

New Zealand Ready Mixed Concrete Association Inc.

NZRMCA Newsletter

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NZRMCA AWARDS 2006

The 2006 NZRMCA Awards Presentation was held at the Combined Industry Conference Formal Dinner on Saturday, 30 September. NZRMCA President, Rob Green, presented the following awards.

ZONE AWARDS

Awarded for commitment to producing quality ready mixed concrete.

Zone 1 (South Island):

1st Equal - Allied Concrete (Tamaru); Cromwell Certified Concrete; Firth Industries (Queenstown).

Zone 2 (Wellington):

1st Equal - Allied Concrete (Paraparaumu); Allied Concrete (Wanganui); Firth Industries (Napier).

Zone 3 (Northland/Auckland):

1st Firth Industries (Albany); 2nd Stevensons Concrete (Albany); 3rd Firth Industries (Pukekohe).

Zone 4 (Central North Island):

1st Firth Industries (Hamilton); 2nd Firth Industries (Mt Maunganui); 3rd Allied Concrete (Tairua).

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Awarded in recognition of projects demanding innovative technical solutions and won by Allied Concrete for their work on sealing the dewatering sump of the Museum Apartments.

EXTRA DISTANCE AWARD

Awarded in recognition of uncompromising commitment to customer satisfaction and won by Firth Industries for their work on the Waitangi Park Project on Wellington waterfront.

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NZRMCA COUNCIL

2007 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesday, 21 February
Wednesday, 23 May
Wednesday, 8 August
Wednesday, 21 November

NZRMCA 2007/2008 BUSINESS PLAN

The 2007/2008 Business Plan will be discussed at the NZRMCA Council Meeting on 21 February 2007. The plan will feed into Concrete Industry Integrated Business Plan to be discussed at the Association Principals' Workshop on 1 March 2007. Members, please ensure, when attending any regional meetings between now and 21 February, that you pass any ideas for the Business Plan on to your

regional representative.

2007 CONCRETE CONFERENCE

Feedback from members regarding the 2006 Combined Industry Conference indicated that the NZRMCA parallel sessions were excellent, but that more time was needed to discuss industry issues. NZRMCA Council has been working on a conference option which incorporates the best from NZRMCA Conferences and the Combined Conference. In 2007, Council is looking at combining with NZCS to gain the benefits of industry promotion that mixing with clients brings. However the number of parallel sessions will be increased so that

there is plenty of time to talk about our issues. We are also exploring the idea of incorporating an afternoon field trip and possibly some hands on concrete demonstrations.

STANDARDS N.Z. AWARD

Congratulations to NZRMCA Executive Officer, Dene Cook, who recently received a Meritorious Award from Standards New Zealand for his outstanding contribution to the development of concrete industry Standards. Dene recently chaired the NZS 3101 review committee and has also been involved with the NZS 4230 and NZS 3116 review committees.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



We wish all Members and Associate Members a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2007.

NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER

We hope you like our new look Newsletter. If you would like to comment on the new look, or would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let Angelique know. Email her at admin@cca.org.nz.

INDUSTRY PEOPLE

ROB GAIMSTER

Rob Gaimster, a senior engineer from the United Kingdom, joined the CCANZ team as Project Manager in November. Rob was previously National Technical Manager with Cemex Materials UK and is a Past President of the Institute of Concrete Technology. He is a qualified civil engineer and has broad technical knowledge and experience in concrete technology.

NZRMCA welcomes Rob to the New Zealand concrete industry and we look forward to working with him in the coming months.

BUILDING LEGISLATION REVIEW

The first quarter of 2007 will be a busy time for those providing input into submissions to the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) on building legislation matters. Consultation has begun on the details for the Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP) in brick and block. Similar

consultation will start early next year for LBP on concrete construction and on product certification. Additionally the DBH is reviewing the building code and will move into consultation next year. The DBH is grappling with how it will incorporate sustainability into the code.

Concrete is a material which offers much in terms of sustainability so we are eagerly awaiting input into the documents. CCANZ are leading the concrete industries submission to the DBH. If you have any questions, or have input, contact Dene Cook at dene@cca.org.nz.

CCANZ CONCRETE COURSES

CCANZ has run a very successful concrete technicians' course for the NZRMCA for many years. Recent review of the course suggested that it could be improved if the course was split into three separate courses, these being:

Course 1:
Introduction to the

Concrete Industry

Course 2:
Concrete Testing

Course 3:
Concrete Technology

The next set of courses will be held 7-9 February 2007. For details and course content, please contact

Angelique Van Schaik at admin@cca.org.nz.

REGIONAL REPORTS

All NZRMCA regions have been busy during the run up to Christmas. Space limitations have prevented more detailed reports in this issue.

IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY TO YOUR BUSINESS

Every New Zealand business has a legal responsibility to ensure the health and safety of employees and other people affected by their business' activities, such as customers and suppliers. However, the appropriate approach isn't just meeting the minimum requirements. Lifting workplace health and safety practices beyond compliance, to aid healthy people in safe and productive workplaces, must be an ongoing objective for the Ready Mixed Concrete industry.

Poor health and safety practices lead to illness and accidents and significant costs for your business. Effective and ongoing health & safety practices pay for themselves, while improving your reputation with customers, the community and your own employees. Legal responsibilities are set out in the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992: <http://www.osh.govt.nz/law/hse.shtml>

General guidance on this subject is provided in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Guidelines for the Construction Industry: <http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/pdf/constr-g.pdf>.

The following websites briefly outline useful information that can be instituted to provide a less hazardous working environment for those involved directly and indirectly with the Ready Mixed Concrete industry.

Cement & Concrete Association of New Zealand – Health & Safety – Information Bulletin 84:

<http://www.cca.org.nz/shop/downloads/IB84.pdf>

Cement, Concrete and Aggregates Australia - Concrete Safe Site Delivery & Working Safely with Dry Concrete Materials - publications: <http://www.concrete.net.au/>

Department of Labour - Information on the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992:

Concrete Cutting
<http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/pdfs/consi006.pdf>

Concrete Pumping I
<http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/pdfs/consi015.pdf>

Concrete Pumping II
<http://www.osh.govt.nz/order/catalogue/pdfs/const027.pdf>

Holcim (New Zealand) Limited - Cement Material Safety Datasheet: <http://www2.holcim.com/nz>

Golden Bay Cement - Cement Material Safety Datasheet: http://www.goldenbay.co.nz/products/data_safety.asp

British Cement Association:
<http://www.cementindustry.co.uk/main.asp?page=223>

Portland Cement Association:
http://www.cement.org/basics/concretebasics_working.asp