

Spraggs Brag

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Happy New Year

Who said masonry construction had to be slow? When you have an organised gang of qualified tradesmen like Spraggs Bricklayers it's as fast as any other construction! Over the last 18 months, Stackbond blockwork has become popular in siteworks and structural feature walls – both interior and exterior. The blocks can be painted or left with natural finishes. And as soon as the masonry is completed other trades are able to work on or around it.



Where: Farmers Building, Richmond Mall, Richmond

Who: Mainzeal Construction, Spraggs Bricklayers

Firth Product: Approx. 3300 Firth 200 series concrete blocks

Spragg's Brag: This was a big job, on a tight schedule, in a difficult area. We craned the material up onto the first floor on a Tuesday, and were finished by the following Monday. Only took us 6 days! And that's for a 250m² wall with steel and block-fill placed.



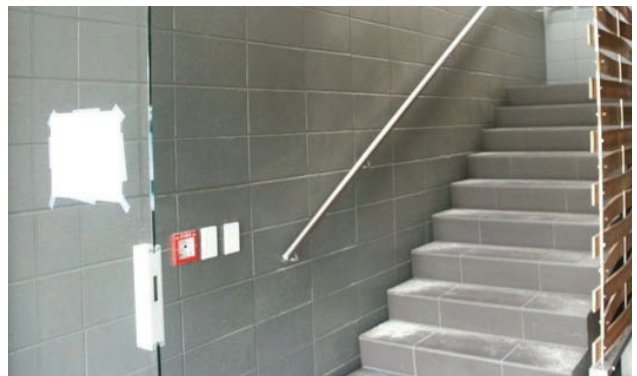
What: Commercial development, shops and offices

Where: Cnr Bridge & Harley Streets, Nelson

Who: Ian McCully Builders, Ian Jack & David Jerram Architects, Spraggs Bricklayers

Firth Product: 200 series blocks

Spragg's Brag: It takes a bit of skill to lay these blocks. This is a really tidy job showing the different 'looks' with a painted finish.





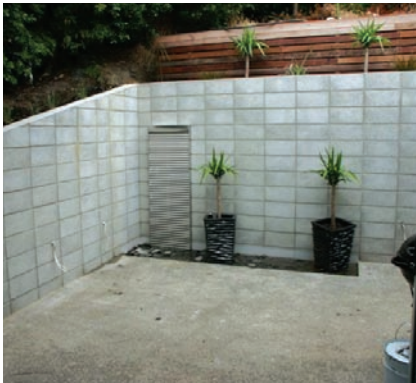
What: Siteworks retaining wall for a pool and basement

Where: Victoria Heights, Nelson

Who: Harris Builders, Palmer & Palmer Architects, Spraggs Bricklayers

Firth Product: Firth 200 series blocks (yet to be painted)

Spraggs's Brag: Stackbond is an alternative look for a retaining or basement wall.



What: Private residence, structural feature wall

Where: The Cliffs, Nelson

Who: Ian McCully Builders, Palmer & Palmer Architects, Spraggs Bricklayers

Firth Product: Firth 200 series blocks, Resene natural finish multiglaze

Spraggs's Brag: The owner (Liz Ladogan) is thrilled with the workmanship and the natural look.



Spraggs brickies (L to R) Steve, John, Marcus, Graeme, Leigh, Janine, Joshua, Scott, Allison, Terry, Rory, A.J, Adam, and Adrian.

A word from Adrian Spraggs:

In my experience – working in the United Kingdom, Australia, Auckland and Nelson over the last 22 years – masonry is not being used to its full potential in Nelson... so our aim with this small newsletter is to help and inspire you to come up with new ideas, solutions and alternatives for your building projects! Each quarter we'll be showcasing masonry projects underway in and around Nelson, in conjunction with Firth. That's because Spraggs Bricklayers and Firth Nelson are two companies which need each other. Spraggs need Firth to manufacture and supply concrete and masonry, while Firth needs Registered Masons who guarantee their work to lay the blocks and place the concrete. Together we'll show you the different ways various products are being used, and also keep you up to date with what's new in the masonry market. All the best, *Adrian Spraggs*

A bit about Firth:

The Firth brand is one of New Zealand's best known, trusted and most enduring brand names – synonymous with innovation, leadership, constant product quality and superior customer service. Firth's national manufacturing policy enables flexibility, and as a result masonry products can also be made to order. we can usually meet special one-off requirements such as specific colours, textures, strengths and mix designs. In addition, our product range is constantly updated as technology, building techniques and fashion trends change. The strength of Firth's success comes from its partnerships with both suppliers and customers. This is well illustrated in the Nelson region, where Firth's good relationship with Spraggs Bricklayers mean we're always working together to coordinate the supply and delivery of product to large projects.



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