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Catching up with Nigel

Autumn is here and the change of season is always on the minds of those of us who work outdoors. For our teams in Canterbury, Marlborough and over on the Coast, assessing the weather and refining our plans happens on a day to day basis. One concrete pour may look much like another, but many variables are being tweaked in the background. Alan, Phil, Pete and I will always be found checking the evening's weather forecast and adjusting pour time, pour content, and additives accordingly. Too hot, and cracking can happen, too cold and setting additives are needed. Rain can mean delaying tomorrow's pour.

Concrete is a key material in the dairy industry, and we know concrete well. It is clean, versatile and highly durable. But it can be surprisingly temperamental - performance and longevity is totally dependent on proper preparation. For us this means accurate site works, ample support and reinforcing, high quality ingredients and detailed finishing.

Through all of this, the common component is the skill of our teams. Did you know our team of 12 has a combined concreting experience of more than 230 years? That's an average of 19 years each. Our guys can tell by the sound of the concrete mixer when it arrives, if the batch is the right slump consistency or not. And we know all the areas of sheds and yards where finishing has to be done with extra care for staff or animals.

Our clients know us for our quality dairy sheds, but we are also your concrete specialists. At the larger end of the scale, we are doing an increasing number of feedpads - including one using 2,250 cubic metres of concrete! At the other end of the scale we bring our commercial expertise to shed and yard maintenance jobs, and anything in between - if it's concrete, talk to us.

Kirwee Field Days is 27-29 March - why not drop in for a chat about your concreting projects - you'll find us at SITE 269.

Nigel



Current & Future Work - there's a lot going on...

Current Work

- 54R, Buller
- 2800m² Feedpad & Feedbins, West Eyreton
- 54R, Havelock
- Stonetrap & Solids Area, Canterbury
- Solids area slab, Canterbury
- Concrete Lanes and Panels, Hororata

Forward Work

- Silage Bunkers, Canterbury
- Road Underpass, Canterbury
- Farm Pole Shed, Canterbury
- Yard Replacement, Rangitata
- Vat Stand, Canterbury
- Numerous upgrades and yard extension jobs

Our team has expanded, reflecting a sustained increase in level of demand. If you have a project in mind, talk to Nigel or Alan now so they can book you in.

Feature Shed

This autumn's feature photo (above) is an immaculate 54 bail rotary in Inangahua. With 'Titania' walls and 'Karakā' roof, this shed is easy clean and fits right into its surroundings. Alan reports that despite the reputation for rain over on the coast, the team had a great run of dry weather, perfect for concrete placing. The coast did deliver on sandflies however, so the guys were vigilant not just with sunscreen but also bug repellent.

The site had no phone reception, and whilst this was a challenge, it proved time and again the value of proper project management, advance planning, and having our project manager on site.

Our clients requested a raised catwalk feature for this shed - an elevated walkway around the race to give easier vet access to the cow's heads, and this is working very well.

Hot off the press

Check out one of the latest new RBS sheds highlighted in the Autumn 2019 edition of NZ Dairy: <http://publications.waterfordpress.co.nz/nz-dairy/>

And our great team are featured in Business Rural Winter 2019 out in June: <http://publications.waterfordpress.co.nz/business-rural/>

Look out for pics of our ongoing projects in the Darfield ITM newsletters, starting in April.

Along with many other locals, we are showing our support of SIAFD in the Malvern News edition of 22 March: <https://www.malvernnews.co.nz/malvern-news/>

Fairleigh Farm Open Day

We had a great turnout to this RBS event, with locals and those from further afield all coming along to look round our latest shed.

The weather held off, the coffee was hot and the bbq aromas were enticing.

Amongst the many were neighbours, existing clients and their friends and families who all came to enjoy a closeup walk round the brand new state-of-the-art shed, feedpad and effluent systems.

Representatives of all the shed components were on hand to explain features in detail, and those considering new shed builds or extensions said they found this invaluable.

"It's a one stop shop where I can look at new ideas actually up and working, catch up with mates, and score some lunch...bonus!"

- said one attendee.

Just as importantly, our host clients Paulien and Willem were very happy with the whole day, pleased to catch up with many others in the industry and proud of the great feedback they got.

We really rate these joint events with our clients and clearly you do too. We will be sure to let you know in good time for our next open day so you can mark it in your calendar.



SOUTH ISLAND AGRICULTURAL FIELD DAYS

MARCH 27-29 2019 KIRWEE

Yes it's Kirwee field days time again. We love being part of this, and find it's a fantastic time to catch up with so many in the dairy industry. Again this year we will be showcasing our work, so make sure you drop in and see Nigel and Alan at our site.

As Nigel says 'It makes our day when people drop in to see what we are doing or to tell us what they've been up to'.

Come and visit us at **SITE 269**

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Keep up with RBS news as it happens. Construction Manager Alan Deane posts the latest from Canterbury, Marlborough, Kaikoura and the coast: <https://twitter.com/ruralbuilding> and watch Nigel's snapchat story videos – snapcode: `hodgee_3`