

11th Birthday

While April marks the end of our busy summer season April 9th was a highlight with our 11th birthday celebrations for the Bungy on the AHB. While the crew made the most of the cake and BBQ on offer

some of our customers got right into the spirit of things with 'birthday suit' style jumps.... It was a warm autumn day but maybe not that warm !!!

2003 might not seem that long ago to some but some of the highlights for the year included

- release of Apple iTunes
- 50cent was top of the charts
- Suddam Hussein was captured
- Lord Of The Rings Return Of The King, Finding Nemo and Terminator 3 were all released.
- Arnold Schwarzenegger became the Governor Of California.

Well known faces to have jumped with us over the 11 years include: David Beckham, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Sebastien Loeb, Li Na, David Ferrer plus a collection of AB's, Warriors, Breakers and many others.



One of the hearty souls for the birthday jump & Tash in royal regalia for the Royals yacht race ...

Katherine at the wheel of NZL 41

We found these old newspapers in our library, one is from December 10th 1958 with articles and pictures on the bridges construction. The second is from the Opening Day of the bridge - June 3 1959 These papers, of the day have some interesting articles and they are also a fantastic record of the period, therefore, we have decided to get these papers digitised so that they can be read plus kept as a piece of local history. Once this is accomplished a printed copy of each will also be available at our office for reading.



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On the 24th of March the site went 1000 days Lost Time Injury free. L.T.I

A lost time injury is an injury that requires a staff member to be off work for one full shift from a work related injury, factoring in the high risk work we carry out on a daily basis this is a outstanding achievement, we worked 219.000 man hours in this period.

On the 24th of March we had a celebration for our day and night shift crews, including a celebratory cake was purchased for both crews with the milestone we hit printed on the cakes. We achieved this milestone by implementing a

positive attitude throughout the team and by working safer and working as a team, by communicating with each other and watching out for each other's safety. Our reporting of near hit incidents so the bigger ones could be avoided has improved as well as the reporting of minor injuries so they could be managed were some of the factors in reaching 1000 days L.T.I free.

The important message to the crews on a daily basis is the reporting of all accidents and incidents no matter how minor, at the end of the day our crews health and safety is number one. The team have taken this message on board and it is very evident in the safe work practices that are carried out every day on site.

1000 Days LTI Free

Well done team Gerry McAndrew (Health And Safety Manager)

Delivery

The coatings team are progressing well with the

refurbishment of the truss bridge over the Stokes

Point Reserve. This job has proven more difficult than other areas on the bridge due to the consent

conditions and environmental requirements. This job started in February and completion is expected by mid-May. Unfortunately public access to this area has

bee stopped during working hours for safety reasons.

Transpower's North Auckland & Northland (NAaN) Project

Te have now completed the installation of the cable shield over the length of the bridge. This was a challenging project with a tight timeframe, complex fabrication details, and was particularly physically demanding. Nevertheless, thanks to the diligence and hard work of the team, the project was a success that we can all be proud of. All works for the project are now complete and Transpower have commissioned this new cable running 37km from Pakuranga to Albany. Thank you to our neighbours for their patience during this period of increased construction activity, we do appreciate it.

Asset Management

Bridge Deck Joints: We are planning repairs to the bridge deck joints to prevent them leaking. Works are to take place in the coming months.







Staff Profile

Lynne Gibbs joined us in January, coming from a background in the building industry. She is looking forward to becoming a valued member of the team and thoroughly

Auckland Harbour Bridge



Fig -5 Flag Pole Inspection





An interesting job to be mentioned this month was the flag pole inspection. This is carried out every two years and involves climbing up to the top of the pole on a boatswain chair. (Fig.5)

The mechanical team spent a couple of weeks doing night work on the bridge extensions with no issues to report. (Fig.4)



Figure-1 Containment at Stokes Point Reserve