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Fabulous new pool

Naylor Love, the South Island's most experienced builder of aquatic centres, has just completed another one.

The \$35 million EA Networks Centre, named after its major sponsor Electricity Ashburton Networks, opened its doors to the Ashburton public on 10 May 2015. Construction of the facility began in August 2013, with practical completion achieved on 9 March 2015. The facility was opened by Deputy Prime Minister Bill English on 9 May and, following the opening ceremony, the 1,000 people in attendance were invited to walk through it.

During construction the 8,000 sq.m sports facility was split into four zones.

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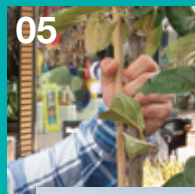


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Rick Herd
Chief Executive

Naylor Love is entering a new and satisfying period of growth and stability, with many new projects secured and opportunities developing around all our regions.

Auckland has secured Naylor Love's first high-rise tower project with the 35-level Park Residences project in the Auckland CBD. Further to this, the Auckland team is commencing work on converting the old Telecom building into the 16-level, high-end Hereford Apartments development and the new Albany pool project. This latter project extends our undisputed reputation as New Zealand's pre-eminent builder of pools and aquatic centres. Our Waikato team is spreading its wings as planned with four new projects in the Bay of Plenty, including the Grange retail development. They are also delivering a project at Eltham in the Taranaki for Fonterra.

Naylor Love Wellington continues to secure a significant number of small to medium projects, particularly in education and small works opportunities, and a sizeable number of larger project opportunities are crystallising over the next few months. These projects, along with the Hutt City Town Hall upgrade, provide a solid foundation of work for the region for the next two years.

The Canterbury team is thriving with numerous selected smaller projects, particularly the first stage of the Merivale Mall redevelopment, which is likely to extend into a larger and longer term opportunity. The outlook for Canterbury remains positive, with the rebuild expected to continue for several more years and many of the larger anchor projects still to come.

Central, which has secured and is delivering the Frankton Mitre 10, has numerous other retail and accommodation projects in the pipeline, and is about to commence work on the Beachwood's reclad project.

The Dunedin team is continuing to operate over the greater region, with projects at the Invercargill Prison and Fonterra Edendale. The team is now gathering to bid the first of the new major projects in July at the University of Otago. Naylor Love cherishes its record of successfully delivering projects at the university and will be working very hard to maintain that continuity of service.

These are exciting and satisfying times for Naylor Love. We are very well placed to make a step forward into a new area of prosperity to the benefit of all our stakeholders.



The proposed Park Residences – drawing courtesy of Conrad Properties



Deputy Prime Minister Bill English opening the complex with Ashburton mayor Angus McKay

Zone 1, the stadium, includes four full size basketball courts with multipurpose markings for netball, tennis, badminton and futsal. It was constructed from a mix of structural steel welded beams, precast concrete columns and panels, Kingspan cladding, long run roofing and glazing. Internally the key features are the sprung timber sports floor, hush panel wall linings and a thermally broken glazing suite giving an internal view to the pool hall.

Zone 2, the aquatic centre, includes a 25 metre 10 lane competition pool, a learn to swim pool, a warm water pool, a leisure pool featuring a rapid river with water toys, toddlers' pool, spa pool and a steam room. The pools are all insitu concrete with a tiled finish and the pool concourses of Traxite flooring. The structure includes a mix of structural steel, LVL timber, precast concrete, Kingspan cladding and glazing to the north elevation. Internal finishes include a feature Audioperf ceiling, Asona panels, feature tiles and exposed precast.

The health and fitness area, zone 3, includes a weights and cardio area and separate programme, spin and assessment rooms. The change facilities for the stadium and gym areas are also included in this zone, as is the sports house, a communal office space which the sports clubs of Ashburton share.

Zone 4 consists of the entry foyer, reception, administration offices, pool change rooms and a café. The café features a wet and dry side, allowing access from the pool hall.

Key features of zones 3 and 4 include an impressive foyer space complete with a structurally glazed façade, polished concrete floor, a warm roof and a large cantilevered canopy with Trespa paneling.

The staff of the client, Ashburton District Council, were excellent to deal with. The site team worked closely with their client representative and building inspectors throughout the project. The design was led by Warren and Mahoney who were also responsible for the project management. Powell Fenwick took care of the structural and services engineering, and Davis Langdon the quantity surveying. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre, previously completed by Naylor Love's Central division, had a very similar team of consultants. This was beneficial because the good relationships and team approach carried through to the EA Networks Centre.

Special mention and a huge thank you go to the Queenstown crew of Peter Taylor, Nick Courneane, Nick Struthers, Andy Pearson, Bruce Harris, Ken Howie and Tony Walden who relocated to Ashburton for the duration of the project.

This was a complex and challenging build and the fact that it was completed on time, on budget and to such a terrific standard is testament to the efforts of this team, who have delivered a world class sporting facility to Mid Canterbury.



Fundraising for Nepal

The Naylor Love team at the Mitre 10 Mega site in Queenstown teamed with Dewalt and Mitre 10 Trade to provide local Nepalese man Laxman Basnet with some essential tools. He will take these back to Nepal to help with the rebuilding of his village Sanga Kavre following Nepal's devastating earthquake. Project manager Morgan Stacey saw a local social media call for help which was answered.

Morgan: "Between the three of us we have managed to donate over \$2500 worth of tools, including a Dewalt nail gun, 12,000 nails and hand tools. We hope it goes a long way at local level to provide those in desperate need some suitable temporary, and eventually more permanent, shelter. I would like to thank Paul and Marlene and their team at Mitre 10 Trade and Stacy Smith of Stanley Black & Decker for their much appreciated help. We would also like to wish Laxman the best of luck and look forward to updates from Nepal."

Pictured above are (l to r): Morgan Stacey, Marlene Crimp (Mitre 10), Laxman Basnet, Tazmin Odey (Dewalt), Tom Glover (Naylor Love foreman), Jarad Shaw (Mitre 10) and Stacy Smith (Dewalt).



Meet director Ian McPherson

A chartered accountant and member of the Institute of Directors, with extensive knowledge of the property and construction industries, Ian was previously a managing director of Naylor Love. His involvement in the company has spanned 30 years.

Ian, who grew up in rural Southland, did a commerce degree in management and accounting at the University of Otago. "I had no great interest in being an accountant. I was much more interested in the management side. My first job was management accountant with Fletcher Industries, which was really interesting because a lot of it was investigating new options and opportunities, looking at things like pig, walnut and lucerne farming." After two years, in 1977, Ian moved to Downers, a civil engineering company. He had eight years with them before becoming financial controller at Naylor Love.

"Naylors was perceived at the time as a significant regional player, like poor cousins to a national firm." They had a branch in each of Cromwell and Invercargill. "At that stage they were pretty good at what they did, but they weren't particularly sophisticated or systematised. They didn't seem to have processes, but boy they could get things built, and they could generally win a project against Downers if they set their mind to it. I felt Naylors would

be a challenge. They needed some better systems, things like good financial processes and timely accounts, and computerisation." Ian introduced these to Naylor Love. When he first started, monthly contract reviews had never been heard of.

"Fraser Harding (another present-day Naylor Love director) and I became shareholders/directors in June '86. The mid-1980s were boom years, and we got involved with property development in Dunedin, Queenstown and Invercargill, both from an investment point of view, but also in terms of working for property developers. The original objective was to get involved in property investment because the annual rental income was going to help level out some of the ups and downs of the construction industry. When the boom was over in early '89, when we were under financial pressure, we sold off some of that property."

When Alex Coleman retired as managing director in 1991, there were two candidates for his position, Ian McPherson and Fraser Harding. Both were committed shareholders and directors of Naylor Love, and each had different skill sets. Ian's was financial with a strong entrepreneurial interest in property. Fraser's was construction-based, with an overlay of formal management training. Their combined skills were formidable and complementary. A joint appointment

was therefore made, with Ian as managing director (finance) and Fraser as managing director (operations).

In 1996, Ian decided to adjust his work/life balance by reducing his working hours. He withdrew from the joint managing directorship but retained his finance director role. Fraser was appointed sole managing director, remaining in this position until his resignation in early 1998, when Ian returned full time to fill the position until 2002.

At that time, Naylor Love had several divisions, its main construction division and several subcontracting divisions. "Between the subcontracting divisions and the construction division, there was a dramatic them and us. The construction guy is like big brother, and he's looking at these rowdy little toe-rags down in these subcontracting divisions, that never did things when they wanted them. It was made more dysfunctional by the financial arrangements, too, which meant that the subcontracting divisions didn't always know what financial basis they were doing the work on. Sometimes it would be cost plus, sometimes they'd be quoting against other people in the market, sometimes it would just be, 'Here's your price. You're doing it for this'. It wasn't satisfactory for the construction division or for the subcontracting divisions. They both got the worst of both worlds." In a particularly difficult decision to make, the Board agreed in 2000 to move out of subcontracting. The sale process was handled very professionally. Communication lines around the company remained open, reasoning was explained, and high levels of understanding were generated. Of the five subcontract divisions, three were sold as going concerns with little staff disruption, and two to staff interests.

Ian retired as managing director on 1 July 2002, "the day before my 50th birthday, at which point life really got busy. The idea was to play more golf - but I soon ended up involved in a rescue effort of our financially strapped club. After eleven years' involvement on the committee, as finance director, club captain and president, I retire from the committee at this year's AGM with the club in good heart and a strong financial position."

Dunedin's indoor sports centre, the Edgar Centre (built by Naylor Love),

was just launching its plans for a new indoor stadium addition and needed some construction industry expertise on the Trust to help with the project. "Instead they got me!" The Edgar Centre is now a great community asset, fully utilised by 21 different sports in the city. And for the past five years Ian has been a member of the Cumberland College advisory board. Boards such as these bring town and gown expertise together in the governance of the city's university halls of residence.

"My commercial governance roles extend to businesses involved in manufacturing and importing, high tech exporting, and property. Three years ago I spent some time in the States looking at their property market. It had crashed in the wake of the US property lending binge, in which even homeless people with no income were being encouraged to take loans they could never hope to repay. I bought several residential properties in Memphis, Tennessee." In the meantime the US property market has started to recover and the NZ dollar has fallen (compared to the US dollar) - both positives for such an investment.

"With three kids, of whom I am inordinately proud, and five wonderful grandchildren (so far), family life helps keep my wife Jenny and me young and busy. So much for retirement!" Ian is pictured on the opposite page with his youngest grandchild, Name.

Ian summed up his thoughts about Naylor Love's future: "During the 2000s we have built the company to become a significant national player, through both acquisition and organic growth. To maintain this position requires a higher level of professional performance than has ever been the case in our 105-year history. It requires excellent systems, high levels of training and committed people going the extra mile for the company and our clients. Companies exist because teams can achieve much more together than individuals could on their own. Naylor Love has a great balance of experienced old hands and enthusiastic younger people. If we pool all our resources we can build this company of ours from really good to really great.

"WH Naylor, JY Love and James Fletcher all commenced business in Dunedin in 1910. Our argument is that in the early days Naylor and Loves drove Fletchers out of the city. Now it's time to provide them with some really stiff competition nationally!"



Wellington

Wellington Girls' College

The main block at Wellington Girls' College is a category 1 heritage building. It is being deconstructed and redeveloped whilst retaining important heritage features. These include the façades on the northern, western and eastern elevations and the main entrance stair and foyer known as the 'vestibule'.

All piles to the northern and eastern sides, including all hold down bolts and structural steel support frames, have been installed and completed. The narrow driveway and live school environment meant this element of work was very challenging, so all wide loads, heavy lifting and noisy bolt

connections were done before and after school. The team is connecting the support frame to the façade through drilling and installing threaded rods, hoping they don't hit existing reinforced steel. The next scheduled work is the demolition of the music block to allow access to the old main building.

Bupa Whitby Rest Home and Hospital extension

New Zealanders are living ever longer, and rest homes and retirement villages are struggling to keep up with demand from the elderly. At the Whitby Rest Home and Hospital, between June 2014 and 8 May this year, Naylor Love Wellington built an extension to add 35

bedrooms, lounge and dining rooms, sitting rooms, service/treatment rooms and utility areas to the rest home, hospital care and dementia care units.

Alterations to the existing complex upgraded shower/toilet and utility facilities and firewalls. As the hospital and dementia care units remained operational, these works required close liaison and careful planning with the Bupa management and staff.



Maori carvings reinstated

South Wellington Intermediate School has some special Maori carvings, whose history is tied to Paora Winika, a member of the Naylor Love team which recently built the school's new hall. Paora's family had strong ties to the school; his koro worked for the school and his brother was on the school board.

In 1994, Paora's koro, his uncle (a master carver) and a team of helpers took eight to nine weeks to complete the carvings, which show the value of unity. In the centre piece, Kupe is shown coming to the area and joining everyone together as one.

The carvings were presented to the school and put in front of the old hall. Now, 21 years later, Paora, as the oldest moko (grandchild), was honoured to erect the carvings in front of the new hall. This took place on 15 May, one year to the day after Paora's koro passed away.

The new hall was blessed at 6.30am on 29 May, a ceremony attended by Naylor Love team members and their families. Fantastic praise was given to the Naylor Love staff, both from the school community and local iwi.

Pictured above: Chris Jones (Naylor Love site manager) at right and his family, from left Waverley, Abigail and Matthew.



NZ Commercial Project Awards

Wellington division was recently awarded three silvers in the NZ Commercial Project Awards – for 312 Lambton Quay retail centre, Spruce Goose Café (see the back page) and Shed 6, an events centre on Wellington's waterfront.

Pictured above receiving their awards are:
(top, l to r) 312 Lambton Quay project – Barry Armes (Naylor Love site manager), Murray Cull (Naylor Love quantity surveyor) and Shane Brealey (Registered Master Builders Association);
above left, l to r) Shed 6 project – Scott Duncan (Naylor Love project manager) and Shane Watkin (PlaceMakers regional manager);
(above right l to r) Spruce Goose – Nick Clayton (Naylor Love Wellington regional manager) and Kerry Archer (Registered Master Builders Association).



Shed 6



312 Lambton Quay



312 Lambton Quay



Dunedin

JA Valentine Scholarship winner

When Jim Valentine stepped down as Naylor Love chairman in June 1995 after 16 years at the helm, the company marked his retirement by establishing the JA Valentine Scholarship. Awarded annually to the top student in the pre-apprenticeship course at Otago Polytechnic, it offers a \$1000 cash prize and, naturally, a job at Naylor Love.

Simon McCaig aged 19, the top graduating carpentry student at Otago Polytechnic and winner of the scholarship in 2014, is the latest to be secured as an apprentice with the company. Ewan Oats, operations manager with Naylor Love Dunedin, says of Simon, "He is very mature for his years and a deep thinker."

Simon has been practising carpentry for many years, ever since he was at kindergarten. "Kindy had a bucket of timber, and I used to make things with the pieces. I have always enjoyed being hands-on, building things, making things work." Simon, who lives in Dunedin's student-land, is a real asset in his flat, fixing things up. "I repaired a couple of doors and put in a new gate when they were damaged during a party."

Naylor Love has traditionally employed large carpentry trade teams in its southern strongholds of Dunedin, Central Otago and Canterbury. An integral part of this tradition has been a commitment to 'doing their bit' for trade training. This year Dunedin has ten

apprentices, Christchurch six and Central four.

Ewan Oats continues Naylor Love's commitment to its apprenticeship programme. "The company has always tried to get apprentices who showed an interest in the trade and really wanted to get ahead, willing to ask questions and learn. A big and enjoyable part of my job is bringing young people through. We have produced some outstanding lads."

Earthquake strengthening award

Following the Canterbury earthquakes, which badly damaged the Speight's plant in Christchurch, Speight's Brewery in Dunedin was given a three-year, \$40 million upgrade. This included refurbishment, fire proofing and strengthening of all existing buildings.

The project recently received the 2014-2015 Dunedin City Council/Oakwood Properties Earthquake Strengthening Award.

Family fun day

Earlier this year the Dunedin division held its second annual family fun day at the Woodhaugh Gardens. Families gathered for a sausage sizzle (with meat items supplied by Placemakers) and some quality backyard cricket, rivalling the World Cup. The lolly scramble was a resounding success, as always, with both young and old – and some in between.



The pleasures of an old-fashioned lolly scramble.



Auckland

Browns Bay New World

The Browns Bay community now has a new supermarket, Browns Bay New World, successfully completed on St Patrick's Day 17 March 2015, ten months after the award of the contract.

Throughout the project the team worked closely with the Foodstuffs team and the consultants to ensure that potential problems were highlighted early and their impact on the programme limited. The 3D modelling support given by Joe Qin in the Naylor Love Auckland office coordinated the pre-cast, structural steel and services drawings. As a result there was not a single clash between the structural steel and the pre-cast concrete, and a number of potential services clashes were resolved before physical work commenced. Without the Naylor Love team taking this approach there is no doubt that the finishing date would have been put in severe jeopardy.

The project is seen as a great success by the Foodstuffs team.



Tree donation (Billy Fulton of Naylor Love, second from left, with Botany Town Centre staff and clients after donating some apple trees at the conclusion of the project.). Right: Annie Day.



Annie Day and the Green Team

Naylor Love is committed to sustainable development. It aims to ensure that its activities demonstrate social and environmental responsibility, that it conserves natural resources and protects the environment.

All company employees and contractors are responsible for the implementation of and compliance with Naylor Love's environmental policy. Waste management practices are audited, targets established where practicable, and performance is monitored against them.

In early 2008, Annie Day, a Naylor Love Auckland project manager, became the company's first Green Star Accredited Professional. Later, Annie was asked to join the technical group which developed the Green Star New Zealand Education Building Rating Tool. Annie's role was to consider constructability.

When the Ministry of Education embraced environmentally sustainable design, Annie was in her element. She project managed the construction of two new 5 Green Star schools. Snells Beach School at Warkworth, which opened in 2009, won the Registered Master Builders' regional supreme award with its design and build construction. The second school was the Maori language primary school, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Kotuku, in which the sustainable design considered the impact on the environment across the whole life cycle of the facility as well as the educational

benefits for students.

Annie, not surprisingly, has been instrumental in forming Naylor Love's National Green Team, set up at the end of 2014 to minimise the impact of Naylor Love's activities on the environment by leaving no impression on the ground, a lasting impression on the community, and adding value to the company's business. Procedures and monitoring are aligned with Naylor Love's environmental statement.

Four key result areas are being tackled – product stewardship (what goes in); energy management (what is used); waste management (what comes out); and community/team engagement (what is done). Each region has its own Green Team to work through the goals and regional aims. For the time being, the latter three aims are being concentrated on. Product stewardship will follow.

Energy management covers fuel, water and power management. For example, the aim of Naylor Love, with 196 vehicles in its fleet, is to have all vehicles using less than 10 litres per 100 kilometres of fuel. This target has been reached by 154 vehicles so far.

In waste management processes, Naylor Love has set its goal to recycle, re-use and reduce waste (measured by weight) to landfill. All regions are looking at partnerships with their waste companies. Auckland, which set a target of 70% reduction, is achieving better than that. Dunedin's Invercargill Prison team is sorting its waste on site.

There are many initiatives taking place under customer/team engagement. A goal has been set for all Naylor Love staff to spend four hours in community projects this year. In Auckland, staff have been involved with the Coast Guard, a Department of Conservation beach cleanup, New Zealand Defence Force work, Camp Maynard (a Scout camp) and Auckland Civil Defence. Staff are looking forward to monitoring dotterels during their breeding season in a stream near the Auckland office.

Naylor Love's client survey now has customer KPI environmental questions focusing on such things as design and materials and building handover.

To gain recognition for using sustainable materials and designs, Naylor Love aims for each region to submit one submission a year for a sustainability award. For example, Auckland is submitting Devonport Library to the New Zealand Timber Awards.

On completion of each project throughout New Zealand, a tree is donated and planted by Naylor Love. Botany Town Centre was recently given four apple trees for their community garden.

To reinforce the sustainability message, project teams will be rewarded for their work towards this goal. Staff and project teams who show environmental stewardship will be nominated under Naylor Love's Rewards and Recognition programme.



Blake McDonald and fellow apprentice Peter O'Sullivan with their igloo

seven and a half hours. Nonetheless, it was a memorable experience with some great views on the way. Stepping out onto the sea ice from the plane was a surreal sight and feeling. The first breath of bone chillingly cold, dry air was something that will stick with us forever. The crew at Scott Base were quick to give us a warm welcome, meal and a tour around the place, very much making us feel at home."

Existing freezers in the HFC building

Antarctic Apprent-ICE

Blake McDonald, who is in the final six months of his carpentry apprenticeship with the Dunedin division of Naylor Love, was one of two builders selected for a three-month Apprent-ICE programme in which he was to live and work at Scott Base from January 15 to April 18.

He was part of a 17-member team, which includes carpenters, plumbers and electricians, supporting the major reconfiguration of the Hillary Field Centre (HFC), a \$4 million project which will be completed over the next two construction seasons. This will enhance the quality of Antarctica New Zealand's science facilities and its position as a leader of science capability on ice. Those chosen for the programme were selected as up-and-coming industry leaders, passionate about complex construction and able to demonstrate strong health, safety and environmental values. Antarctica New Zealand teamed up with Certified Builders and industry training partners ITAB and BCITO to develop sustainable leadership opportunities through short-term professional development projects in Antarctica.

Blake, aged 21, said, "I like to push myself as far as possible, and this is an opportunity like no other." Blake, first in class in the 2012 Otago Polytechnic level 4 carpentry programme, was awarded the JA Valentine Scholarship

for achieving the highest standard of excellence in learning.

The week before leaving, the team received pre-deployment training, which included extreme weather survival, education on the significance and fragility of the Antarctic environment, and the policies and procedures that govern work there. They also received two intensive days of fire training at the Woolston training facility in Christchurch, "where our team learnt how to work together and fight fires in rooms as hot as 300°." Further job-specific and survival training was given once they arrived at Scott Base.

"Our flight down south in a US Air Force LC 130 Hercules was like sitting in a deck chair inside a biscuit tin for

were demolished and new temporary food storage units for frozen food, fresh fruit and vegetables were built. The store was made from three shipping containers fixed to a pre-fabricated steel frame structure. "The first stage was to drill one metre into permafrost to anchor the units down - a very challenging effort as permafrost is harder than concrete to drill into. It took a couple of \$500 drill bits. We then freeze threaded rods into the ground and bolted the container feet to it. Once the steel frame was erected, a crane from McMurdo Station lifted the containers into place." The temporary structure will be used for five years while other work is completed around base. The ground floor of the HFC was





then demolished and readied for the set out of new science labs and triple glazed external windows.

Two industry leaders, including Pete Lockhart, Group Construction Manager for Naylor Love, visited the site. “They were here for a look around base to better understand the building process and the challenges faced. We were quick to show them where the broom lives and got them sweating in no time!”

Apart from work, Blake had many other Antarctic opportunities. He visited Robert Falcon Scott’s Discovery Hut on Ross Island, with its contents left intact for 100 years; he travelled 30 minutes in a Hagglund to Castle Rock, “where we climbed to the peak with spectacular views over Mount Erebus and McMurdo Sound”; and he took his turn as member of the fire crew. “Every three weeks our team of six was responsible for responding to fire alarms on base. Our team was made up of a crew chief, two fully kitted breathing apparatus wearers, a hose runner, and the two apprentice-ICES as auxiliaries (quick responders and back up where required). We had fire drill scenarios once a month; they were rather exhilarating and very realistic, with the use of a smoke machine and a kind volunteer hidden away for our team to recover. Thankfully that’s as serious as it got.” The base is equipped with an extensive warning system, including over 200 smoke detectors, gas monitoring, eight fire hydrants with hoses capable of reaching anywhere on base, “and a crazy amount of sprinklers with 24,000L of reserve water!”

During mid-March, when the team did some work on the hangar (pictured above) so that it could be used for storing various vehicles and ski-doo’s over the winter months, temperatures dropped markedly. “Scott Base plummeted to -48°C with wind chill, which made for an interesting time working in a massive, uninsulated, former hangar on the edge of the sea ice. We worked inside wearing two jackets, two pairs of socks and gloves, insulated overalls and boots, and if we weren’t anywhere near the heater, burning 100L of petrol a day, then we were still in pain!”

The hangar was given a new floor of 17,500 paving blocks. “The team of four Defence Force carpenters and another four of us from the HFC crew levelled off the sand base course and laid paving blocks, one by one. With the dance music blaring and the burner cranking, the guys weren’t worried about the cold at all and loved every minute of it.” The most exciting part of the renovation was putting in five triple-glazed windows in a PVC frame upstairs.

“All on base gathered to celebrate the completion of the hangar renovation with a barbecue, in minus 41 degrees. Not your normal Kiwi barbie, because here the beers start to freeze and the meat goes cold at the end of your fork.”

Blake and his fellow apprentice did not return on April 18 as originally scheduled. The team at Antarctica New Zealand offered them a further six-week contract, “giving us an awesome opportunity to see more of the harsh winter and the final sunset.”

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