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GIB® Plasterboard Nine Decades of Innovation



MANUFACTURING IN NZ

90 YEARS MADE IN NEW ZEALAND

by Karen Richter Marketing Executive



amount at the time, especially given the highly manual manufacturing process and strong international competition.

1930 – Production had grown to 5 million square feet, maxing out the current plant's manufacturing capability. To service growing customer demand Winstones began a major upgrade. International expertise and the latest machinery were sourced from Northern America, and after six months of testing and development, the first major Winstones plasterboard innovation was born. A new internal core incorporating plaster and pumice - rather than the traditional plaster and saw dust core - was developed, creating a stronger and more stable plasterboard sheet.





Origins of the GIB® name

The GIB® brand name started its journey in the early 1930s when a staff competition offered a £30 cash prize for the best name. Gibraltar board was chosen for its association with the strength and resilience of the Rock of Gibraltar. In 1979 Gibraltar board changed to Gibboard and in the early/mid 90's it was shortened to 'GIB®'.

These days it's hard to imagine lining buildings in New Zealand with anything else but plasterboard. Up until the mid-1920's the vast majority of plasterboard was imported from the USA and Canada. But there were some locals who were convinced that quality wallboard products could be made locally.

1927 – Led by Harold Hitchon, a group of Auckland business men established a small factory in Mt Eden. In its first year of production at Balmoral Road, NZ Wallboards Ltd produced 1 million square feet of plasterboard – a significant

1932 – The new Auckland plant was completed, and the new pumice sourced from the Waikato and later the Mercer Sand Plant, was put into mass production. The innovative formulation was named 'Gibraltar Board'. While early production methods were laborious, they also laid the foundation for industrial success. This unique pumice-core product was kept in production until the 1980s.

1945 – While in 1930, 18 men produced5 million square feet of plasterboard, by1945, 50 men were manufacturing 20

million square feet of it. At the same time, demand for the material far exceeded the output and further expansion became necessary.

TOP: "Winstone" truck loaded for local delivery, **MIDDLE:** Mixing plaster by hand at the NZ Wallboards factory in Mt Eden, **BOTTOM:** Manually loading the truck

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GETTING BETTER

FOREWORD

by David Thomas General Manager



While we need to be wary about the relevance of transferring learnings from the sports arena into business, I do think

that there are some valuable lessons/ provocations we can take from the recent America's Cup and the All Blacks/Lions Rugby Test Series.

Firstly, have a clear understanding of the strengths and likely tactics of your competition, or in the case of your customers, a very good knowledge of their needs. Then having developed a plan to address these, ensure that you execute the plan properly. I think there is a fair degree of truth in the saying that 'a poor plan well executed is better than a good plan badly executed'. Of course things sometimes do go wrong and a measure of the strength of a company is how well it recovers or learns from its mistakes. This requires a willingness to realistically and accurately assess performance and, in some cases, make some hard decisions.

By all accounts, a key to the success of the Emirates Team New Zealand challenge was the embracing of technology, the setting of real stretch goals, and the identification and employing of the right people. I accept that we may not all have a need to have the latest technology but the extent to which Emirates Team New Zealand went to acquire the people skills was revealing.

I am sure that examples of these will come readily to mind (assuming you watched some of the events), and think that they could be useful provocations to us all in terms of improving our businesses.















GIB[®] PLASTERBOARD NINE DECADES OF

1958 – Control laboratories were established with bulk plaster handling and automatic weighing equipment introduced into all plants. All phases of the output underwent stringent technical control.

TOP ROWS: Up until 1931, the wallboard was basically a sawdust-plaster core, with open edges, marketed as Winstone Board. Later that year, pumice replaced sawdust, and the name of the product was changed to 'Gibraltar Board', which was named after the steadfast Rock of Gibraltar. Mechanisms are beginning to support tedious hand

operation. ABOVE: 2 degrees of separation - NZ Wallboards Ltd staff, maybe you can find your granddad?

INNOVATION

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1951 – The Auckland plant was extended and the latest automatic equipment and continuous drying machinery was installed. Instead of curing boards in a similar fashion to a pizza oven, one continuous conveyor carried the plasterboard through a long oven, producing dried board at the other end. 1960 – More than 72 million square feet of plasterboard was produced and sold in New Zealand.

1961 – Demand from South Island customers led to the opening of the Christchurch manufacturing plant.

1971 – Even with continued upgrades over the years, the Balmoral Road plant

was in need of a complete overhaul. The Auckland plant and head office moved to its current site at 37 Felix Street in Penrose, with a new state of the art manufacturing plant commissioned.

1988 – NZ Wallboards Ltd was renamed to Winstone Wallboards Ltd.

2006 – 'The Gate'- a 16,000m² distribution and warehouse facility in Auckland - opens to improve customer service and delivery capabilities.

2007 – Nationwide merchant delivery is now available within 24 hours. 'The Gate' delivers up to 75 truckloads daily throughout the North Island.

2017 – Another 16,000 m² warehouse and distribution facility opened its doors at Auckland Airport.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF PEACE OF MIND

EVENTS

by Gordon White Market Manager Residential



For 90 years kiwi designers, builders, installers and stoppers have supported Winstone Wallboards. Whether through the purchase of our products or by providing valuable feedback to improve our products we sincerely appreciate your support over the years.

To celebrate 90 years manufacturing in New Zealand we will be running two promotions during September and October:

Trade Promotion:

Simply purchase \$500 or more of any GIB® plasterboard or accessories from any participating GIB® stockist during September and October and automatically go in the draw to win some great prizes. There are 4 x \$5,000 VIP Sports Tour prizes up for grabs as well as \$45,000 of other awesome prizes available to win.

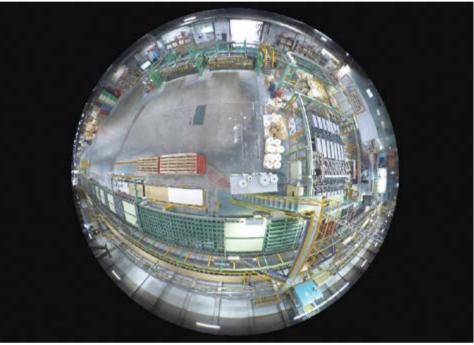
Website Promotion:

As an added bonus visit gib.co.nz/90yearspromo, answer 3 simple questions and go into the draw to win another \$5,000 VIP Sports Tour and other great prizes, no purchase necessary.

Thanks for backing GIB[®] plasterboard for the last 90 years and we look forward to working with you into the future. For full promotional terms and conditions visit gib.co.nz/90yearspromo







TOP LEFT: 1930th – There are big improvements – the wallboard is now cut at its required length before going to the drier. The edges are already sealed so that no further trimming is needed. **BELOW:** Early wallboard production process.

ABOVE: A 360° camera view into Auckland board plant, **BELOW LEFT:** Flexibility of plasterboard. **BELOW RIGHT:** Plasterboard laboratory.







The current Auckland and Christchurch manufacturing plants rival much larger producers across the world. With continuous innovation and investment, high quality plasterboard and accessory products specifically designed for New Zealand's conditions are created. There is a heavy emphasis not only on production efficiencies, but also on the services offered lot orders, training, and free technical advice on GIB® Helpline 0800 100 442.

Want to know more about Winstone Wallboards and how we manufacture GIB® plasterboard? Then watch our short video, "From Gypsum to The Gate," on gib.co.nz/manufacturing-video

Thank you to the Fletcher Trust, whose contribution made this historical review possible. LITERATURE SOURCES: The First Century - A Centenary Review of Winstone Limited, Frank Simpson, 1965; The First 150 Years Winstone Aggregates, published by Winstone Aggregates, 2014

GIB® Plasterboard Today By The Numbers:

Delivery

- 6500 next day deliveries every month.
- 130 direct to site deliveries daily.

Support

- 410 training sessions annually.

- 80 GIB[®] Helpline enquiries answered daily.
- 30 technical and product experts' on-hand.

Products and Systems

- 3,640 CAD files two clicks away.
- 280 products available from local merchants.
- 102 fire and acoustic rated systems.

GIB NOISE CONTROL® SYSTEMS MANUAL UPDATE

LITERATURE

by Hamish Ewan Senior Technical Support and Development Engineer



After eleven years of service, the old 2006 edition of the GIB Noise Control[®] Systems literature will be updated with a 2017 edition in late September. The first thing you will notice with the new version are changes to the styling and format. Many of these changes have been driven by our brand; however, a number of them have come about after listening to feedback from you, the users of this literature.

A refresh of the systems offering has seen the introduction of a new range of central barrier intertenancy walls suitable for terrace homes and apartments. For intertenancy floor/ceiling elements, new floating floor and steel joist options have been included to provide improved noise control performance and choice of building materials. The new steel stud centres and wall heights section provides easy-to-follow guidance to architects, designers and engineers charged with specifying non-load bearing steel frame partition walls.

Users of the construction details in the GIB Noise Control[®] Systems literature will notice a change in the look of the published details. The old diagrams have been

replaced with details produced by modern architectural CAD software. All of these new details, along with a large selection of other construction details, will be available via the CAD library on the GIB® website. An expanded system components section near the back of the new literature provides the reader with information about some of the products that feature in the expanded range of systems.

GIB Noise Control® Systems have been appraised by the Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ) Appraisal No.394 (2017).

The Environmental Noise section will be shifted out of the literature and into the GIB Noise Control® Systems supplement, which will be updated upon the launch of the GIB Noise Control® Systems literature. The new GIB Noise Control[®] Systems literature will be available in late September.

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TECHNICAL

by Hans Gerlich Senior Technical Engineer



Full scale fire testing is an involved, expensive and fickle business. Small variations in workmanship, specimen detailing, furnace configuration or operation, can change results by minutes which, in the context of the test standard, can mean the difference between pass and fail.

It has been international common practice to rely on 'locked-in'

in New Zealand have recently been converted from diesel to gas and more sophisticated computer controls have been introduced.

Over the past year, and in recognition of this ever-changing environment, our engineers have been recalibrating GIB® plasterboard formulations, whilst introducing steps to better link manufacturing quality assurance (QA) with full-scale furnace testing.

For every 3 x 3m full-scale furnace test, we have conducted a matching 2 x 1m pilot-scale test, and in-house bench-scale tests have been added to QA procedures. A small oven-like muffle furnace examines product ingredients and formulations, whilst a second one tests sheet material mounted into the door opening. Temperature records give a traceable path from product manufacture through to the **TOP LEFT:** Winstone Wallboards Engineer Richard Hunt observes a full-scale furnace test, **TOP RIGHT:** Winstone Wallboards engineer Hamish Ewan and a pilot-scale furnace test, **BOTTOM LEFT:** Muffle furnace for testing sheet material mounted into the door, **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Muffle furnace for testing ingredients and board formulations





formulations, and not to repeat tests when an established Fire Resistance Rating (FRR) exists. This means there is no database of replicate testing to provide statistical confidence of performance. An FRR is simply a snapshot, based on the assumption that formulations, test methods and equipment, remain unchanged over time. published FRR.

By establishing correlations and increasing the frequency of testing as the specimen size decreases, we build statistical confidence, thus removing conventional reliance on snapshot results. We believe that this work is unique and world-leading.

In reality incremental changes to components and furnace testing are inevitable. For example, furnaces

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In the meantime our team has started revision of the 'GIB® Fire Rated Systems, 2012' technical literature which we hope to release early 2018.



GIB® INTERTENANCY BARRIER SYSTEMS – STEEL FRAMES

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| by John Kitchen Architectural / Commercial Lead | P |

The GIB® Intertenancy Barrier Systems were successfully launched in November 2016. These systems were our first to include GIB Barrierline® - our costeffective, high performing intertenancy solution for terrace homes using traditional timber framing.

With the increasing trend toward multiunit homes, we undertook a thorough review of New Zealand's needs for more systems and options for intertenancy separations. The result is the release of five new non-load bearing GIB® Intertenancy Barrier Systems - this time utilising steel frames.

These systems will be officially launched in the new GIB Noise Control® Systems literature, which will be published in late September 2017.

Table 1 provides a summary of the new Double Steel Stud Intertenancy Barrier Systems. These systems are constructed in a similar manner to our timber frame Intertenancy Barrier Systems; however differ slightly as they have a minimum 20mm air gap between the frames and the central 25mm GIB Barrierline[®] central barrier to achieve

| Specification # | LB/ NLB** | STC | Rw | FRR | Lining Requirements | Partition Width (mm) | Steel Thickness (mm) | Maximum Height (mm) |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| GBSAB 60a | NLB | 63 | 63 | -/60/60 | 1 x 13mm GIB® Standard | 219 | 0.50 BMT | 2700 |
| GDOAD OUA | NLD | 03 | plasterboard each side | 219 | 0.75 BMT | 3000* | | |
| GBSAB 60b | NLB | 67 | 66 | -/60/60 | 2 x 13mm GIB [®] Standard plasterboard one side and 1 x 13mm GIB [®] Standard | 232 | 0.50 BMT | 2700 |
| | plasterboard other side | | 0.75 BMT | 3000* | | | | |
| GBSAB 60c | NLB | 68 | 66 | -/60/60 | 1 x 13mm GIB Braceline [®] GIB Noiseline [®] each side | 219 | 0.50 BMT | 2700 |
| | | | | | | | 0.75 BMT | 3000* |

* For assistance with Double Steel Frame with 25mm GIB Barrierline® central barrier solutions above 3000mm, please contact the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442 ** LB/NLB - Load bearing/Non load bearing

| Specification # | LB/ NLB** | STC | Rw | FRR | Lining Requirements | Partition Width (mm) | Steel Thickness (mm) | Maximum Height (mm) |
|-----------------|--------------|-----|----|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| GBSAB 60d | NLB | 56 | 56 | -/60/60 | 1 x 13mm GIB Fyreline [®] and 1 x 10mm GIB [®] Standard plasterboard each side | 187 | 0.50 BMT | 4000 |
| GBSAB 60e | NLB | 57 | 58 | -/60/60 | 1 x 13mm GIB Fyreline [®] and 1 x 13mm GIB [®] Standard plasterboard each side | 193 | 0.50 BMT | 4000 |

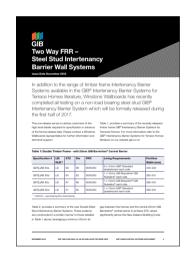
STC values significantly above the New Zealand Building Code.

Table 2 introduces an innovative GIB® Intertenancy Barrier System, in which two 64mm staggered steel frames are separated by a single 13mm GIB Fyreline[®] sheet with no air gap (i.e. the 13mm GIB Fyreline® sheet is attached to both frames). This solution provides compliance with the New Zealand Building Code while reducing the partition width and achieving a maximum height of 4000mm cost effectively. The solutions

given in Table 2 will require the builder to be more aware of the construction sequencing given the central barrier will be enclosed by the frames.

The new systems will be included in the upcoming GIB Noise Control[®] Systems literature, available in late September.

Currently, the new systems are in the GIB Noise Control® Supplement document and can be downloaded from gib.co.nz/ systems/gib-noise-control-systems. Or call the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442.



TALKING TRADE

TECHNICAL





impact vibration being introduced into the structure. There are some key aspects to apply when it comes to controlling noise:

- 01. Separation Best practice is to have two separated frames with a gap between.
- 05. Sealing – Ensure the perimeter of the walls or ceilings have GIB Soundseal[®] installed and any gaps where air can flow are sealed off. Power points and cut in downlights can create a reduction in noise performance.

Q. Can I substitute the insulation in a noise control system?

A. It's really important that if you choose to substitute a component in a tested system then the responsibility lies with you to verify that it is suitable for use in all

Technical Support and Training Manager



Things continue to be extremely busy here on the GIB® Helpline. There are lots of enquiries coming through on fire and noise and this is not surprising given the amount of terraced style homes and apartments that are now being built. Most designers and builders have dealt with fire before but may not have had to design or install noise control systems. Noise is simply airborne or

- 02. Isolation Where two frames are not possible, a single frame can be used with a rubber mounted clip and metal rails, or specially designed rails that support the lining off the frame.
- 03. Insulation – This is a must to control airborne vibration within the wall cavity.
- 04. Mass GIB Braceline® GIB Noiseline[®] is ideally suited to reducing noise with approximately 30% more density than standard plasterboard.

Here are typical questions from the

GIB[®] Helpline.

- Q. How do I treat a power point in a noise control wall?
- A. Double framed walls allow for power points as long as they are not back to back, otherwise a baffle needs to be built behind the opening. Alternatively, the new GIB Barrierline® system allows two penetrations per stud bay without the need for any special treatment (there are a few limitations on the number and size).

respects.

For further technical assistance call the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442.

EXHIBIT ALL PERSONALITIES WITH GIB-COVE®

PRODUCT

by Cath Montgomery Product Manager



Winstone Wallboards has launched a new range of GIB-Cove®, featuring styles carefully curated by New Zealand architects to inject more personality into designed spaces. With five profiles – including the new unique additions, Mezzo, Tenor and Basso – the range offers a variety of aesthetics that work with all personalities, from the spontaneous entertainer to the practical analytic.

The sleek architectural lines featured throughout the range complements modern interior design perfectly, while creating a striking aesthetic that can be integrated seamlessly into any look.

Beautiful in form and function, GIB-Cove® provides a stylish and cost-effective way to cover gaps at wall and ceiling junctions. It also creates a stable system that minimises the chance of joints cracking, adding value to the structure.

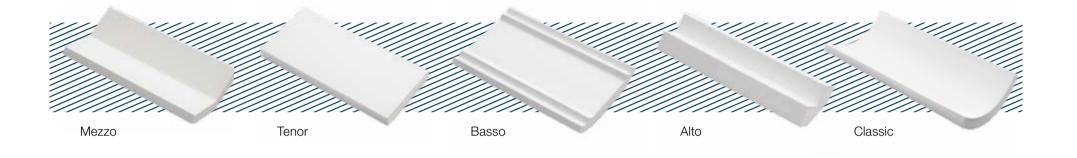
Curated by New Zealand architects. Recommended by designers. Versatile for builders.

When it comes to installation, GIB-Cove® is a breeze to work with. It integrates well with GIB® plasterboard and can be easily mitred and painted.

The latest GIB-Cove[®] styles are constructed using quality materials, and come with the confidence of knowing they're from a trusted New Zealand brand.

GIB-Cove[®] is all about design that works for the individual. See the new range, brought to life for different personalities, and get inspiration for your next project at gib.co.nz, or call 0800 100 442 to request a sample.





WORLD HEALTH CHECK FOR GIB® PLASTERBOARD

SUSTAINABILITY

by Kevin Golding Sustainability Manager

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The trend to greater transparency in food labelling is now being applied to building materials, with Declare - a new international certification that has been compared to a "nutrition label" for building products.

The Declare label gives specifiers, builders and building owners a clear

insight into the ingredients used to manufacture GIB® plasterboard products.

Declare is an international database of non-toxic, sustainably sourced building products that meet strict requirements set down by the International Living Futures Institute.

The Declare certification process provides a practical labelling regime that sets out the origin and integrity of ingredients used in building products, the sustainability of the manufacturing process, and longer term life cycle outcomes.

Of interest to builders is greater clarity about toxic components. You can easily identify Red List Free products such as GIB® plasterboard – meaning the product is free of chemicals that are unsafe or environmentally damaging.

Winstone Wallboards Ltd has embraced the Declare protocol for GIB® plasterboards

With this system, we know precisely where the product comes from; we know what's in it, and how it's made, so customers can make informed choices. We all want to know what is in our food because it has such a profound effect on our health and wellbeing. The same goes for building products and Declare helps to keep them safe.

Per capita, New Zealand has the highest number of Declare certified products in the world.

The following GIB[®] products have all achieved Red List Free status (the highest Declare status possible), meaning

that these products meet the strict Declare materials standards:

- GIB Aqualine®
- GIB Fyreline®
- GIB[®] Standard
- GIB Toughline[®]
- GIB Braceline[®] GIB Noiseline[®]

GIB[®] plasterboard is 100% recyclable as well as having Declare status and can positively contribute to Green Star certification.

For further information visit gib.co.nz or call the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442.

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| September 13 | PreFabNZ Cluster Event | Auckland / South | October 16 | GIB TradeTalk [®] | Tauranga | | |
| September 15 | NASH Forum | Christchurch | October 17 | GIB TradeTalk [®] | Whakatane | | |
| September 19 | CMS Conztruct / GIB TradeTalk [®] | Christchurch | October 18 | GIB TradeTalk [®] | Gisborne | | |
| September 20 | CMS Conztruct / GIB TradeTalk [®] | Dunedin | October 19 | GIB TradeTalk [®] | Silverdale | | |
| September 21 | CMS Conztruct / GIB TradeTalk [®] | Invercargill | November 16 | GIB TradeTalk [®] | Auckland / West | | |
| | | | | Please be aware that dates or location may change at short notice. | | | |

For further information visit gib.co.nz or call the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442.

GIB ROCTAPE® – A NEW WAY TO REINFORCE FLAT JOINTS

PRODUCT

Product Manager



Jointing tapes are an important component in GIB® Systems and provide critical joint strength between plasterboard sheets. Selecting the appropriate tape is important to achieve the desired performance.

Paper joint tape has been the traditional plasterboard joint reinforcing tape. Fibreglass joint tapes are also available but it is important to note that not all fibreglass joint tapes are made equal. At Winstone Wallboards we have identified two distinct categories:

- Matt fibreglass joint tapes. 01.
- 02. Square mesh woven fibreglass joint tapes.

A matt fibreglass joint tape provides a greater level of mechanical strength in all directions due to the random orientation of fibres.

A square mesh woven fibreglass joint tape (which could be pre-glued) will have limited strength in the vertical and horizontal plane. The use of square mesh woven or self-adhesive fibreglass joint tapes is not recommended by Winstone Wallboards and AS/NZS 2589-2017.

GIB RocTape® is a matt fibreglass joint tape which achieves superior mechanical strength for flat joint applications. GIB® jointing compounds can permeate through the GIB RocTape® matt, creating a very strong joint. This means less risk of cosmetic defects, potentially resulting in fewer call backs, saving time and money.

Joints reinforced with GIB RocTape® dry faster and do not swell or shrink due to water absorption.

GIB RocTape[®] is coloured yellow for easy identification, and adhesion failure is reduced because compounds easily penetrate the fibreglass matt eliminating inadequate compound application under the tape.



GIB RocTape® is bedded in, similar to GIB® Paper joint tape, and can be installed using hand tools or mechanical tools. Both GIB RocTape® and GIB® Paper joint tape are suitable for use in all GIB® Systems. GIB RocTape® is designed for flat plasterboard joints. For corner joints use GIB® Levelline®, GIB® Goldline[™], GIB[®] UltraFlex[®], or GIB[®] Paper joint tape.

Watch the installation video at gib.co.nz/roctape

To download the product information flyer visit gib.co.nz or call the GIB® Helpline on 0800 100 442.

ABOVE: The An example of a square mesh woven fibreglass joint tape and the GIB RocTape® mesh fibreglass non-woven tape.







TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sign up sheet needs to be complete and your entry must reach us by no later than 5pm Tuesday 31st October 2017. The winners will be contacted by Friday 3rd November 2017. Breakfast will be delivered by appointment. The voucher is valued at \$500. No cash alternatives.

GET YOUR WORK MATES TO SIGN UP AND WIN A GIB® BREAKFAST SHOUT

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By supplying your contact information you are consenting to Winstone Wallboards Ltd retaining your details to communicate industry information to you via post and/or email. Your details will be held at our head

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

IAN MORRISSEY

Sales and Training Specialist for Compounds and Accessories



We are very pleased to announce that Ian has been appointed to the role of Sales and Training Specialist for Compounds and Accessories. Ian comes from a background of business development specialising in concrete products, mortars, screeds, etc, in the UK. He brings a wealth of knowledge to Winstone Wallboards, offering technical assistance and training to the building industry. In his role, Ian is looking after all non-board products, i.e. compounds and accessories, with in-depth product support for specialist distributors and stoppers.



ANGELA PURCELL

Area Sales Manager - Commercial

Angela has been appointed to the position of Area Sales Manager – Commercial. Her extensive knowledge in business development, strong relationships with the commercial construction industry, and experience managing commercial accounts, are an excellent asset to the Sales Team. Angela will be responsible for managing and maintaining customer and sales activities in Auckland, focusing on the commercial segment including merchants, commercial construction companies, developers and installers. We are very pleased to welcome Angela to the team.

IN THE SHOES OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR

TECHNICAL TRAINING

by Graeme Robertson Senior Technical Advisor



Council staff are busy, always. They haven't got time to read in detail every product manual or specification, let alone keep up with all the new stuff. However they are expected to know it all and often catch flak just for doing their jobs, i.e. ensuring the design and the actual work is compliant. Compliance is clearly in everyone's best interest but this is often forgotten in the heat of a failed inspection or Request for Information (RFI). A big part of the technical training Winstone Wallboards offers is to get in front of as many Council Building staff as possible, (inspectors and consenting officers), to explain our systems, answer questions and go over any changes or topics needing discussion.

When building goes wrong, Councils are often held accountable because the code states they are responsible for checking both the application for a consent, and the work. They are constantly reminded of this liability by the community so they try very hard to get it right.

As a manufacturer, Winstone Wallboards is responsible for ensuring that their products will, if installed in accordance with the technical data, plans, specifications and advice, comply with the building code. So not only do our products and systems need to meet

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performance criteria, they need to be specified and installed correctly to protect all the stakeholders. We can control the manufacture, but need to support those working at the coalface for the best possible outcome.

Free 🔁

To register your interest and request a training session visit gib.co.nz/training or call the GIB[®] Helpline on 0800 100 442.

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