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THE BIG BUDDY BIG AUCTION

We are excited, and proud to be supporting GJ Gardner & Big Buddy in the inaugural Big Buddy Big Auction which will see 2 homes be auctioned off in July with all profits going to this special charity. Big Buddy is a free, secular, mentoring service run by dedicated professionals who recruit and rigorously screen volunteers from the community to become long-term mentors to fatherless boys. Upon being approached with this initiative, it was quickly apparent that this was an exceptionally good fit with us, not only could we appreciate the importance of the work Big Buddy undertake but it aligned with our core values and the nature of our industry. With a marketing strategy targeting predominantly males thirty plus, and our Priority Partners community initiative, which supports local schools and clubs, we have an engaged audience to which we can actively promote the Buddy mentoring program and immediately the Big Buddy Big Auction.

Thomsons ITM is playing a pivotal role in the two house builds in Pukekohe and Hamilton having supplied the entire Frame and Trusses, project managing the bill of materials and managing the deliveries to site.

Building progress is on schedule and looking good, the exterior Linea is all up, brickwork finished, internal lining and gib is half finished and bathrooms are being installed. The project is on track for completion in July ready for marketing and an August auction. Watch this space...

SHOULD BUILDER'S INSURE THEIR TOOLS?

Tool theft is rife around the country at the moment and if it hasn't happened to you yet, you've probably at least heard of it happening to someone you know. We're urging all tradies to take extra precautions when on site and to ensure tools are securely locked away, ideally out of sight from the road, at night. Recent reports include; **Waikato:** 14 toilets were stolen from a site in Hamilton East, along with thousands of dollars worth of tools from developments in Horotiu and Te Rapa. Thieves also stole a Nissan Navara, a trailer and \$10,000 worth of tools from Hamilton developments. **Auckland:** Police arrested a "prolific property crime offender" after carrying out a search and seized a large amount of suspicious property including several thousand dollars worth of electronics, trade and electrical tools. What should you be doing?

[Read the full article in Junes Building Business](#)

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ITM & NZCB Apprentice challenge BRANZ Research

Why aren't more homes better

Business support

Build easy workplace policies

Insurance

Should builders insure their tools

Safety

Myth busting

Legal

What building laws (if any) apply to landscaping

Tax

New withholding tax rules

PRICE INCREASES

Timber

Carter Holt Harvey Plywood - 3-8%

Ecoply, Shadowclad, Handiply

Max Birt Sawmills - 3-6%

Lumbercorp 6-8%

Mt Pokaka 4-7%

Pinepac up to 6%

Hardware

Selleys New Zealand 2.6%

Paslode - 3%

Steel & Tube Roofing -8%

Assa Abloy -2%

Building Products

Mitek -7-13% Fitch plates

Holcim - 3-5%

Metalcraft - 8%



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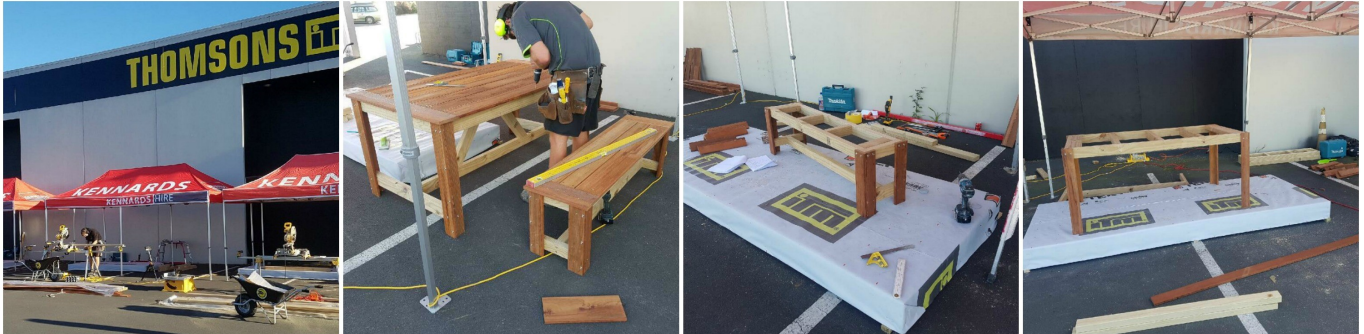
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ITM and NZCB Apprentice Challenge—April 8, Crawford Street



On 8th April ITM and NZCB ran Apprentice Challenge events in 13 venues around the country including Thomsons ITM Hamilton to find the finalists for this year's National Final.

Tasked with a challenging 8 hour build, all 70 of the apprentices planned, prepared and built an outdoor furniture set to be judged by teams of experts. This was a great opportunity for the future builders of New Zealand to show their skills and impress everyone with their craftsmanship and attention to detail. With representatives from ITAB, BCITO and Southern Group Training present, there was an incredible level of talent on display.

ITM and our supplier network provided materials for the competitors, as well as a range of top quality trade tools and ITM vouchers as prizes. We would like to congratulate all of the apprentices around the country who took part in the challenge, especially those who competed in the finals at the NZCB National Conference & Expo in Auckland. A big congratulations to the overall winner, Chris McLean from Otago.



May Builder's Breakfasts

It was great to see so many of you take time out of your busy mornings to join at our BBQ breakfasts. These events are important to us as we like to stay connected with you and informed on what is happening out there in this extremely busy market.

A special thanks for all our suppliers;

- Holdfast
- Makita
- Fox & Gunn Ltd
- Paslode
- Marshall Innovations
- Wholesafe Safety Equipment



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