

# New Systems, Services and Updates.

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## Winstone Wallboards to build new facility in Tauranga

### BUSINESS

by David Thomas  
General Manager



Winstone Wallboards has unveiled exciting plans to build a new state-of-the-art plasterboard manufacturing and distribution facility in Tauranga.

Scheduled to open in 2023, the new facility underpins our organisation's steadfast commitment to local manufacturing, and our determination to innovate and meet industry demand, now and into the future. As our customers' needs are evolving, we too are evolving our operations to ensure we meet those future requirements.

The new, larger plant will allow future capacity growth, as well as the ability to

expand new product innovation - whilst still maintaining Winstone Wallboards' strong New Zealand identity, supporting local suppliers, distributors, workforce and communities.

The site is ideal for North Island distribution and located near the Port of Tauranga, it promises convenient delivery of the raw materials used to manufacture our GIB® branded plasterboard.

Better still, the new plant will provide a more sustainable future, not just for the business, but the wider environment in which we operate. The plant will allow recycling of used plasterboard and will immediately reduce carbon emissions by ten percent. Contributing to healthier living for all New Zealanders is something we will strive for as we move into this exciting new period.

Winstone Wallboards, under the GIB® brand, has been manufacturing,

marketing, and distributing gypsum plasterboard, drywall systems, products and services in New Zealand for over 90 years. And 'GIB®' - thanks to the quality of our products, the reliability of our services and the breadth of our technical support - is the brand of choice for many customers within the building industry. This is something that we will continue to uphold, while continuing to evolve and innovate with the technology the new plant will provide.

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# CONNECTING KIDS WITH THEIR HEROES

## EVENT

by Barbara Tie  
Event Co-ordinator



Canterbury’s favourite rugby team took time out of their busy schedule in March to put smiles on the faces of 125 Christchurch children.

The GIB® Crusaders Kids Day gave youngsters the chance to get up close and personal with their greatest heroes – and build some great skills in the process.

From obstacle courses and ball games to a tug-of-war and some one-on-one time with their favourite players, big kids and small were treated to a day to remember.

Held at Rugby Park in Christchurch, the event is one of the many ways Winstone Wallboards engages with, and gives back to, the local community. Opportunities for photos and autographs were plentiful, there were gifts and goody bags galore

– and the young supporters even got to touch the cup!

But perhaps even more importantly, children were able to celebrate the teams’ success – and learn more about the kind of resilience it takes to deal with loss. Vital capabilities, not only in the sporting world, but in life generally.

“Today was awesome, really fun, and I just loved meeting the players,” says Crusaders fan, Piper Wilson.

“I’ve been a fan for as long as I can remember, because they win, they’re

amazing, they’re kind, and they’re just awesome.”

The Garden City has been through some tough times, and the GIB® Crusaders Kids Day was a meaningful way for Winstone Wallboards to help inspire, motivate and support the city’s youngest residents.

To watch the video go to [gib.co.nz/crusaders-kids-day](http://gib.co.nz/crusaders-kids-day)

# CLEVER USE OF MATERIALS AND FANTASTIC WORKMANSHIP

## AWARD

by Kelly Littlewood  
Area Sales Manager  
Central North Island



Urban Homes – Waikato’s most award-winning Master Builders – has earned yet another stamp of excellence, taking out the National GIB® Show Home Award at the 2019 Registered Master Builders House of the Year competition.

Its unique Rivercove show home, located in Flagstaff, Hamilton is a masterclass in sophistication, combining cutting edge design, flawless use of materials and texture, and dark, moody interiors.

Judges described the home as a stand-out, thanks to its “slick design, clever use of materials and fantastic workmanship”. The four bedroom, two bathroom property features high raking ceilings and wide glazed sliders that open out onto a central courtyard, bringing the outdoors in. Natural timber cladding and decking is offset by dark, contrasting paintwork, creating a strong sense of drama which continues inside the home through the innovative use of lighting and textural finishes.

Built for relaxation and entertaining, this elegant show home was in a class of its own at the 2019 competition, winning not only the National GIB® Show Home Award, but a slew of other awards too, including the Regional Craftsmanship Award and the Regional Lifestyle Award.

Urban Homes’ Daniel Klinkenberg said the company was delighted to be consistently recognised by the building



ABOVE: The Urban Homes Hamilton team, National GIB® Show Home Award winners 2019.

industry for its first-rate workmanship, quality, style and attention to detail.

“It was a great honour for all the team at Urban Homes to receive the GIB® Show Home Award. The design of this house pushed the boundaries in many ways and our team and sub-contractors responded by producing a beautifully crafted home that we are incredibly proud of. Our continued success at the RMB Awards is testament to the extremely high standards

we place on everything we do, on every house we build. It is a true credit to our outstanding team.”

The Registered Master Builders House of the Year competition has been running for nearly 30 years and is considered to be New Zealand’s premium awards programme for the residential building sector.



# NATIONAL SALES AND CHANNEL MANAGER APPOINTMENT

## RECRUITMENT

by David Thomas  
General Manager



We are pleased to announce the appointment of David Christensen to the role of National Sales and Channel Manager, replacing Jerry Hirst who will be leaving us later in the year.

David brings with him a wealth of experience and senior leadership in the Building Industry, with his current role being General Manager Sales and Marketing at Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products.

David will start at Winstone Wallboards in June and we look forward to welcoming him to Winstone Wallboards.



# WINSTONE WALLBOARDS TO BUILD NEW FACILITY IN TAURANGA cont'd from page one

Our existing Auckland manufacturing facility will remain fully operational until the new Tauranga plant is fully commissioned. At that time, North Island manufacturing and Freight into Merchant Store (FIS) distribution will move to Tauranga. A facility will remain in Auckland to service Auckland

Delivered to Site services. Head office will also stay in Auckland, and our Wellington and Christchurch operations will remain unchanged.



FRONT PAGE: Front view of the new manufacturing plant  
RIGHT: Back view showing the big warehouse.

# CALLING ON ALL SITE CONTACTS

## SERVICE

by Karen Richter  
Marketing Executive



If you like the convenience of the DTS (Delivered to Site) text message notifications then let me introduce you to the next level of 'EASY'.

The text message that signals when your plasterboard will arrive now includes a link providing a detailed order status update.

Simply click the link, type in your mobile number, and you'll be able to see all orders with you recorded as the Site Contact, including everything from the site check and delivery reports, to exactly which stage of the process your order is at. Not only that, if the truck is on route to your worksite, you'll be able to follow its journey via a live map function!

This improved tracking transparency offers you the next level of easy, enabling us to provide much better visibility, communication, and documentation of deliveries – from wherever, whenever.

GIB order 1234567: 2 Example Rd, Henderson, dlrvy 05/02 ETA btwn 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Track dlrvy mygib.gib.co.nz/#DTS  
Site not ready? ph 0800475475

### Step 1

Click on the link in the text message you received. Alternatively go to the GIB® App and click on 'GIB® Delivery Track'.

### Step 2

Add your mobile number and click 'Authenticate'. Add the verification code, sent to your mobile to view orders registered with this mobile number.

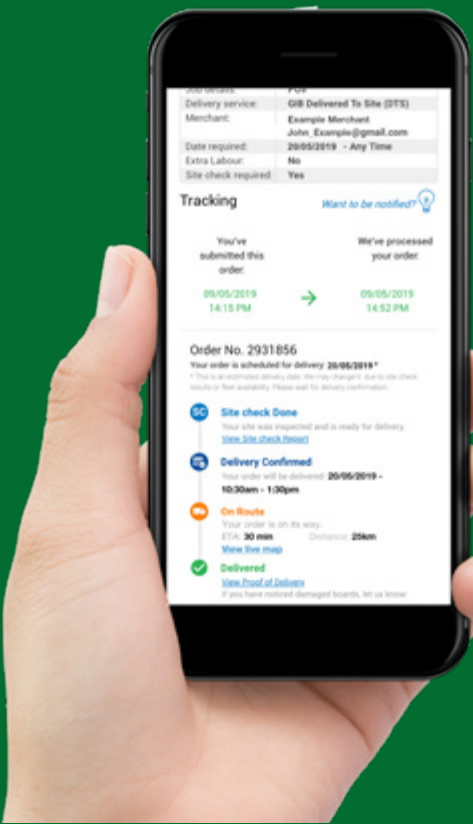
### Step 3

View the status of your delivery.

The site check report and the 'Proof of Delivery' report can be easily accessed via the link.

### Benefits:

- View statuses of your delivery simply from your mobile device.
- Easy access to the 'Site Check Report'.
- Track the truck when 'On Route'.
- View 'Proof of Delivery' report instantly.



Keen on making your whole ordering process simpler? Sign up to MyGIB® and order all your GIB® products online.

For further information visit [gib.co.nz/mygib](http://gib.co.nz/mygib). If you have questions or would like to get training call Karen on 027 475 8289.

# NEW GIB WEATHERLINE® DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANUAL AVAILABLE

## LITERATURE

by Gordon White  
Market Manager - Residential



Following further extensive testing and development, a range of new GIB Weatherline® Rigid Air Barrier system options are now available and have been included in the new GIB Weatherline® Design and Construction Manual.

This new manual provides detailed specification and installation guidance for GIB Weatherline® Systems for use in residential and commercial buildings including specific engineering design (SED) such as mid and high rise buildings.

## Key inclusions in the new GIB Weatherline® Rigid Air Barrier Design and Construction Manual include

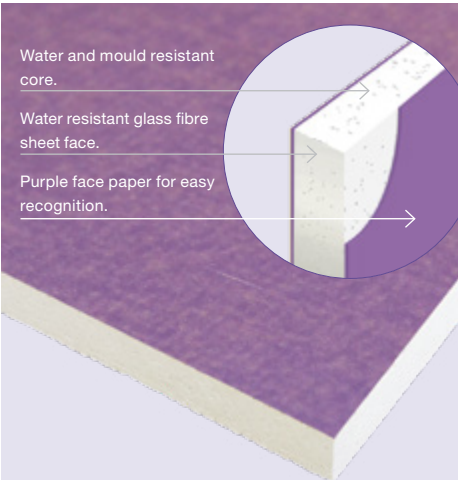
- External wall system options for vertical fire spread via the MBIE risk assessment approach.
- 6 new GIB Weatherline® systems for fire rated protection of columns and beams.
- 2 new fire rated steel frame systems covering 30 and 60 minute fire resistance ratings.
- Insulation and CLD cavity battens in GIB Weatherline® fire systems now optional.
- Guidance around the use of Water Resistive Barriers and GIB Weatherline® as a substrate.
- NZS 3604 and specific design technical data integrated into one single piece of technical literature.

For more information and to download a copy of the new GIB Weatherline® Design and Construction manual visit [gib.co.nz/weatherline](http://gib.co.nz/weatherline)

## New GIB Weatherline® Products

Executing on customer feedback, the below products have been added to the GIB Weatherline® product range:

- New 2450 x 10mm sheet length to better reduce offcut waste and lower cost in residential projects.
- Bulk pack GIB Weatherline® Flashing Tape packs in 30mm, 60mm and 100mm widths to reduce tape costs for large volume users and reduce packaging waste created on site.



## Why GIB Weatherline®

- Acts as both an air barrier and secondary line of defence against water penetration into the building structure.
- 5 timber and 2 steel frame fire rated options.
- 4 structural bracing options.
- A range of environmental noise options.
- BRANZ Appraised for buildings within the scope of NZS 3604.
- Specific Engineering Design (SED) information available.
- Ease of handling – no harmful dust created.

# LOOPED CABLE PENETRATIONS

## LITERATURE

by Hans Gerlich  
Senior Technical Engineer



In our 2018 GIB® Fire Rated Systems Specification and Installation Manual we introduced GIB Fire Soundseal®, an

improved formulation when compared with the previous GIB Soundseal® which did not have verified fire-resistant properties.

Although we have kept the scope of application of GIB Fire Soundseal® tight, and although covered by associated BRANZ Appraisal No.289 [2018], customers have asked for separate clarification and verification. Many have also fairly pointed out that there is limited use for single electrical cable penetrations and that most surface mounted fittings require looped wiring which means penetration by two electrical TPS cables.

Our latest February 2020 release 'Penetrations in GIB® Fire Rated Systems' covers the already published sprinkler pipe and single electrical cable penetrations and adds looped two or three core TPS cable penetrations on timber blocking. These penetration seals have now also been separately covered in BRANZ Technical Opinion FC12740-001 available by visiting [branz.co.nz](http://branz.co.nz)

For further information refer to the GIB® website [gib.co.nz/looped-cable-penetrations](http://gib.co.nz/looped-cable-penetrations) or call the GIB® Helpline 0800 100 442.



# GIB WEATHERLINE® FRR TO COLUMNS AND BEAMS

## TECHNICAL

by John Kitchen  
Area Sales Manager - Architectural



When GIB Weatherline® was launched in 2019 a large number of clients asked "do we have a system for protecting columns and beams."

After verification by further fire testing, we have now extended our portfolio of GIB Weatherline® applications to include

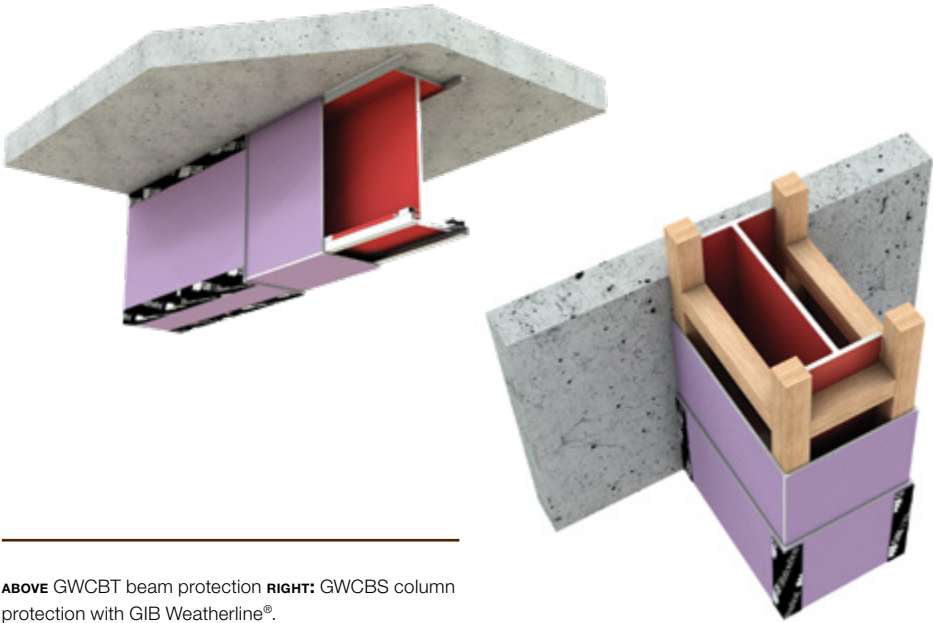
Fire Resistant Rating (FRR) up to 60/-/- structural adequacy ratings.

Structural steel column and beam protection (as well as timber and concrete) using both timber strapping, steel clip and steel channel framing members have now been added to the February 2020 GIB Weatherline® Design and Construction Manual available on our website.

We believe the new GWCBT and GWCBS systems will provide a competitive alternative to intumescent paint systems and address some of the concerns about clearances between framing and paint.

The GIB Weatherline® systems complement the current column and

beam protection offered by GIB® Standard and GIB Fyrelime® where there may be exposure to the elements during construction.



ABOVE GWCBT beam protection RIGHT: GWCBS column protection with GIB Weatherline®.





# GIB Aqualine® – As a substrate for wet area tiling.

## TECHNICAL

by John Jamison  
Technical Manager



GIB Aqualine® is part of a system that protects areas where there is intermittent water exposure and areas prone to water splashing within residential and non-residential buildings – in particular, areas covered by the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC), Clause E3 Internal Moisture.

Although able to cope with infrequent short-term exposure, standard gypsum plasterboard will have a shortened life expectancy when frequently exposed to water or moisture.

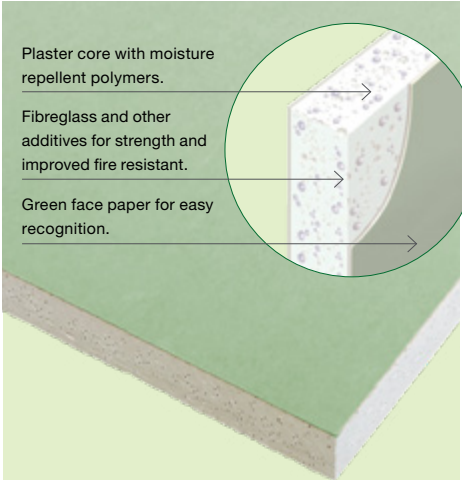
It is highly desirable to incorporate lining materials that will maintain their integrity longer when exposed more frequently to water, or steam, and particularly to one-off events such as a plumbing leak causing the flooding of a room. GIB Aqualine® is ideal in such situations because it features a water resistant core.

Unlike other commonly used substrates, the GIB Aqualine® core not only resists penetration of water through the lining into the framing behind, but also resists water “wicking” up the core, a common cause of long-term damage where a water resistant lining has not been used. GIB Aqualine® will maintain its integrity for extended periods, particularly where wicking over large areas can destroy the integrity of the interface between the lining and paint or wallpaper surfaces or between the lining and the tile adhesive.

Because GIB Aqualine® is dimensionally stable and resistant to water damage, it is an ideal substrate for tiling in residential wet areas. 10mm and 13mm GIB Aqualine® are suitable for tile weights up to 20kg/m² on timber framing, and 13mm GIB Aqualine® on steel framing and for tile weights between 20 and 32kg/m².

Liquid applied water proof membranes and tile adhesives readily adhere to the GIB Aqualine® face liner and GIB® jointing compounds. It is important, though, to use a water proof membrane that is compatible with the GIB Aqualine® and the tiles. The Wet Area Systems book and the GIB® Site Guide provide further information to help.

**For further information visit  
[gib.co.nz/gib-aqualine-wet-area-systems](http://gib.co.nz/gib-aqualine-wet-area-systems)**



### GIB Aqualine® Benefits

- Dimensionally stable, will not buckle or warp, hence an excellent substrate for ceramic tiles.
- Water resistant and durable to help protect against water damage.
- Suitable for both residential and non-residential applications.
- Conventional jointing methods.
- Easy to cut and form openings.
- Contains fibreglass and other additives for strength and fire resistance. May be used in GIB® Bracing, GIB® Fire Rated and GIB Noise Control® Systems (see Compliance with the NZBC, Clauses B1, C3 and G6). Consult the appropriate GIB® literature for installation details.
- Green face paper for ease of recognition.

### Limitations

- GIB Aqualine® must not be used for bracing purposes in shower cubicles or above baths.
- Do not use GIB Aqualine® where it may be exposed for extended periods to humidities of 90 percent RH and above. Such areas include group shower or steam rooms as well as moisture and chlorine rich environments such as indoor swimming pools.
- GIB Aqualine® must not be directly applied to solid plaster (gypsum or cement), wood based sheet linings or similar materials, masonry or concrete. GIB Aqualine® may only be applied to these materials where timber strapping or steel furring channels are installed.
- GIB Aqualine® must not be installed over a vapour barrier or a wall acting as a vapour barrier.
- Cracked or damaged sheets must never be used.
- GIB Aqualine® must not be used in external applications.
- GIB® plasterboard must not be exposed to temperatures in excess of 52°C for prolonged periods. Heat-generating devices may include halogen lighting, cooking elements, radiant heating, solid fuel exhausts and fire surrounds. Consult the appliance manufacturer for installation details.



# THE OLD 'SWITCHEROO'

## TALKING TRADE

by Russell Pedersen  
Technical Support  
and Training Manager



On the GIB® Technical Helpline there isn't a day that we don't get asked about substituting components in our systems.

I mean, what's the difference between these screws? Why can't I use this other branded hold down bracket?

You may be surprised to find that the answer is actually: Yes, you can.

It's not quite that simple though, there is a catch.

We have a statement, almost like a team motto, that hangs on the wall above every desk in the Technical Support office. It reads like this:

If you choose to substitute a component within a tested system, the responsibility lies with you to verify its suitability in every regard.

The key thing to point out here is that our systems are tested and verified. This means when we go to one of our testing sites we use a specific list of components, this list is recorded by BRANZ and we measure the performance of a specimen based on the sum total performance of all the parts. If you choose to substitute one of these components, you could potentially change the performance. If the component you choose has an equal or higher performance then this isn't a problem, all you need is to back this up with some form of verification for certification. This should be readily available from your supplier.

GIB® plasterboard is made, and tested, right here in New Zealand. This means when you specify and buy a GIB® system, the same people that carried out the testing are answering the phone and offering support. We aren't passing you around different sub-suppliers and passing the buck.

Being the start of a new year, we are planning our testing regime for the year ahead. Many of the tests we will be conducting have come about from inquiries and real life problems put to us by customers like yourself.

Every test is planned out meticulously, every part and component designed specifically to solve these problems and we are here to help the systems be specified and installed as we designed them.

Quite simply: Tried. Trusted. True.

For further information refer to the GIB® Site Guide, also available on the GIB® App, or call the GIB® Helpline 0800 100 442.

# GIB® RONDO® METAL CEILING BATTENS DON'T WARP OR SHRINK

## PRODUCT

by Cath Montgomery  
Product Manager



Let's talk about trust, it's what we, at Winstone Wallboards, hang our name on and that includes GIB® Rondo® Metal Ceiling battens. The proven ceiling system for fewer call backs. GIB® Rondo® custom designed system forms a rigid, yet flexible, ceiling framework and, unlike timber GIB® Rondo® Metal Ceiling Battens, don't warp or shrink with moisture changes which greatly reduces the chance of cracked plaster work and popped fasteners.

GIB® Rondo® Systems provide a range of battens, clips and accessories for a

multitude of different fixing scenario's including options suitable for noise reduction, and a variety of suspended ceiling options. As with all GIB® products, our well established and highly rated technical team are available to quickly handle any GIB® Rondo® related queries on our GIB® Helpline 0800 100 442.

So hang your ceiling on GIB® Rondo® for flatter ceilings, fewer call backs and reduced risk. Why gamble with alternatives, install GIB® Rondo® Metal Ceiling Battens for peace of mind.



For more information go to [gib.co.nz/products/gib-rondo-metal-battens/](http://gib.co.nz/products/gib-rondo-metal-battens/)

# DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS FOR INDUSTRY LEADERS

## CASE STUDY

by Clara Sumner  
Partnership Manager



At Winstone Wallboards we work closely with architects and designers, developing and supplying products that are constantly evolving and breaking new ground. Our commitment to sustainability makes us a perfect fit for architectural designers such as Christchurch based Fiona Macpherson, of Fiona Macpherson Architecture, who is passionate about creating healthy, high performance homes using sustainable local materials.

As an architectural designer committed to using non-toxic materials, she liked the fact that it didn't need to be treated and could be recycled. And while non-toxic materials can often be difficult or more costly to install, GIB Weatherline® proved to be affordable and easy to use, even for first time users. She also described the colour as a standout.

But Fiona wasn't the only one who was impressed. Project builders, Steve Pomeroy Builders, loved the fact that only a craft knife was needed to score and snap. Even more importantly GIB Weatherline® contributed to the bracing and the speed of the build, enabling early close-in so that builders could keep working regardless of the weather conditions, helping mitigate delays.

For an architectural designer who designs homes not to meet the building code, but to exceed it, Fiona says products like GIB Weatherline® are invaluable.

Not only has Fiona completed the Living Building Challenge training, but she is also a strong advocate of Declare, considered to be the most advanced sustainability certification in the built environment. Winstone Wallboards is transparent and honest about their environmental position and has Declare certification\* for a range of its plasterboards.

"Using GIB Weatherline® on our project made perfect sense - we have been searching for a non-toxic, easy to install Rigid Air Barrier," she says. "I also love that Winstone Wallboards [GIB®] are local and convey they are working hard on being more sustainably responsible. So am I."

\* Visit [gib.co.nz/certifications/](http://gib.co.nz/certifications/) to view full list of Winstone Wallboards Declare certificates.

For more information about GIB Weatherline® visit [gib.co.nz/weatherline](http://gib.co.nz/weatherline)



# STORMWATER HEROES WIN LOCAL AWARD

## AWARDS

by Dean Shuttleworth  
Compliance Coordinator



Winstone Wallboards in Christchurch has been recognised for their site's outstanding commitment and contribution to good stormwater management, winning the Stormwater Superhero Award which was presented to them at the local council committee's public meeting.

At the beginning of 2019, an extensive stormwater compliance audit from

Christchurch City Council wastewater inspectors was undertaken at Winstone Wallboards manufacturing and distribution sites.

The council remarked that we have been particularly proactive in the on-site practice of good stormwater management through engineered systems, processes, and training.

The audit was of the entire stormwater network and included a review of the site drainage plans, tracing downpipes from all buildings and underground stormwater pipes, discharge points from the site, staff training, standard operating procedure review, spill response, disposal of waste and maintenance of the stormwater system.

This award really is a credit to the team on site who over the years have worked very hard to develop and maintain

the high standard of stormwater management we use today.

The audit went very well. The Christchurch City Council inspectors were very impressed with the high standard of stormwater best practices the site is following.

So much so, that the Council reported the audit findings to the local regional council Environment Canterbury (ECAN), who then nominated the site for the award.

At the presentation of the award, the business was acknowledged for their significant contribution to the industry and wider community; for their industry leadership, their ability to develop, articulate and implement changes in stormwater management and making practices part of the company culture.

We are very protective of the site's environmental footprint in the community and stormwater water quality is high on this list and we are very proud to accept this award and be recognised for our efforts.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Winstone Wallboard's Daniel Horner, Dean Shuttleworth, Howard Greaves, and Matt Parr.

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Eg. GIB® Fire Rated Systems, GIB Weatherline® Installation, Sustainability opportunities.



# Sustainability – Actions we are taking.

## SUSTAINABILITY

by Melissa Semmens  
Market Manager - Commercial



### 30 by 30

Winstone Wallboards is developing a carbon reduction plan to help tackle one of the greatest challenges of our time - climate change.

Dubbed '30 by 30', the company vows to deliver a 30 percent carbon reduction by 2030, in line with Fletcher Building, who as a group have committed to reduce emissions 30 percent by 2030 from a 2018 base year.

The move highlights Winstone Wallboards' resolve to play its part in helping to create a sustainable future, not just for the business itself, but for all New Zealanders.

That includes helping to keep climate change below 2°C, which is what the latest climate science believes is necessary to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. More specifically, we need to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and pursue efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

These science-based targets provide companies with a clearly defined pathway to future-proof growth by specifying how much and how quickly they need to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Winstone Wallboards' Sustainability strategy focuses on what is most important to the business and to others - people, communities, and customers - and where actions will lead to meaningful change. Importantly the strategy extends on what the organisation has already put in place and deepens its commitment to people, sustainable products and carbon emission reduction.

## SUSTAINABILITY

by John Jamison  
Technical Manager



### Designing out Waste

Winstone Wallboards is working hard to help the building industry reduce its construction and demolition waste, which according to the latest figures could account for around half of all waste generated in New Zealand.

The company has been involved in a study focusing on minimising the generation of waste as a more sustainable alternative to dealing with it once it hits the floor. The project tested the feasibility of slashing the generation of timber and plasterboard waste by 20 to 30 percent. Its findings? Yes, it's an achievable target – but progress could be slow.

That's because despite the fact there is growing awareness around construction waste, there is still a general lack of understanding about the actual amounts of construction waste produced (typically more than what is factored into a project).

Not only that, but New Zealand's efficient waste management industry reduces the visibility of the issue at a project level.

But it's still a goal worth striving for. Fortified by the knowledge gained during the study, Winstone Wallboards is now exploring fresh ways to boost sustainable waste reduction in the design and delivery of building projects.

For further information visit [gib.co.nz/sustainability](http://gib.co.nz/sustainability).





## 2020 GIB® ARCHITECTS' REGATTA

### EVENTS

by Sarah Joblin  
Marketing Services  
Coordinator



It was a stunning day on the water for the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual GIB® Architects' Regatta. This year we saw a plethora of 35 yachts competing against each other to take out the top spots in Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker divisions.

With no hint of last year's possible cyclone conditions, the breeze was light but the race was still nothing but exciting. Matt Brew Architects' on board 'Crystal Clear' sailed with ease past the others in their division to take first place in Spinnaker – for the second year running! And following closely behind to take second place was the very pretty 'Party Girl' crewed by Hume Architects Ltd.

In the Non-Spinnaker Division, you could be forgiven for thinking you had déjà vu, as we all watched 'Mayhem', sailed by the crew from Eclipse Architecture, coolly navigate their way through the fleet to defend their 2019 title, taking first place in the Non-Spinnaker division. Bittersweet for TOA Architects on 'Systems Thunder' who lead for much of the race, only to be passed in the last leg of the course to finish in second place.

Sponsors Choice (chosen by PPG) is always an interesting one as the team scrutinise each yacht and crew looking for something special that makes them stand out in the crowd. While there was much to choose from, Respond Architects on 'Stratocaster' were given the nod on the day ticking off 'smooth sailing', 'friendly crew' and ultimately 'the yacht was PPG colours'!

Finally, we would like to say thanks to all who helped on the day, in particular our

sponsor family, Tasman Insulation, Laminex New Zealand and PPG Industries, and of course to you, who took the time out to join us and spend an enjoyable afternoon on the water.

Our team truly value the opportunity to mix and celebrate with the Auckland Architect and Specifier fraternity, and thank you for making this such a memorable event. We look forward to seeing you back out on the water next year.

### Official Prize List

SPINNAKER DIVISION – 1 <sup>ST</sup>	
Prize:	GIB® Cup (Sponsored by Winstone Wallboards)
Practice	Matt Brew Architects
Yacht	Crystal Clear
SPINNAKER DIVISION – 2 <sup>ND</sup>	
Prize:	Tasman Cup (Sponsored by Tasman Insulation)
Practice	Hume Architects Ltd
Yacht	Party Girl
NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION – 1 <sup>ST</sup>	
Prize:	GIB® Cup (Sponsored by Winstone Wallboards)
Practice	Eclipse Architecture
Yacht	Mayhem
NON-SPINNAKER DIVISION – 2 <sup>ND</sup>	
Prize:	Laminex NZ Cup (Sponsored by Laminex New Zealand)
Practice	TOA Architects
Yacht	Systems Thunder
SPONSORS CHOICE – ALL ROUND SOLID PARTICIPATION	
Prize:	PPG Cup (Sponsored by PPG Industries)
Practice	Respond Architects
Yacht	Stratocaster

**PHOTOS:** For those interested in viewing the full set of photos, or to purchase prints, jump on line at [gib.co.nz/regatta](http://gib.co.nz/regatta)



**TOP:** 1<sup>st</sup> Spinnaker Division, Sponsored by Winstone Wallboards, Matt Brew Architects (Crystal Clear) and team and David Thomas (WWB), **SECOND FROM TOP:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Spinnaker Division, Sponsored by Tasman Insulation, Humes Architects Ltd (Party Girl) and David Thomas (WWB), **THIRD FROM TOP:** 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Spinnaker Division, Sponsored by Winstone Wallboards, Eclipse Architecture (Mayhem) with David Thomas (WWB), **FORTH FROM TOP:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Non-Spinnaker Division, Sponsored by Tasman Insulation, TOA Architects (Systems Thunder) and David Thomas (WWB), **FIFTH FROM THE TOP:** Sponsors Choice, Sponsored by PPG Industries, Respond Architects (Stratocaster) and David Thomas (WWB).

