

The latest news and updates from Civil Trades



Raising the bar in 2024

We now have a name for our quarterly newsletter – *Civil Matters*. It's brilliant to have a fresh name as we position ourselves for a big 2024 and I want to thank everyone who sent in suggestions as part of our naming competition.

This year we will work closely with educators, employers, certified tradespeople and others to spread the word about the benefits of Civil Trades certification. We will also strengthen the community around our certification to encourage sharing of ideas and to promote the comradery that makes our civil construction industry so special.

A recent look at the number of certified civil tradespeople shows we are particularly well represented among those with qualifications in pipeline construction and maintenance. This may be because of the weight councils place on hiring contractors with proven credentials – Civil Trades certified civil tradespeople stand out during project tenders.

On the other hand, the lower number of Civil Trades-certified forestry and earthworks professionals highlights an area where we can do better. Engaging people in forestry and earthworks is a priority as we increase representation across all civil construction disciplines.

This is just a quick peek at some of our priorities and we will keep you updated as the year goes on. Enjoy this newsletter and don't hesitate to get in touch with any feedback or questions.

Best regards,

Dave Howard
Chair, Civil Trades



Beach to boardroom: the people behind Civil Trades

The careers of Mike Wilson and Phil Bull are testament to the difference a commitment to training and development can make.

We spoke with them to find out what they love about the industry and why they contribute countless hours to helping people take the next step in their careers through Civil Trades certification.



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Share your knowledge at the EPIC Careers Hub

Want to help inspire the next generation of civil contractors?

We're looking for certified civil tradespeople to speak with career seekers at the EPIC Careers Hub on-site at Central Districts Field Days in Feilding from 14-16 March. Please contact us if you will be there and are happy to help.



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Shout out to all newsletter namers

Big thanks to everyone who sent in ideas as part of our newsletter naming competition. Suggestions included 'The Civvy', 'Trade Enough' and 'Civilised Talk', along with many others.

After much consideration we've settled on 'Civil Matters' – sent in by Amanda Rawnsley from Construction Contracts Limited. Congratulations Amanda, a \$50 Prezzy Card is on its way!



Have you got your Enviro Guide?

The *Civil Contractors' Environmental Guide* gives practical advice on how to prevent environmental harm on civil construction work sites.

The digital version of this helpful resource is free of charge for Civil Contractors New Zealand members. Non-members can access it for a fee, and print copies are also available at a small cost.



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Photo of the quarter



Our photo of the quarter recognises achievement. Huia Te Amo is pictured on the right with his Civil Trades certification, presented by CCNZ Bay of Plenty Branch Chair Gerry McLaughlan.

One for the road

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