



Staig & Smith Newsletter

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Welcome to our inaugural Quarterly Newsletter. Our aim with this newsletter is to keep you informed about our goings on, so you can get to know us, our work, & how we may assist your projects. We also aim to keep you updated with any happenings within Council that may affect your projects.

Our involvement in Relay for Life

In 2010 Staig & Smith Ltd were approached by the Cancer Society to set out the Relay for Life walking circuit & team tent sites at Saxton Field. We were delighted to be able to offer to do this work on a *pro bono* basis as part of our support for their fundraising efforts.

Over the years, the Cancer Society has come back to Staig & Smith to complete this work. This year we decided to include a Relay Team consisting of our staff & families.

A number of our team members were able to join in the celebratory lap for Survivors & Carers, before everyone joined in the opening lap. Families proceeded to take the helm until it was time for kids to head home to bed, then 9 hardy staff continued walking through the small hours until sunrise when our families came back to join in for the final lap.

A special highlight for us, was a former colleague's 9 year old daughter, who said she would shave her hair off if she raised \$200. Well she did, & we had the shave at our tent. By the end of the Relay, she had raised over \$500.

The Cancer Society raised over \$200,000 from the Relay.



Our HiViz vests & flag stood out during the final lap, when everyone joined in the walk

Staff Update



Andy Marshall is based in our Christchurch Office. We encourage our staff to reach high levels & Andy has achieved this by becoming a *Licensed Cadastral Surveyor*. His sense of humour is legend & he is often called upon to provide inspiration for end of year awards, although is known to fall subject to pranks himself. An outdoors person, Andy recently climbed Mt Aspiring however had to turn back before reaching the summit.

Visit to the Lighthouse

Staig & Smith Ltd have an active Social Club for its staff. This summer we boated our families across the Nelson Harbour to walk the Boulder Bank, Nelson's natural harbour defense, & the 1862 Lighthouse. Children & staff enjoyed being able to climb up to the top of the Lighthouse for a 360° view of Nelson & Tasman Bay.

Did you know that the lighthouse is shown on many survey plans & the top of the weather vane is a useful beacon for bearing control?



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Special points of interest:

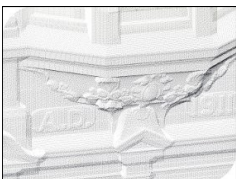
- Our involvement in Relay for Life
- Our newest Staff Member
- Visit to the Lighthouse

Council Update:

- Draft Annual Plan process
- NCC's Fault Hazard Overlay
- TDC's Flood Modelling
- CCC's Geotech reports

Next Issue:

- Our arsenal of tools available to us has expanded. We'll show you how laser scanning and the quadcopter could be used for your project.



Council Update

Draft Annual Plan Process

Councils have started consulting on their Draft Annual Plans. The Plans identify what the Councils priorities for the next financial year's work programme are. This includes upgrades to roading, water supplies etc. Our Resource Management Consultants often represent Client interests in both the Annual & Long Term Plan processes.



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OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT



Close to cafes & boutiques of Morrison Square, these offices are ready to occupy immediately. The space is partitioned into three offices, with an open plan reception/waiting area. Shared amenities & lunchroom with Staig & Smith. Additional option to lease car parks if necessary.

For Lease \$17,000 + GST.

Contact:

Geoff Faulkner 0272 136 266



Nelson City Council
te kaunihera o whakatū

Fault Hazard Overlay

Councils are required to avoid & reduce the impact of natural hazards, including earthquakes, on land development. In 2013, NCC received a report which has enabled the Council to more accurately map Faultline position through Nelson. The Council has indicated that it will undertake a Plan Change to incorporate the amended Map, which given legislative requirements, may take some time.

In the meantime, the Council has written to property owners who are affected by the amended Faultline Corridor, advising that where the new Faultline Corridor no longer overlays a section, that a consent is still required until a Plan Change occurs. For sections that have been added into the Faultline Corridor, the NRMP Fault Hazard rules will not apply until a Plan Change has been approved.

In the meantime, Staig & Smith will incorporate the new information within our design of new developments to reduce the risk to people & property.

Contact Lawrie Saunders in regard to subdivision design around the Faultline: 545 6886, or Jackie McNae for representation on the future Fault Hazard Plan Change: 545 6881.



Flood Modelling: up to a 500 year event

TDC have assessed the degree of flood risk to Brightwater, Wakefield & their rural surrounds from the Wai-iti & Wairoa Rivers flooding. The results show that some urban & rural areas are likely to be affected by floodwaters from large flood events.

The Council advises that the modelling hasn't changed the flood risk, rather it is a tool for understanding how flood waters might affect existing & future development. Council proposes to use the information in relation to infrastructure needs & strategic development reviews for the two towns.

Staig & Smith is able to use the modelling information to influence the location of Building Location Areas and boundaries in new developments to provide a better level of flood protection.

Contact Jackie McNae in regard to the effects of flooding risk on developments: 545 6881.



Geotechnical Requirements

Applications for subdivision & land development in Christchurch must be accompanied by a geotechnical assessment prepared by a suitably qualified & experienced Geotechnical Engineer (CPEng).

When in support of a subdivision, the report must assess the site in relation to relevant Section 106 issues for both land & structures. A geotech report for a building design is therefore not sufficient. The report must also include a "Statement of Professional Opinion on the suitability of land subdivision". Bulletin 23.2 outlines what must be included in geotech reports.

Contact Alex Martin for Christchurch Developments: 027 618 9105.