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Well it's the start of the new financial year, which in itself brings challenges to the Admin Staff preparing end of financial year statements.

The year has been a tough one, with pressures on margins and the lack of volume out in the market. But still we have got through and look to have a good spread of work over the next 6 months.

We still feel there is some weakness in the market and we need to be vigilante in our pricing and service to the market. That goes for everyone, often the customer gets the best impression from our installers and how we act and perform on site.

We can only build relationships with clients if they have a good feel about the entire "Lomac" experience.

New Machinery

Due to the success of the (blue grinder) Diamond Grinder we have purchased



a second machine & vacuum. Can we all remember to empty the vacuum before bring it back to the warehouse.

This new grinder brings our total fleet of grinders to eight (8). With various types of machines we have the capacity to handle most projects.

OH & S SWMS Revision

With some changes in the OH & S legislation, we are updating our SWMS. This will happen over the next few weeks and we will discuss changes at next tool tagging/safety meeting.

Toolbox Talks

All supervisors need to complete toolbox talks prior to starting projects and regularly during major projects. All persons present must sign the toolbox talk and original sent back to the office.

Interesting Job of the Month

Kieran Carmody was sent to Campbelltown Court House to work in the "LOCK UP".



Kieran looked at home in this environment and looked as though he had been there before.



Training & New Projects

Training

At our next tool tagging, Forbo Technical Manager, Peter Brack will be attending to give a demonstration on Marmoleum installation. This will be especially advantageous to our apprentices and those that wish to brush up on their installation skills.

If you have any specific issues or questions this is the time to get the answers.



New Products

We have installed two new products from Gerflor being Creation Click Planks and Tex-line Pro.

Both products were loose lay technology and save considerable time in floor preparation.

Each product is especially useful for installing over heritage surfaces that can not be touched or glued over.

New Projects

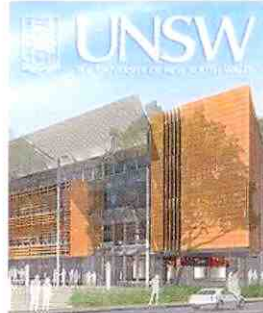
Lomac has "ROARED" across the line on winning the new Tyree Building Project being constructed by Brookfield Multiplex Constructions.

This project will run over the next 4 to 5 months which should give us a good start to

the new financial year.

Our contract consists of approximately 5000m² of Forbo Surestep and 6000m² of Carpet Tiles.

When starting this project all installers should take their Multiplex induction cards with them for reactivation.



Other projects won include:-

- New Office fitout of CD Constructions approximately 450m².
- Hume Office fitout 600m².
- Stage II Goondee Nursing Home 800m².
- C2 Plaza Brisbane 440m² Marmoleum.
- 3 Floor Office fitout Bondi 800m² Carpet Tiles.

AS 1884-1985

The revision of the current Australian Standard is now out for comment.



Two major changes are for testing of concrete subfloors for moisture content and pH Levels of slabs.

I believe we are all familiar with the Delmhorst moisture metre, but the new pH test is a new procedure.

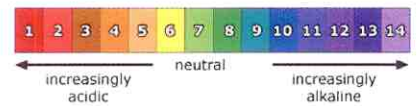
pH is the alkalinity of the slab which if too high will effect the adhesive

and its effectiveness to bond to the substrate.

Basically the test is carried out by adding the concrete dust (after drilling into the slab) to a small amount of water and testing with litmus paper (similar to testing your swimming pool water).

For a successful installation the pH should be between 7 and 9 as marked on the testing strip.

We will discuss further at the next tool tagging and safety meeting.



The Australian Museum Café

This 165m² Marmoleum job was completed by Kieran, Mark, Dave & Chris over 6 nights.

The time constraints meant we had to work efficiently to achieve the completion date. To speed up the installation the old timber floors were levelled with Lanko 184 which we estimate saved 2 days on our program. The Lanko meant we could commence installation of the floorcoverings the next night after preparation. Great job boys.

