

THE FULL MEASURE

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WANGANUI PAK N SAVE OPENS!

Client - Foodstuffs (Wgtn) Co-op Society Ltd.
Architect - Stiffe Hooker Ltd.
Electrical Engineer - Sinclair Knight Merz.
Contractor - McMillan & Lockwood.

Construction for the Wellington Office's first new Pak N Save was completed on 15 August 2005, and opened to the public on 16 August 2005. Programme delays driven by ground conditions, weather and contractor performance, meant the opening was an eagerly awaited event for the locals. The supermarket includes undercover basement carpark, forecourt carparking on a suspended deck, and fuel outlet. The final project cost has yet to be confirmed but is presently in the order of \$15.6 Million.

New Member to the Wood Family

Paul Wood is a Grandad again, with his Daughters first child Toby Paul Watson.
Born May this year.





Following the previous year's success, Maltbys entered a team in the 2005 Property Council Quiz Night (Auckland). Armed with a strong team and in a confident mood Maltbys had a flying start, however, as the rounds progressed it soon became apparent that the Auckland staff only know about sport and the Simpson's, as a result, the team finished in the bottom 3 (out of approx 15 teams). Our only saving grace was that we beat Rider Hunt!

The highlight of the evening, however, was during the meal. Ashtad whilst eating a hearty meal of sausage, mash, peas and gravy unfortunately didn't see (whilst talking) that his plate was finally balanced on the table edge. The inevitable happened! In one swift movement the plate, with all its contents fell (upside down, naturally) on to Ashtad's lap and shoe's. Very funny moment, not for poor Ashtad though!

New Faces

Auckland



Philip Molineux

After QS'ing in the UK for the last 18 years, mostly the Midlands and surrounding Shires, it was about time for a life change. Having secured permanent residency and a position at Maltbys, it was pack my pregnant wife Anna, 19 month old son Corey and even the cat on to Air New Zealand and set off to the land of the All Blacks, outdoor pursuits, City of Sails and not forgetting the outstanding scenery that we're now exploring.

As we left the UK the Lions passed us in mid air defeated, having touched down on 28 July, I quickly started work on 1 August straight into some very interesting projects such as New Zealand's Maori Arts and Crafts Institute, Rotorua with the friendly and helpful team in the Auckland office. My Maori pronunciation is definitely going to have to improve.

My interests are, besides family and exploring, the martial art of Aikido which I have studied since 1991 and learning to fly (with the aid of an aero plane and not the Aikido well ... maybe sometimes). In between this I like to try and fit in some golf, thrashing around in bunkers being a specialty!



Tim Gardner

Originally from Liverpool in the UK, I have been working as a PQS for 6 years. After being based at the Manchester and Liverpool offices, but spending most of my time located on clients' sites. I made the change and moved up to the Glasgow office in Scotland where I have been living for the last 3 years.

Outside of work I used to race motorcross which I intend to take up again, and I ride both Cross-Country and Downhill Mountain bikes. During the winter I enjoy snow boarding and skiing. I have also been painting using an air brush for a long time, progressing into custom painting of motorbike helmets and for the last few seasons have painted the lids for one of the world superbike sidecar teams.



Queenstown



Tom Berliner

I didn't grow up wanting to be a Q.S. I wanted to be a soccer player, so I became a sailor and saw the world.

I was born in Israel, trained in England (as a Q.S not a soccer player) and came to New Zealand (great move). So I'm the one with the heavy accent.

I don't have any hobbies that would impress any one, but I do have a wife and 3 kids that impress me.

Kens Retirement

Ken Galley has worked for Maltby & Partners Ltd for over 35 years. As Ken & Kay were about to leave on an overseas trip to visit Ken's brother and tour Scotland in a restored vintage car, it seemed an appropriate time to have his official retirement.

We got the caterers in and had an official luncheon for Ken, the staff and Kay. Speeches were made by both Brian Maltby and Paul Wood along with a presentation of a BBQ to Ken.

Ken told us many stories from the past but some that stood out were:

At the Heather Street premises, the company had to introduce a dart board for the juniors who did not know how to subtract, and that is how 501 was introduced. We still have that dart board although not used much now.

Also at Heather Street the company was then called Maltby, Price, Hipkins, Henderson & Ashford with client's laughing at the extent of the name and then after a pause asking who was left off. (Poor receptionist)

In the BNZ Building the telephone system acted as a microphone and everyone including the boss could hear the conversations. (The mind boggles)

We wish Ken & Kay lots of long happy days using their new BBQ and look forward to working again with Ken on his return.



Projects Underway & On Site

Auckland

- ◆ Tauranga Hospital (BOPDHB)
- ◆ Auckland University (Engineering Library)
- ◆ Summerset - Tamaki Retirement Village
- ◆ MOE - Orewa Primary School
- ◆ MOE - Botany Secondary College Stage 2
- ◆ Sanctuary Developments (Empire Apartments)
- ◆ Dilworth School Expansion
- ◆ NDHB - Kaitia Hospital Redevelopment

Wellington

- ◆ Foodstuffs Kilbirnie
- ◆ Foodstuffs New World Wanganui
- ◆ The Wellington

Queenstown

The construction industry here in Queenstown continues to roar along at a pace as fast as the new A1 race cars. We have some real interesting projects on the go at the moment with some nearing completion and others still to get out of the ground.

One of our projects, Sofitel, an Accor 5-star luxury hotel has just been completed. Developed by Auckland based Perron Group, our leader and his wife, Kay, were invited along to spend a night and check out the goods so to speak. Top stuff was the comment from Jeff with the food being exceptionally good.

For those voyeurs amongst us check out www.commonageclose.com and have yourself a little virtual tour of the latest project to have been knocked out by the southern arm of Maltbys. We produced a Schedule of Quantities on this one and would you believe it we didn't even need the plans we just took the virtual tour and used upwards and clockwise thumb movements to do the measuring. In fact office numbers swelled to six whilst the Schedule was being produced breaking all previous records set in the Queenstown office.

Being the only Professional Office of substance in town we are full to the gunnels with drawdown work. Tony, our resident drawdown guru has a handle on it all and would currently be looking after around half a billion dollars worth of project work. A few of these being the new car park building, and The Pinnacles development. (Jeff and Ross are still thanking their lucky stars for Tony's arrival on the scene).

New Commissions

Auckland

- ◆ Summerset Falls
- ◆ Birkenhead Wharf
- ◆ Metlifecare Retirement Village, Takapuna (\$100m)

Wellington

- ◆ Pinehill Subdivision
- ◆ Avalon Fire Station
- ◆ Lukes Lane
- ◆ West Quay Apartments

Car taken from "secure" parking

As I had been in New Zealand for little more than 2 weeks, I was lucky enough to have been donated an old car by a friend to get around and about. It's a classic car being a 1983 Mitsubishi Sigma Station Wagon in a sort of dark gold colour and for the Poms who are familiar with the rippled effect of 'Hammerite' paint finish, it looks as if the hammering has been done after the painting.

I'd been at Maltbys for a short period utilising the Maltbys reserved parking spaces in the Hyatt Hotel/Wilson secure parking. I was happy in the knowledge that my vintage car would be completely safe with 24hr security, cameras, lighting and secure ticketing to get in and out.

It had been a long day and I was ready to leave so I ventured into the lifts and down to my car on the bottom level only to find the area completely empty! Had I left it on another level? Nope, I had definitely parked it there! "Oh dear!" I uttered (or words to that effect).

Tripping back up in the lifts to find Anne and Tony still beavering away, they were a little surprised to hear my woes. Having called my wife to say I may be a little late, Anne kindly accompanied me back down the lifts to the Wilson Parking Control Desk to try and find out what had happened with the attendants.

They looked a little confused when we queried whether a car may have been stolen and what was recorded on the CCTV today, BUT they then recalled "Big boss getting hopping mad about cars keep parking in his reserved areas and get it towed!" "Ah" Anne said with a recollection of our senior partner arriving steaming that morning. With some dollars in my pocket (with a sub from petty cash & Tony) to cover the taxi and tow fee and another trip in the lift I set off to the City tow yard to collect the beloved vehicle.

The next morning Anne asked Brian what he had done differently the previous morning? With a little assistance realisation followed and with a roar of laughter an apologetic partner promptly forfeited with a shout of morning tea! How we all laughed as we munched our sausage rolls and cake. He had not thought that one of his surveyors could have possibly been driving such an eyesore.

The moral of the story, therefore, is to buy BMW!! (after the pay rise)



TV Personality

We have a star amongst us here at Maltbys Auckland. Huw is it? Oop's who! It's Huw! ha ha

Huw had his Television debut on TV2's "Cash Battle" which he starred in late July. Unfortunately not many of us got to see this performance as it screened at 5.30pm so we got Monique to view for us.

The programme comprises of teams with names like Axe Handle Max, Jacki's Greek Salad and they were to answer a few pub quiz-style questions to which you had to bid to answer. The prizes came from a black box which could be either a car or a kumara.

Huw and his soccer club colleges came a grand second on the night. They did not get to open the black box and receive a kumara.

The last question that Huw managed to answer was: What is an acute angle?
Good on you mate for answering it correctly and propping up your team.



Social Events

Queenstown

As you all know we are lucky enough down here to be living in the biggest outdoor playground in the country. With the weather warming up a lot earlier than usual we were all waxing up our surfboards and listening to the latest lake surf reports when hello the snow come tumbling down again with a vengeance. Newly-arrived Tom and family thought it was great, first time they had been snowed on in the southern reaches of this fine land and Tony couldn't wait to get his little red snow sled out again (he insists it's his daughter, Sarah's, but we know the truth Tony). By the way Ross and Tony report that the Prenzel night was a great success and recommend everyone should have one.

For any visitors to town a few new bars have opened recently to go with the other thousand bars in town already on offer. Should anyone be visiting, Ross informs us that there are conducted tours leaving from the Maltbys office at 5:00 pm every Friday afternoon, kids will need to ask their parents first.

Wellington

Mid Winter Dinner

The Wellington staff decided it was time to get out of the office! Thursday 4th August we descended to the Matterhorn for a drink then off to Piccolos for Dinner. Amazingly we managed to get all but one to dinner! A great meal and plenty of talk was had by all in this small pasta /pizzeria restaurant we even managed to make the owner smile after she had convinced us of having a shot of Grappa! After dinner a few attempted to play pool, this wasn't such a great idea, so a few more drinks were had. There were a few late starters the following morning, but a great way to make it through the colder months.



Auckland

Mid Winter Xmas

On the 14th July the Auckland office celebrated the Northern Hemisphere Xmas at the Turkish Cafe, Newmarket. We booked one long table for better mix and mingle.

The food just kept coming and coming. We started with mixed dips and pita breads. Then we had lamb & chicken kebabs, ravioli, pizza and salad. After this somehow we had to fit desert which was not going to happen as we were so full.

During the night we had the trustee camera that shows no one claiming the mystery orange juice.

All in all a very good night with lots of laughs. Tony was on his best behavior, turning up to work the next day without a headache.



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Events Calendar

Auckland

September - Welcome Night for Tim, Philip, Beth & Phillip
October - Nine Hole Golf & Go-Kart Challenge
November - End of Year Christmas Party at Gina's Pizza & Pasta Bar
December - Nine hole Golf

Wellington

October / November - Social Club - 10 Pin Bowling
October - Property Council Ball
December - Christmas function - Days Bay Wellington

Queenstown

26 November - Jeff's Birthday (The word is he would like a car that can actually pull his boat out of the lake)
15 February - Tom's Birthday
21 February - Ross' Birthday
21 June - Tony's Birthday
Xmas Party - Anytime Prior To Christmas

Quiz Time

Question 1

A man was found murdered on Sunday morning. His wife immediately called the police. The police questioned the wife and staff and got these alibis:

The Wife said she was sleeping.
The Cook was cooking breakfast.
The Gardener was picking vegetables.
The Maid was getting the mail.
The Butler was cleaning the closet.

The police instantly arrested the murdered. Who did it and how did they know?

Question 2

A man walks into his bathroom and shoots himself right between the eyes using a real gun with real bullets. He walks out alive, with no blood anywhere. And no, he didn't miss and he wasn't Superman or any other caped crusader.

How did he do this?

Question 3

Old Mr. Tidy was found dead in his study by Mr. Fiend. Mr. Fiend recounted his dismal discovery to the police.
"I was walking by Mr. Tidy's house when I thought I would just pop in for a visit. I noticed his study light was on and I decided to peek in from the outside to see if he was in there. There was frost on the window, so I had to wipe it away to see inside. That is when I saw his body. So I kicked in the front door to confirm my suspicions of foul play. I called the police immediately afterward." The officer immediately arrested Mr. Fiend for the murder of Mr. Tidy. How did he know Mr. Fiend was lying?

Question 4

If you touch me, you will die, but you can only live without me. I am a big part of your life, and will eventually be the only thing left. You will learn to embrace me finally at rest. What am I?

Sorry no prizes this time around! Just a bit of fun

Congratulations

Cameron Postlewaight (Wellington) for solving the Quiz in the previous Newsletter.

