

Improved Services for 2010

As we move into the new decade, BTW Company's clients will benefit from two strategic advancements in our business. From February 2010, two Chartered Professional Engineers, plus a Project Engineer will join our team to strengthen our Engineering wing. As equally significant, BTW Company are investing in new technology and services to improve our systems and productivity, with view to increasing value of services for clients.

BTW Company will continue to maintain our competitive advantages in carrying out project work, such as land development, subdivisions and construction projects. Our complete team of Resource Consent professionals, Surveyors, Engineers and GIS specialists offer a total service, with a strategic and 'seamless' team approach.

Successful completion of our client's projects is paramount. BTW's philosophy of developing 'partnerships' with clients, coupled with strong communication and application of the best technology are key components to our success.

We are experiencing a very positive and buoyant start to the year, and wish you all a prosperous 2010!

Phil Dickey - Managing Director

Planning Roundup!

New Plymouth District Rural Review & Land Supply Review

The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) continues to work on a review of all the rules in the rural area. Submissions on the first round of consultation were heard in May 2009 and from this the NPDC took away a lot to think about. One of the main topics of interest is investigating new 'Rural Lifestyle' zones in the NP District, and as we've mentioned previously, increasing the minimum allotment size for subdivision in the wider rural area to somewhere between 8 and 12ha (currently its 4ha).

The Land Supply Review – looking at where New Plymouth's urban/residential areas will grow in the future - is still progressing, and the possibility of a new 'Rural Lifestyle' zone could influence some of the proposals for the urban areas.

We expect some 'action' in 2010, likely in the form of notification of some plan changes. While we look forward to seeing what the NPDC has planned, we're also aware that once the proposed changes are notified, the proposed new rules will need to be considered when making applications. This can have significant and immediate implications for our clients. In the meantime if you are thinking about subdividing rural land, now is the time to contact us.



Photo: Registered Surveyor Graeme Johnston

Taranaki Regional Council

Submissions have been heard on changes to Taranaki Regional Council's **Regional Air Quality Plan**, and we expect to see the new plan adopted this year.

The **Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki** has been under review for the last 1-2 years, and was adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on 8 December 2009, coming into effect on 1 January 2010. The Policy Statement is significant because it sets out the high-level policy that must be reflected by all four of Taranaki's Councils in their Regional and District Plans.

Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Bill

The first round of amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 are now in force, however from a day to day perspective for our clients there is little change. Phase 2 of the changes promise to be more significant, and we watch with interest to see how the National Government progresses with these in their first term of office.

BTW Company's Resource Management and Environment team is here to help you through Council processes, and answer any questions you might have.

Engineering

With increasing business in the Civil & Structural engineering field, we are very pleased to announce that Steve Tooley, Colin Bell and Bruce Chadwick will be joining our Engineering team in February 2010.

Steve and Colin, both Chartered Professional Engineers with a lifetime of experience in Taranaki and New Zealand, will lead our Engineering team.

Our Civil Engineering Services include;

- Site investigations and reports
- Roads (including pavements, culverts, network management)
- Stormwater
- Water Supplies
- Sewer reticulation
- Structures (foundations, retaining walls, pipe bridges, vehicle bridges and small buildings.)
- Project management (from investigations through to commissioning)
- Contracts (documentation and management)
- Asset management – planning/implementation
- Maintenance Management (corrosion, concrete repairs, coatings)
- Rivers and coastal protection works
- Chartered Professional Engineers certification of Producer Statements
- Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) & Assessments
- Quarry Engineering
- Wellsite Civil Engineering (please refer to our “Services for the Energy Industry” for our range of services)
- Bridge and Culverts: Asset Management (including detailed inspections by qualified staff; maintenance programmes, repair strategies); replacements and new bridges.

Cadastral Corner

Many of our clients ask us when we are on the job whether we will be using GPS to carry out the survey. In some cases the answer is yes. GPS is a global positioning system which enables us, by way of satellite to locate a position within a few centimetres, providing the underlying information established by earlier survey is accurate. Its effectiveness is limited by high cover (trees) and close proximity of buildings. In these cases we use the latest electronic Theodolite to achieve the same end. BTW has invested in this hardware to ensure that your field work is carried out in the shortest time possible.

We were also one of the first firms in New Zealand to draft plans electronically and process them via the Landonline facility. With the closure of the old Lands and Survey office (now Land Information NZ or LINZ), all searching of data and lodgement of plans is carried out electronically, via a national system called ‘Landonline’.

With the new process, the time taken to draft a plan has been halved, which reduces the cost to the client accordingly. In addition LINZ now approves a plan in less than 10 days whereas it used to be measured in weeks.

BTW is currently working on over 120 cadastral jobs, which involves boundary definition. This work is carried out by our specialist team of 5 Registered Professional Surveyors and four graduates (Technician Surveyors). Check out the players on our website, www.btwcompany.co.nz.

Staff Profile



Grant Aitken – Director, Manager – Energy Division

Grant has been a director of BTW Company Ltd since 2008. He has extensive experience and knowledge in subdivision, engineering, wellsite development, and seismic surveys. He has experience surveying throughout New Zealand and overseas in Australia, Canada and the Middle East. Grant is responsible for managing seismic projects, wellsite development, offshore and onshore production facility surveys, field logistics and AutoCAD draughting.



Relay for Life!

On 20/21 March 2010 BTW Company will proudly take part in the Relay for Life fundraiser at the Pukekura Raceway. Relay for Life is a 24 hour team event which raises money for the Cancer Society.

If you would like to sponsor our team we have a collection bucket located at our reception counter or follow the link below and donate on line <http://www.relayforlife.org.nz/index/donation> (just select team “BTW Company”).

8000 Kiwis die of cancer related diseases every year. All donations go to the Cancer Society to help them reduce this statistic.

Around the Mountain Relay



The ‘BTW Survey Party’ successfully completed another Round the Mountain Relay in November, improving both our time and placing compared to previous years! Above; Nik (who’d just completed a scorching 8km to the finish!), James, Mike, Cam, Paul S, Grant, Cees & Stefan, Paul T and Kath. We’ll be back