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Dear FloorNZ Members

This is our July 2022 newsletter keeping you up to date with ongoing developments with FloorNZ.

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Due to Covid restrictions we ran the Apprentice of the Year Awards in a similar fashion to 2021. Scott Cato kindly agreed to be our presenter and went to each apprentice's workplace to present the award and a voucher to each winner. Our winners were:

- Stage 1 – Karaitiana Tuhura of Laskey Carpets Ltd
- Stage 2 - Devon Crawshaw of Carpet Court Masterton
- Stage 3 and Supreme winner – Joseph Murphy of Fully Floored Ltd
- Villars Award – Extra Textural Ltd
- Floor Planning and Design Award – Toby Pooley of Wilsons Carpet

Photos of the different presentations have been posted on our website.

We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors for these awards. Sponsors included:

- Stage 1 sponsor – Dunlop Flooring
- Stage 2 sponsor – Look Floors
- Stage 3 sponsor – Gilt Edge
- Villars Award – Handley Industries
- Floor Planning and Design Award – Robert Malcolm

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We are pleased to include a new tutor in our ranks this year – Mark Thornton. Mark comes from running his own installation business and his inclusion in the team allows us to manage the very full training calendar we have in 2022 as we make up for courses cancelled during the Covid lockdowns.

We are also moving to providing a blended learning approach with some learning done online and some face-to-face in our traditional block courses. The additional staff resource enables us to move Kevin West to the technical online support role where we can monitor the online learning and provide additional support for those who need it.

2021 was the first year we were funded for our two pre-apprenticeship courses – Introduction to Flooring Installation and Flooring Fundamentals. These short courses are designed to give employees the base

knowledge they need at the start of their flooring career. The funding has continued for 2022 and we are in the process of running more of these courses to meet industry needs. They are run at no cost to the employer as they are fully Government funded.

We are also working with the industry to develop and run bespoke training courses to upskill existing employees where required. If you have a need for this type of training, please contact us.

CHANGES TO THE BUILDING ACT

Jeff Henry our specialist trainer is currently working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on changes to the Building Act that affects the Flooring industry. Once the consultation has been completed, we will be putting out some Best Practice Guidelines to assist flooring businesses with the changes. We will keep you informed of progress.

TRANSITIONING THE TRAINING PROCESS

We are currently working with the BCITO on a transition plan to transition the managing training function from the BCITO to the ATI. At this stage we expect this process to happen by the beginning of 2023. However, we are currently waiting on the Government to confirm the funding applications for 2023. Once this has occurred and the transition plan agreed we will undertake a marketing campaign to inform the industry of the changes.

MEMBERSHIP

We have just completed a survey that was sent to members and non-members to determine what type of services flooring businesses would expect from FloorNZ. Once the results have been analyzed we will revisit our current membership structure and provide some options for consultation. While we have good membership coverage in the retail and supplier/wholesaler sectors we have low coverage in the installer sector, and we would like to change this. If you have any thoughts about services, you think would be beneficial please let us know.

If you have any information, you would like us to share on any comments or questions on any of the content in this newsletter, please contact me on kari@floornz.org.nz

Regards

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