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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that the festive holiday season is over we can get back to the real world of having to work for a living.

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STRUCTURAL MASON



What: Nelson—
Tasman Regional
Museum
Where: Cnr Hardy
& Trafalgar Street,
Nelson
Who: Wilkes Con-
struction Ltd,
Builder—Irving
Smith Jack Archi-
tects Ltd, Architect.



Firth Product: 150 and 200 series blocks

Spraggs Brag: Yet another high profile job in Nelson, constructed in stackbond. The painted mural on the blocks looks great. Andrew Irving from Irving Smith Jack Architects Ltd comments that stack bonded blockwork allowed them to express these structural elements, and has been a great foil for the museums new signage. We are very pleased with the quality of the finished product.

What: Network Tasman—Mapua Sub Station

Where: Mapua

Who: Ian McCully Builders Ltd, Builder—Arthouse Architecture Ltd, Architect.

Firth Product: 200 Series Stackbond


Spraggs Brag: Once again stackbond was chosen by the architect, still proving to be a popular choice in design. These walls were used as partion walls between the main transformers.








What: Palazzo Motel
Where: Rutherford Street, Nelson
Who Emmerson Mytton Builders, Builder— Paul Foley Design Ltd, Architect.
Firth Product: 150 & 200 series common
Spraggs Brag: The second stage at Palazzo Motels. It was decided that the first floor exterior panels would be constructed out of block which allowed the engineers to simplify the engineering and construction design. Ya Hoo for us!!











 In September 2005 Adrian attended the New Zealand Masters Masons Trade Federation (NZMMTF) conference.


 This organisation has the equivalent function of both certified and master builders. The theme was “Survival for the Future” of the masonry trade.

 The Federation is planning major changes to increase the industry profile, starting with the suggestion of a name change (good idea).

-  • Promotion of the trade
-  • Branding
-  • Training
-  • Raising standards over the whole spectrum.

 By 2009 it will be mandatory to have at least one Licensed Building Practitioner i.e. licensed brick or blocklayer, overseeing every job.

 Adrian is keen to see and support these proposed changes.





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