

GOT IT NAILED

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COUNCIL BUILDING UNIT RECEIVES 2 AWARDS

The Building Unit has reason to celebrate.

At a recent annual Building Officials Institute (BOINZ) conference, Peter Gallagher was nominated not only for outstanding performance within his role but also for his efforts alerting Government departments of noncompliant Plumbing and Drainage materials from overseas that are being used in the industry.

Unfortunately Peter was unable to attend the prize giving at the conference so was presented with the award in the Building Unit. The award was for Outstanding Commitment to Information, Skills Development & Education of Building Officials.

The Building Unit was also successful in receiving the MITEK award for Training Commitment. This was awarded to the Council Building Unit for having the highest national percentage of training invested through BOINZ for the year.



Certificates and awards recently awarded to Peter Gallagher and the Timaru District Council



Grant Hyde presents Peter Gallagher with his certificate with Tina Rogers, Group Manager Corporate Services, watching on

"Got It Nailed!" is a free news update which is sent out to the building sector to ensure that the latest updates, trends and issues are discussed in an open forum.

Feedback and suggestions welcomed

Please contact us with any suggestions for items you would like to see in our Building Services Updates - feedback is also greatly appreciated.

Contacting Building Services

Did you know that rather than visiting or calling building services with an enquiry, you can email us at enquiry@timdc.govt.nz. Email enquiries are responded to promptly.



Receiving the newsletter electronically

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please contact Grant Hyde - Building Control Manager
DDI: 03 387 7232
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From the Processing team

ATTENTION DESIGNERS AND ARCHITECTS

Electronic Consent Applications are almost here:

As of the 1 July 2016, the Timaru District Council will be implementing the second phase of its electronic building consent project, electronic (online) applications. This means that applicants can submit their application and all attachments electronically and have it processed and issued back to them electronically as well. To be able to access this you will need to:

1. Have registered a MyTDC account through the Council website www.timaru.govt.nz/home
2. Be signed up to "RealMe", which is the official and secure way to prove who you are online - think of it as your online ID.

Once you have signed up you will be contacted individually to join this system, this will allow us to manage the implementation program as smoothly as possible. We will be doing this over a period of time and I ask that you bear with us as we move into this electronic era.

So that's about it for the moment, there will be more updates sent out as we move through this phasing-in period and if you have any questions, you can contact Jayson Ellis on 03 6877466 or jayson.ellis@timdc.govt.nz

Don't forget that you will be contacted in due course to be invited to join this system, so when you receive an email on this you will know what it is about.

Exciting times ahead!

But don't panic, the Building Unit will still be continuing the hard copy application service as normal. However with one small change, as of the 1 July we will be swapping the current LGNZ application forms (BA Form 2) for the much more user friendly Southern Cluster Group model. Refer to www.sbcg.co.nz/downloads/Building/QLD_C_Building_Application_Forms/SBCG_Building_Application_Form_2.pdf



L-R - Jayson Ellis, Letitia Taggart, Philip Bone, Marion Finn, Mark Stericker, Monica Bedford, Paul Hanson, Vicki McMillan, David Williams

BUILDING CONSENT PROCESSING TIMES:

The processing team has reason to celebrate, with a huge effort, they have been able to process 100% of building consents since July 2015 within the statutory 20 day time frame. To do this, Jayson Ellis and his team have managed to juggle work flows with his team working overtime and sending consent applications to external contractors.

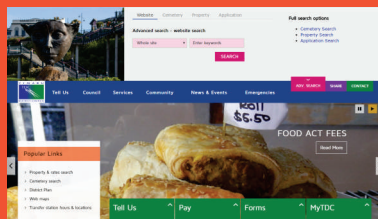
Another change to ensure consents won't go beyond the twentieth day was to treat minor consent applications as any other consent. For example previously all solid fuel heaters, marquees and other minor projects would be dealt with as they came in the door. Now they are processed promptly but along with other consents received. However, if you have submitted a minor consent application and have a legitimate reason for urgency, please make note of this on your application and we will endeavour to process it urgently.

YOU CAN TRACK YOUR BUILDING CONSENT ON OUR WEBSITE:

Simply go to www.timaru.govt.nz and select

- ADV Search Tab (top right corner)
- Full Search Options - Application Search
- Enter your Building Consent Number (as written per acknowledgement letter)
- Search

This will detail the description of work, location of the property and detail all tasks to date.



DUTY OFFICE ENQUIRIES:

David Williams offers a free service on a wide variety of building related enquires making the duty office an extremely popular first point of call, so much so that David can often have a queue.

To avoid unnecessary waiting time for this service, if your visit is for a pre-consent meeting, please book this with Jayson Ellis or Murray Winmill, as these meetings can take a considerable amount of time.

To arrange a pre-consent meeting this can be done by David or you can call Jayson 03 687 7466 or Murray 03 687 7492.



From the Admin team

FEES & CHARGES

Due to ongoing training and accreditation costs the Building Unit has had to increase building consent related fees and charges by 3-4%. These new fees will commence on the 1st July.

Administration/Application Fee	2015/16	2016/17
Work with a value of less than \$20,000	\$165.00	\$170.00
Work with a value of between \$20,001 & \$100,000	\$310.00	\$320.00
Works with a value of between \$100,001 & \$500,000	\$620.00	\$645.00
Work with a value of more than \$500,000	\$870.00	\$900.00
Amendments	\$165.00	\$170.00
Certificate of Acceptance	\$165.00	\$170.00

Other Minor Applications (Total fee to be invoiced when granted)	2015/16	2016/17
Solid and Liquid Fuel Heating Appliances	\$280.00	\$290.00
Marquees	\$220.00	\$230.00
Demolition (Residential Only)	\$290.00	\$300.00

Project Information Memorandum	2015/16	2016/17
PIM Lodging & Administration (for PIM only applications)	\$290.00	\$300.00

Building Consents / Amendments	2015/16	2016/17
Technical Processing (per half hour or part thereof)	\$70.00	\$75.00
Minor Inspection	\$75.00	\$80.00
Full Inspection	\$140.00	\$145.00
Code Compliance Certificates (grant & issue) for consents > \$100,000	\$120.00	\$140.00
Administration fee (2015/16: per hour) (2016/17: per half hour)	\$90.00	\$50.00

Printing					
A4 black & white	\$0.20	A3 Black & white	\$0.40		
A4 colour	\$1.50	A3 Colour	\$2.50		
A2	\$2.00	A1	\$4.00	A0	\$6.00



L-R Andrew Feary, Kate O'Neill, Vicki McMillan, Carolyne Todd, Kate Walkinshaw, Rosanna Shand

INTRODUCING ANDREW FEARY

Hello, my name is Andrew Feary and I have just started in the Building Unit in the Admin Team. I have come from the Ministry of Justice where I had been for approximately 13 years spread over the last 19 years, where I have been based at Christchurch, North Shore, Auckland and lastly Timaru courthouses respectively. Intermingled with that was a few years with the New Zealand Customs Service and Royal New Zealand Navy.



I was born and raised in Christchurch before leaving in 2009 for London, returning to Auckland for a few years then on to Timaru as we couldn't afford the house prices in Auckland, and to be closer to my wife's family.

Outside of work I will be found chasing after our two daughters; completing various projects around the house (at the moment it is painting window joinery), pottering around in the garden and on the rare occasion I have an hour or two "hall pass", I will jump either on the road bike to explore the South Canterbury back roads, or on the Stand Up Paddleboard for a paddle around Caroline Bay. I am still hunting for a great coffee (a filthy habit picked up in Auckland, but none of this Flat White rubbish, only proper Italian Espresso or Cappuccinos) so any recommendations will be diligently investigated.

REMINDER: STATUTORY 20 WORKING DAY TIME FRAMES FOR CODE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATES (CCC)

As a similar procedure for granting a Building Consent, the Building Act also gives the Building Consent Authority (BCA) 20 working days to sign off when the project is complete.

However if you have a legitimate reason for urgency please make note of this on your CCC application and we will endeavour to process your application as quickly as we can.



ONLINE TRANSACTIONS REQUIRE PROOF OF PAYMENT WHEN PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF BUILDING CONSENTS:

An important reminder to customers who use the internet banking option to pay Building Consent fees: if you do this and expect to either deliver a consent application to Council or intend to pick one up, it is critical that you print off proof of the online banking receipt once you have completed the transaction and bring this into Council when delivering or receiving a building consent.



From the Inspection team

SOLID FUEL HEATER INSPECTIONS:

To ensure our inspection team can carry out and, most importantly, pass an inspection at the first visit the following points are critical:

- Approved plans must be onsite
- In the interest of the installer, it is advisable for them to be onsite during the inspection to rectify any minor issues
- Inbuilt heaters with timber framed chimney voids will need an inspection

prior to closing in the void for the purpose of viewing flue clearances. Alternatively, leave a panel of lining off.

- Don't forget to check that the smoke detectors are working and are located at least three metres from the bedroom doors and on an escape route.

Doing the above checks will help avoid a further follow up inspection which comes at the cost of an additional inspection fee.



L-R Philip Bone, Malcolm Lurajud, Kerry McDonald, Derek Neil, Murray Winmill, Peter Gallagher, David Laws, Tony Milward



If we can help you further please don't hesitate to contact the Duty Building Officer on 03 687 7236.

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