on 10 February 2017.



Twenty months after the Cuba-Dixon development project kicked off in June-July 2015, Cuba and Dixon Streets have been revitalised with the finished article.

Major elements, such as removing and reinstating the historical façade after the piling operation, are a distant memory but were huge undertakings to restore the building to its former glory.

The site management team led by Wade Pulford, Steve Becker, Bill Manuel, Sione Feki, Tony Taare, Amby Talamaivao and Michael Paulin have contributed tirelessly in a challenging environment with multiple fronts, facades and detail. Thanks to all LTM staff, subcontractors and consultants involved.

Athfield Architects have chipped in with their thanks too, with principal architect Nick Strachan commenting: "Great work by the whole LT team -

it's been a pleasure (as always) working with you on this project, one not without its challenges. But the whole team has taken it all in their stride with good humour, a consistently constructive approach, and hardly a harsh word uttered (within ear-shot of the architects anyway!)."

The official opening will be in October-November this year when the fitout team led by Aaron McGuinness, David Grindell, Hoani Russell, Romeo Joaquin, Chris Bargh and Michael Paulin, completes the Weltec-Whitireia School of Arts. The building will eventually be home to over 1000 polytech students, plus several retailers on the ground floor.

Rules change for 'mobile scaffolds'

We're coming up to the 12-month anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and in that time we've had a number of site visits from WorkSafe. I'm glad to report they are very happy with how you and the company are operating, so a big thanks and well done to all.

However, we do need to keep up with the play. WorkSafe's latest release, *Good Practice Guidelines for Scaffolding*, is a compliance document that includes safe erection and use of 'mobile scaffolds', and it affects us all.

Compared to the last issue of the *Scaffolding Best Practice Guidelines*, there are a number of changes to be aware of:

- Toe boards must now be fitted on all mobile scaffolds. These are available at the yard so ask

your supervisor for them.

- Mobiles require a safe or unsafe tag to be fitted unless they are built by the person using them. These are available from the yard; please ask your supervisor for them.
- Mobile scaffolds must be built by competent people! To prove competency you must have completed the LTM Mobile Scaffold Quiz. Ask your supervisor for the quiz and always look at the assembly instructions on the scaffold prior to building so you understand how they must be erected.

Lastly, if you see an incorrectly-built mobile scaffold, talk to the person using it, remove the 'Safe to Use' tag from its holder, and tell your supervisor.

Remember: 'Safety is a Team Game'

Chris Diston

Yard yarns: how to escape the cage

Ever felt caged in? That's the feeling we get sometimes in our new, well, now 'newish' yard.

We always try to accommodate requests to help out LTM sites so when the call came that Site 10 needed somewhere to tie their reo cages, we were happy to donate some space in our crane yard.

With Site 10 space at a premium it was physically impossible to tie the cages on site. So the happy team of Russell Placements converged on Wingate and it wasn't long before we were bulging at the seams with reo beams and plinths.

With the larger plinths being stored here for some time, we decided to put them to good use and incorporate them into our aptitude test programme. Pictured is yard supervisor, Joe Riley, working out the best way to get out of the plinths' centre void.

To be fair, we allow a couple of days to figure it



Yard supervisor Joe Riley had that caged-in feeling.

out. Essential supplies are craned in each day. When asked about his plan, Joe was a bit cagey, but did dismiss the idea of changing his name to Nicolas.

Trans-Tasman dash

Mark Shirtcliff, a project manager for MJH, recently went the extra mile for LTM on the Rutherford House project. On Saturday 11 February, Mark was sitting at work frustrated because an Australian supplier



hadn't air freighted the goods required the week prior, despite the supplier knowing how important the items were to us and to completing the project for Victoria University.

Mark decided he had to get it sorted. In a last-minute decision, he grabbed a return flight to Australia on the Sunday and hauled back 60kg of steel in his check-on baggage. The end result? The parts were here for Monday and work continued. From the LTM and Rutherford House project team, thanks for your dedication, Mark.

East 2 facade and fitout underway

The East 2 site at Wynyard is now in full swing with over 90 people on site each day. Over 850 people have been inducted and new trades start almost on a daily basis. Summer students from a successful intake over the past two months have done brilliantly well, and all have been proud to be part of the LTM team. We will be saying goodbye to them in a few days' time.

Over the past few weeks we have also welcomed Steven Lindley who is assisting with the services, Jason Shaw who is looking after the structures, George Frankland our H&S Manager, James Byrne helping the guys out on site and Kieran Cannon who may be familiar to those in Wellington. Overall progress to date includes:

Apartments: stairs fitted to the ground floor, welding progressing well and Alimac to be in place



from 25 February.

Pavilions: crane being dismantled on the 24th while next week will see column grouting finished, lifts arriving and gib boards being installed.

Services: progressing well with pre-line inspections starting.

Exchange strengthening heads towards completion

Work at the Exchange Building in Blair Street, which is home to 15 separate tenants, certainly hasn't come without its challenges.

More than 300m³ of concrete will be poured, and 20 new ground anchors installed along with BRBs and tonnes of reinforcing steel. Led by Jacob Monk-Taingahue, the site team is currently hard at work forming a new shear wall within the Monsoon Poon while the restaurant continues to operate as usual.

Works are contained behind dust-proof hoardings and are programmed to suit all the tenants' day-to-day operations. The existing central atrium will be re-built two levels up, re-using the salvaged heritage timber trusses.

The job is set for completion in late April which will be a great achievement for the guys, and not



without some proper hard yards and yum cha from Big Thumb!

Mike's charm offensive

Out of the blue we received this email from Anna who works in an office near the Exchange job:

I just wanted to give you some feedback on one of your workmen at the Blair Street worksite. His name is Mike and this morning he very kindly brought me in some completely delicious ceviche with the remark that instead of bringing news of impending drilling noise he'd come with something much nicer.

The thought was much appreciated, the fish was even better and his PR skills are a great reflection on the company!

Please pass on my thanks to Mike.

So thanks, Mike. Any ceviche for the rest of us?

The dynasty continues

Surely a potential LTM recruit here: Nikau Russell, born on 15 February and a healthy 8lb. Congratulations to Mum and Dad, Rochelle and Hoani Russell, and to grandfather, Dion Russell, who has been with LTM for 30 years.



Controversy mars inaugural Bowen Cup

(From the DomPost Sports department)

The Bowen Cup was up for grabs for the first time on 2 February at the Indoor Grand Prix in Kaiwharawhara, with six competing teams of three cart-drivers each.

But the superbly organised event will be remembered not for the great fun but for the controversy that erupted after the chequered flag fell following 120 laps of white-hot racing.

The race itself was pure excitement from start to finish. WAM caused a five-cart pile up at the first corner, spinning the LTM car into the tyres and forcing HC's Dean Reid into a high-speed collision with a steel column. A spectacular wipe-out by HC driver Chris Wooding at the pit-lane entry was another of the multiple crashes.

The race leader changed many times until LTM pulled ahead to get the chequered flag a full lap ahead of their nearest rival. In a great display of sportsmanship during a victory lap, Mitch Aitchison stopped on the track to shake hands with last-placed WAM driver Keziah Alcorn.

However, in a post-race decision, track officials



A member of the Bowen consultant team settles his nerves (top right) after the hectic race.

robbed LTM of the victory and the Bowen Cup was handed to RLB's team captain, Rob Meyer. In his victory speech Rob thanked everyone for coming and providing great competition.

As per the competition rules, last-placed WAM are organising the next event with an announcement due by the end of the month.

Kapiti school earns top marks

After a solid year of construction, Our Lady of Kapiti School in Paraparaumu has been successfully handed over, with the primary now in full swing.

Final January touches

included asphaltting, a synthetic turf, planting, timber fencing, grassing, intricate court markings and a large macrocarpa sandpit on wheels. Ten classrooms are spread across three blocks, with an admin and library block with staffroom facilities, and a large hall to be shared with the parish.

Feedback has been great with teachers thrilled to be in their new space and the kids loving it.

Getting this one across the line has been a great LTM team effort, led exceptionally well by Stu Hercus and including Jason Tofts, Eugene Hynson, Jack Craughwell and Sam Boulton to name a few! Special mention to John Malthus for all his early



From left: Eugene Hynson, Sam Boulton, Stu Hercus and Jason Tofts.

hard yards to get the project underway.

For some of the local Kapiti guys, it's now time to venture back into the city and move onto something new, albeit with a little more morning traffic. Top effort guys.

Long night haul acknowledged

Ketan Dhiru recently emerged into daylight after what's been described as 'one of the most challenging occupied-building seismic projects of all time'.

Ketan has spent two years working nights to complete seismic works at 157 Lambton Quay. LTM's David Aldred says, "I would like to personally acknowledge Ketan's perseverance, patience and ability to run with the punches, sometimes almost knock outs."

Richard Lord from building owner, Precinct Properties, echoed the praise: "This has been a complex and testing project. Ketan has led the charge with integrity, honesty, humility and a whole lot of determination to deliver a great outcome, all under the cover of darkness."

Ketan is now taking a well-earned holiday – in the daylight.