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Visit to South Africa

I recently took my annual leave and went on a trip back to South Africa. Apart from seeing friends and family (which took up most of the time) I also managed to visit a few university campuses, including the one I studied at over 30 years ago. It was amazing to see how much has changed and also how little has changed – I am certain that some of the lecture rooms are still decorated and fitted out the same as they were all those years ago!

There have been radical changes in the university scene in South Africa with many of the universities and allied colleges (such as Teachers' Colleges) combining to form very large organisations. When one adds to this the integration between the various language groups and racial groups the situation gives rise to some interesting complications.

Stark differences to our campuses:

- Over there all campuses are surrounded by security fences over 2m high that ensure very strict after-hours access control,
- No first year students may park on campus,
- FMD and other support services are regarded as poor second cousins to academics,
- Maintenance and capital budgets are very restrictive,
- Competent technical and trades staff are even harder to come by than they are in NZ
- Security is a big issue on campuses with accesses and parking areas all controlled by boom gates to the grounds.

And even though the climate is far warmer than ours, far less facilities than expected are air-conditioned (even in Durban which is a very humid coastal city at 30 deg latitude.)

All in all a very interesting holiday.

Tony Dicks, Group Manager - Facilities

We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

- Jawaharlal Nehru, 1889-1964, Indian Nationalist, Statesman



Health & Safety Quarterly Report – 1/1/06 to 31/3/06

Schools/Divisions	Accident	Incident
SCMS		2
SOE	2	1
FSD		3
FMD	1	1
HRM		1
SASD	1	3
SSEN		4
University of Waikato	1	
Vice Chancellor's Office	1	1
WMS		1
Totals	6	17

During this quarterly period you can see that there were 6 Accidents and 17 Incidents reported. You'll be pleased to see that FMD only had 1 accident and 1 incident reported during this quarter compared to some of the other Schools/ Divisions. Keep up the good work people and remember to keep reporting accidents, incidents, hazards, etc. to your supervisors and line managers.

Karleen Smith – Health & Safety Rep

Seasonal pics of the old and new Oranga area

In the March issue of Facilitation we showed some before/after pictures showing the colour changes in Oranga. Here are another couple of before/after pictures taken by Nan Sinclair (Grounds section) showing how different this area now looks during the exact same season of the year.



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The Wise Pipe Specification

- 1 All pipe is to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic centred around the hole.
- 2 All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length – do not use holes of different length than the pipe.
- 3 The ID (inside diameter) of all pipe must not exceed the OD (outside diameter) – otherwise the hole will be on the outside (see sketch in the box below)



Artist's impression of a pipe whose inside diameter exceeds the outside diameter. Note how the hole is on the outside.

- 4 All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
- 5 All pipe should be supplied without rust – this can be more readily applied at the job site. (Some vendors are now able to supply pre-rusted pipe. If available in your area, this product is recommended as it will save a lot of time on the job site.)
- 6 All pipe over 100m in length should have the words "long pipe" clearly painted on each end, so the contractor will know it is a long pipe.
- 7 Pipe over 1000m in length must have the words "long pipe" painted in the middle, so the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether or not it is, or is not, a long pipe.
- 8 All pipe over 150mm in diameter must have the words "large pipe" painted on it so the contractor will not mistake it for a small pipe.
- 9 Where pipes have flanges, flanges must have holes for bolts quite separate from the big hole in the middle.
- 10 When ordering 90 degree, 45 degree or 30 degree elbow, be sure to specify right hand or left hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.
- 11 Be sure to specify whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.
- 12 All couplings should have either right hand or left hand thread, but do not mix threads – otherwise, as the coupling is being screwed on one pipe, it is unscrewed from the other.

Super 14 competition results

We have come to the end of the Super 14 rugby competition. The top and bottom place getters were:

- 1st prize Lyn Koers with 149 points (we now know who has been helping Pieter over the past few years!)
- 2nd prize Laurie Drummond with 144 points
- 3rd prize was shared by Alastair Gunn and Steve Cunningham who both had 139 points.

At the bottom end of the competition were:

- Eric Stevens from the Don Llewellyn Pavilion with 96 points (this was the result of not putting in your weekly selections)
- Ray Hayward with 101 points
- Merv Kapea with 102 points

Not sure if Ray and Merv were trying to beat Eric to the bottom but on week 14 Ray played his joker and picked draws for every game resulting in 0 points for that week, and Merv forgot to play his joker during the competition which may have helped move him up the ladder slightly.

I was recently in Palmerston North. A very interesting site 10 km north of the city is the Te Apiti wind farm which generates electricity for up to 45,000 homes.



Mark Thompson, Grounds Manager

It's a boy!!

Just to let you know that Steve and Catherine Naude are the proud parents of Samuel Mitchell Naude.

Samuel was born on 17th June at 12.10pm at 3.45 kgs (7 pounds, 10 ounces) and 51 cm long.



Wallies of the Week!!

Pictures taken by Nan Sinclair of the Grounds staff helping the Carpenters van (Neil Hindman) across campus



FMD Social Club

REMINDERS for the following upcoming events – don't forget to put your name on the noticeboard in the FMD tearoom if you want to take part:

- Friday 23rd June – mid year Xmas social at the Hamilton Cossie Club. Cost is \$15 per head. (This is normally \$27.95 but is being subsidised by the social club). Meal at 7.30pm. Ring the club to use their Courtesy Bus!!
- Saturday 23rd September – bus trip to Auckland to visit Kelly Tarltons, Britomart, Auckland Museum, and we will have a meal at the Manurewa Club on the way home.