



ACC IS ALLOCATING 22 MILLION FOR INJURY PREVENTION

We are delighted to report that ACC is now listening to us and we may yet have a chance to assist ACC achieve some real reductions in the delivery of Injury Prevention. Unfortunately most officials think in terms of mechanical things that they understand and can identify with and this is in harmony with the general populace that likes to touch things before they are sure that they are real.

Injury prevention of course is much more complicated than that and has little to do with the normal educational processes. You can throw ten million at advertising and you can print glossy materials and you can have safety reps and so on. All of that will produce some benefits and is likely to achieve 10% or maybe even 20%. So why not aim for 25% and then we will settle for 15% and then everyone is happy and we have earned our incentive payments - so say the officials. Unfortunately this is all about traditional educational thinking and has nothing to do with what is required.

Injury Prevention is not a methodology even though it involves methods. It is not about training systems even though it must be delivered in a training environment. It is not about checking things but this does matter. It is not even about hazard identification even though risk management certainly plays an important part. Injury Prevention is a philosophy first and foremost. It is like coaching the Canterbury Crusaders to win the 10 nations year after year without fail. It is cultural, psychological, behavioural, motivational, and philosophical. If you wish to solve the problem you must firstly identify all of the wonder kids that will always make dopey decisions and then prevent them causing accidents with regularity.

TWO MORE ATV DEATHS

We have been informed in recent times of yet two more ATV deaths in Northland. We do not accept the excuses and are of the view that these deaths are completely avoidable and are a result of negligence.

We recently did a site audit of a workshop involved in the repair of these machines and we were disappointed to find that there were 20 matters that needed attention. This is indicative of the attitude of the management of the local industry. Farmers must also wake up and sack workers who wish to drive in top gear with no helmet and mobile phones in txt mode.



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Rom 10.9 NIV If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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Safety lessons learned:

It was reasonably practicable for the Defendant to have:

1. Developed and implemented an adequate safe system of work in respect of the erection and use of the LERS;
2. Ensured the LERS were erected and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
3. Ensured the competency of all workers involved in the planning and use of the LERS, taking into account the infrequency with which those workers were tasked with work involving LERS.
4. Sonny Kingi battled serious arm and leg injuries after a transmission tower collapsed on him at work.
5. WorkSafe prosecuted Electrix Ltd (employer of Sonny Kingi) after a 30m high temporary power pylon he was standing on at Ruakura Rd in August 2016 collapsed.

TERTIARY EDUCATION CHANGES LETS RESCUE AUCKLAND OR GET SOME REAL MANAGERS

The current Government is looking to amalgamate all of the Polytechnics and ITOs into a new entity that must focus on the delivery of courses designed to meet the requirements of industry. The NZQA and TEC machines may be lacking in competency, credibility and integrity.

The problem is that by collecting all of the bags of good and bad apples and then throwing them into a new bin will not solve the problem. The problem is with a perverse system that allows druggies and zombies to get through by doing one line at a time. We are pleased that we no longer belong with NZQA flipflop stuff.



2.

FINANCIAL TIMES OF DESPAIR MAY BE COMING TO AUSTRALIA

Even the most optimistic finance advisors in Australia are advising all sectors to anchor down for a 40% drop in housing prices within 12 months from now. The big 4 Australasian banks will be facing constraints, restraints and severe restructuring that will possibly involve a complete poisoning of the Australian economy. This will lead to serious hardship for many people. Beware of the big 4 Australian banks unless you wish to face some interesting music and fold ins. You must also be aware that BNZ is not NZ owned but belongs to NAB.

NZ BALANCE OF PAYMENTS HAS IMPROVED

I recall that the former Minister of Finance once asked me some 15 years ago about what would be reasonable for the debt ratio. My response was that if debt servicing cost is 10% of GDP then that is usually okay for planning ahead to provide for future generations. If the rate climbs to 20% that is the limit and at 30% or more you are in a "deep and steep shut".

There is a rosy side to the outlook as our combined overseas debt total recently fell from \$148 billion to about \$140 billion which is 1.6 years of receipts or 160%. If we get further strengthening of our dollar the debt could then drop to \$130 billion. This will require improvement of our position against both America and Australia. I am not sure we will strengthen against China but if China weakens its currency then we should also win against them. There are of course those who will argue for a weak dollar to help make exports easier to achieve. This is for those who are not prepared to do the hard work to drive our export success.

If you look at the balance of accounts you will find that he stringently adhered to balancing the accounts as far as possible and we owe him a debt of gratitude. It appears that the internal accounts are about \$80 billion each way and for the external accounts much the same applies. The situation for the internal accounts is that the costs of Local Government are not included in the equation. In the case of external accounts both tourism and overseas student incomes need to be added. Tourism is now our number one earner of overseas funds. We now have more than 3 million tourists per annum and this compares to 1 million 20 years back.



3.

TWO MORE ROAD DEATHS IN CHRISTCHURCH

We are sad to report that two more deaths have happened in Christchurch and this was at the intersection of Russley and Yaldhurst at 1am on 5 April 2019. The driver has decided that he will not talk with us and therefore we cannot help him. He will now have to face the music and the consequences that may not be pleasant.

It is customary for us in a situation such as this one for us to assist the worker of the client and to challenge the authorities if it can be established that zero drugs were implicated and that the driver was given time to recover from the accident prior to interrogation. The other part of it is that we have not been able to try and find out any stressors or contributing factors that might provide a more than useful defence against possible pending charges.

ASBESTOS FINE IMPOSED - SEVERAL FAILURES IDENTIFIED

The Defendant's actions involved widespread breaches of the standards expected to manage the risks with asbestos, namely that:

The Defendant did not read the Asbestos Demolition Survey produced for the property prior to carrying out asbestos removal work;

The Defendant failed to notify WorkSafe of the work and did not prepare an asbestos removal and control plan prior to carrying out the work;

A 'dry removal' method was used and this has a greater associated risk of asbestos fibres becoming airborne;

The Defendant did not enclose the building where asbestos removal work was carried out to ensure asbestos remained contained in a controlled environment;

A negative air pressure system was not used to prevent airborne asbestos and airborne asbestos fibre levels were not monitored;

The Defendant did not have decontamination facilities available for use or erect signs and barriers to secure the site from visitors;

The Defendant should have notified persons nearby of the asbestos removal work that was being carried out, or warn such persons to stay away;

The Defendant did not ensure the materials containing asbestos were appropriately bagged or labeled.

HOW TO CONTROL ASBESTOS IN YOUR HOME

It is recommended that you read and follow the information at the following link. Another option is to prepare an Asbestos Control Plan.

<http://www.goredc.govt.nz/assets/documents/misc/removing-asbestos.pdf>