



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

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Malo e lelei! Talofa lava! Bula! Greetings! Goeie dag! Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa!

Asbestos Workshop – Pilot Workshop Coming to Auckland

I had the, hmmm..., pleasure (?) of talking with a representative of the New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association the other day. He was a very pleasant chap, so it was a pleasure... but we were discussing asbestos!

From this discussion (and the internet!) I learnt some more things...

Did you know...?

- Some paints contain asbestos
- Some window putties contain asbestos
- Bakelight would sometimes contain asbestos... and some toilet seats were made with Bakelight!
- Asbestos was used as fake snow flakes in Christmas themed movies – they didn't melt under the hot stage lights... back in the day of the Wizard of Oz, and Bing Crosby – Holiday Inn



We have a next-to-nil chance of playing in fake asbestos snow with Bing Crosby, but there is every possibility our buildings contain asbestos hidden in everyday building materials we take for granted.

So while I am kicking off later than planned, I am kicking off with the asbestos management roadshow after Conference. The first Roadshow pilot is being arranged for 27 October after Labour Day weekend.

I will run a pilot to ensure I am sharing useful information that will help our property committees integrate asbestos management in with their building maintenance and management programmes.

The Roadshow will cover

- Why do we have to manage asbestos
- Where can asbestos be found
- What we need to do – the Stages
- Work done by professionals

The aim of the Roadshow will be to give you the knowledge to get an asbestos management plan for the properties you administer

- Stage 1 – can be done by you (you can do it right now if you like!)
- Stage 2 – requires building and asbestos knowledge
- Stage 3 – understanding what happens with the professionals come to site, whether it is specifically for asbestos, or for other building works which then discover asbestos
- Ideally asbestos management becomes integrated with existing building management (how you manage visitors, tenants and building maintenance)

If you are interested in attending the Workshop Pilot (make sure I get the right messages right) in Auckland then please let me know! Seats are limited!

E tata tapahi, e roa whakatū

Procrastination is the thief of time.

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