

New Zealand Ready Mixed Concrete Association Inc.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Readymixers,

It is a great pleasure to address you as President, having recently succeeded Brett Haldane. Brett is leaving our industry but his stewardship in managing the transition has been exemplary. We wish him well.

The environment in which we operate is currently dynamic and challenging and I would like to express my thoughts on just some of the issues which are impacting on us at this time.

Sustainability is **the** huge issue and we fully support the Cement & Concrete Association of New Zealand in their Concrete³ campaign, *the role of concrete in sustainable development* - look out for the ads in the construction press.

On a related matter, the ready mixed concrete

industry has made great progress in waste management. I would like to see the industry strive for zero waste. For example, we have to accommodate significant quantities of returned concrete. The volumes of returned concrete in Auckland alone would equate to a pretty decent annual output of a busy ready mix plant. I recently chaired an informal working group which found that in the Auckland region alone there is in excess of 45,000 cubic metres of concrete returned from sites each year. In the past most of this was dumped in land fills.

The current demand for concrete per capita in New Zealand is significantly lower than our friends across the Tasman and in other developed countries. For example, cement consumption per capita is 417 kg in Australia, but only 367 kg in New Zealand. Clearly we have work to do in addressing this per capita shortfall.

The recent changes in Land Transport New Zealand regulations have been challenging, particularly the new log book rules. Maurie Hooper and I have been in contact with the LTNZ on behalf of our industry over

a range of issues from log books to gross vehicle weights. We also have a very good relationship with Road Transport Forum and its CEO, Tony Friedlander recently presented at a joint North Island regional meeting.

The BCITO is revitalizing training in our sector and we are represented in ensuring the new qualifications are appropriate. We are represented by Des Krammer, Rob Green and Jeff Collins.

We are currently looking at the rules and articles of our Association - so please let us have your thoughts.

So our working environment is challenging but this dynamic provides significant opportunities for our great product. I will endeavor to ensure that the interests of our industry and members are well protected during my tenure.

Please note that I would like to hear from you. I can be contacted through our executive officer at rob@cca.org.nz. I will endeavor to get around the regions so I hope we will have the opportunity to 'chew the fat'.

Graham Payne
PRESIDENT

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NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please let Angelique know at admin@cca.org.nz.

DID YOU KNOW?

China produces over 1.1 billion tonnes of cement from over 5,000 cement works. Enough to produce a staggering 4 billion m³ of ready mixed concrete!

MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT

(Article by Maurie Hooper)

Graham Payne's involvement in the concrete industry stretches back some four decades. He really needs no introduction but here are a few interesting snippets from the Payne CV:

- Having worked for Stevenson, the King Group, Allied Concrete, and a short time with

Golden Bay Cement, Graham established Counties Ready Mix Limited in 1999, where he has now been joined by his son Andrew.

- Graham has had significant involvement in the New Zealand Road Transport industry, at both Regional and National levels. In 1982 he was the recipient of

the EJ Brennan Award, this was to study transport in Europe and the USA.

- Graham has been a National Council member of NZRMCA for two years.

- Graham ran in the Rotorua marathon in a hugely respectable three hours and 46 minutes. He unsurprisingly vowed

never to run another one! He now sticks to bush walks, cycling around France, tramping and lots of walking on the beach at Whangamata

- Lynda and Graham have just moved in to a new home, maximizing the sustainability benefits of concrete, but are still very keen on traveling.

ZERO WASTE – Interlocking Concrete Block

Counties Ready Mix Limited, situated in Drury, South Auckland, has found an innovative use for its returned and surplus concrete that enables both the minimisation of its environmental impact, and generates a valuable construction product.

In a cooperative venture with its site neighbour, Interbloc Limited, residual concrete is transformed into precision, interlocking, mass concrete blocks. The self-aligning concrete block system provides a cost-effective solution to accommodate grade changes in any landscape. The interlocking concrete block system's range of applications includes soil and aggregate bins, terrace, sea and containment walls, as well as traffic and work safety barriers. Ranging in

weight from 0.5 – 1.5 tonnes each, the blocks are easy to transport, handle and assemble.

Counties Ready Mix Limited director Graham Payne says the partnership with Interbloc Limited offers numerous benefits. "Having a legitimate use for our returned concrete not only eliminates our previous disposal problem, but also frees up our fleet of trucks by allowing them to quickly discharge directly into Interbloc's true form steel moulds upon returning to the ready-mix plant."

Murray Lee, who manages Interbloc's yard, backing onto the Drury ready mix plant, says, "The blocks are an excellent way to deal with waste and surplus concrete in an environmentally sensitive manner."



Interlocking block production using residual concrete

This is a view echoed by Interbloc director Scott Bright, who adds, "Each block holds just under 0.5m³ of concrete. It's a perfect avenue for recycling material that would otherwise have to be dumped." Graham Payne emphasises that by supporting the service offered by Interbloc, Counties Ready Mix is recycling 100% of its waste concrete.

"This is a clear

demonstration that the ready-mixed industry takes its environmental responsibilities seriously, and is proactive in its commitment to New Zealand's ongoing sustainable development."

Taken from CCANZ April 2008 'concrete' magazine.

http://www.cca.org.nz/info/scrs/concrete_mag.htm

AROUND THE REGIONS

Northland held its annual social get together at Tutakaka (30 minutes north of Whangarei) on

7-8 March. It was a good positive occasion with highlights being the attendance, and reports,

from Patrick McGuire, and the local Placers chairman John Vuletich. John reported details of the

Placers Conference that is to be held in Whangarei this 25-26 July 2008.

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Around the Regions continued....

While it was disappointing that more of the local members could not attend, a very open, informative and interesting discussion followed the NZRMCA, CCANZ and Placers reports.

Outside a local fishing contest provided us with 'boat' interest, and with the normal great Northern weather, and rooms with views to dream of, it all added up to a very pleasant experience.

While the old Tutakaka Hotel was burned down in

recent years, the now new, sustainable, fire resistant, temperature controlled, environmentally friendly, concrete structure that has replaced it, was a delight to stay in. The next meeting will be held on 23 May 2008 at the Kerikeri Club, Kerikeri.

Ken Ring the weather guru (and as we all know the weather plays a bit part in the concrete industry) will be the speaker at the next **Auckland** region meeting, scheduled for 27 May at Stevenson's facilities, East Tamaki.

The **Central North Island** next meets on 29 May at Fahy's Motor Inn. The event is likely to consist of a visit to local significant sub-division, The Lakes, boosting 23 lakes, 4000 Sections, intersecting main roads culminating in a major transformation of the Tauriko landscape. It will also feature a talk by Ric Balfour from Western Bay Council about a new adventure park between Tauranga and Rotorua.

The **Southern North Island** region met in Mangatainoka, 'The Home of Tui', on 27 March 2008,

which included a brewery tour and dinner. Somewhat surprisingly, given the attendees, a number of the local beers were sampled! Rob Gaimster gave an industry report.

The **South Island** region met in Christchurch on 18 February 2008. Bill Connell from Gough Engineering gave a great talk on truck mixer developments. The region next meets on 15 May 2008. Venue is likely to be in Nelson.

Look out for the next round of regional meetings.

CHANGES TO AUCKLAND REGION EXECUTIVE

Graham Collie, General Manager, Atlas Concrete Ltd, replaces Graham Payne as region chairperson. Don McPike replaces Shane Coutts as Secretary. Don is technical sales representative, Concrete Admixtures, Sika (New Zealand) Limited. We wish Graham and Don well in their new roles and thank Shane for his tireless work. A summary of regional officers is:

REGION	CHAIR AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	SECRETARY	(Email Address)
Northland	Maurie Hooper	Bob Bruce:	robruce@xtra.co.nz
Auckland	Graham Collie	Don McPike:	mcpike.don@nz.sika.com
Central North Island	Jeff Burgess	Mark Lourie:	mark@supacrete.co.nz
Southern North Island	Cameron Lee	Steve McArthur:	mcarthur.steve@nz.sika.com
South Island	Jon Hambling	Ian Drew:	drew.ian@nz.sika.com

CCANZ CONCRETE COURSES IN NORTH ISLAND

The CCANZ Concrete Courses were held in the North Island for the first time in some time. The courses ran from 14-16 April at Holcim's facility in Pokeno. The South Islanders were accommodated at the University of Canterbury from 9-11 April 2008. Further courses will run in November. Please contact Angelique Van Schaik for details at admin@cca.co.nz.

FOR THE DIARY

- Combined Industry Conference, Rotorua, 2-4 October 2008
- NZMCPA Conference, Whangarei, 25-26 July 2008

NZRMCA REGIONAL MEETINGS (check local notices for precise times)

REGION	DATE	VENUE
Northland	3.00 p.m., 23 May 2008	Kerikeri Club, Kerikeri
Auckland	3.00 p.m., 27 May 2008	Stevenson's, East Tamaki
Central North Island	3.00 p.m., 29 May 2008	Fahy's Motor Inn, Greerton, Tauranga
Southern North Island	To be advised.	To be advised.
South Island	5.30 p.m., 15 May 2008	Trailways Nelson Motor Inn, Nelson

CCANZ LAUNCHES SUSTAINABILITY ADS

As part of Concrete³, the campaign to support the sustainability credentials of concrete, CCANZ will be running a series of adverts in targeted construction press.

Watch out for them.



Concrete³ SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

**Has sustainability been a key driver of your business projects?
Have you overcome challenges in a sustainable way?
This is your chance to get your sustainability initiative noticed!**

The Concrete³ Sustainability Award provides you with the opportunity to submit a product, programme or initiative which must be two years or younger in age that demonstrates sustainability in one of the following areas:

- Sustainability in materials for concrete
- Sustainability in concrete production
- Sustainability in concrete through R&D

So come on Readymixers, get your application form now from Angelique at admin@cca.org.nz. It will shortly appear on the NZRMCA website. The Award will be presented at the Combined Industry Conference in October.



Supacrete Concrete is a Tauranga based company, locally owned and operated. Don Mahoney is the Managing Director and Don started the Company in 1988 with one ready mix truck.

Twenty years on,

SUPACRETE REACHES 20

Supacrete's vision to be solution providers around their core line business is a reality, offering a range of products, materials, systems, solutions and services to end users.

There are now soon to be 19 ready mix trucks delivering the same quality product which 20 years ago was man handled into the back of the ready mix trucks. Now the product is

dispatched from a fully automated batching plant that boasts the latest in technology.

Supacrete's flat structure and team approach embraces the importance that all staff are representatives whose actions, image and behaviour affect perception and relationships in the market place.

Don's love of his trucks is easy to recognize in the passion with which he maintains them. Don has updated his fleet religiously, citing often that the companies exceptionally well-maintained fleet is certainly his pride and joy.

Many Happy Returns, Supacrete!

RTFNZ CEO ADDRESSES JOINT MEETING

Tony Friedlander, Chief Executive Officer, Road Transport Forum New Zealand, addressed a joint meeting of Auckland and Central North Island regions in Hamilton. In a well attended meeting, Tony gave a really interesting presentation on the activities of RTF over the past 12 months including:

- 2007 RTF results.
- Increased Gross Weight Limits.
- Work time/Driving Hours Rule.
- Replacing RUC with Diesel Tax.

Tony's presentation can be downloaded from our website www.nzrmca.org.nz.



Tony Friedlander addresses meeting.