

FLOOR NZ NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2023

CHAIR MESSAGE - TRAINING/CEO APPOINTMENT

These last 12 months have been very challenging for Floor NZ / ATI, especially with the sad passing of our CEO, Kari Pearcey earlier in the year. Our small team really stood up and took on the challenge of filling that void all whilst maintaining the high training standards necessary. The Board and I would like to acknowledge Jeff Henry's contribution in taking on the Acting CEO role during this very difficult time whilst we were juggling a lot of balls.

On top of business as usual we were trying to orchestrate a transition to take on all the Flooring training functions from BCITO. After many meetings with different Government organisations and costs incurred along the way, it was clear for the Board that there was uncertainty around the success of delivering the change and the costs to implement the transition would be something that we could not absorb without significant influx of funds and no guarantees. It was decided that we should consider an alternative approach, and we engaged with BCITO Te Pūkenga on working through the opportunities we believe exist for improving training participation, promotion, and quality and how we might work better together to deliver on those opportunities.

We are pleased to announce that we believe we are very close to having a much better go forward for training for the flooring sector. We have a new agreement for the ATI to provide block course training in 2024 and more importantly a nearly finalised Collaboration Agreement with the BCITO Te Pūkenga where we will work together to improve training participation, promotion, and quality. We will update membership further on this in 2024.

Now that there is a clearer vision for Floor NZ and the ATI, we are very pleased to formally announce that Jeff Henry has accepted the role of CEO for Floor NZ and ATI. Jeff has been very much front and centre of the organisation and has huge respect in the industry, and I am sure everyone will be pleased to hear that his appointment has been confirmed.

Robert Brouwer - Chairperson

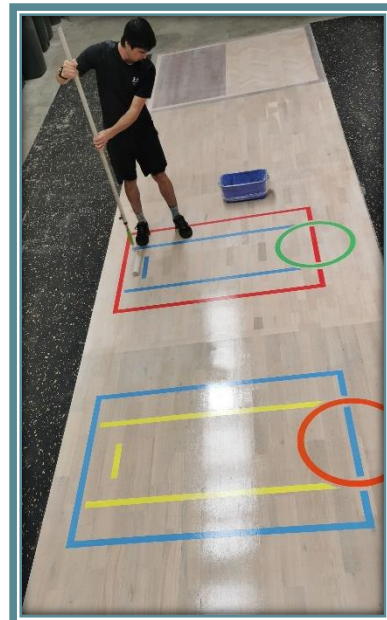
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2023 TRAINING

Apprentice block courses wrapped up at ATI in Christchurch for 2023 with 29 courses provided accomodating 221 Apprentices. Planned courses for the upcoming 2024 year will drop back to 25 courses. While these numbers are still above 2019 pre covid numbers, it is very important that we keep striving as an industry to increase installer numbers.

If you are interested in more information on apprentice training, visit www.bcito.org.nz or contact jeff@floornz.org.nz.

Upskill installation, Introduction to flooring installation and retail/supply Flooring fundamental courses were trialled regionally in 2023. If you are interested in these types of courses either individually or as a group, please register your interest with admin@floornz.org.nz



The Flooring Planning Design course is available for those in the retail/supply sector who are new to the flooring industry, or have existing experience and would like their skills recognised. The Flooring Planning Design course is a 5 module, level 4 course with a duration of twelve to eighteen months. For more information about this course contact jeff@floornz.org.nz.

MEMBER SUPPORT FOR TRAINING

A big thank you to the following suppliers of materials, tools and assistance for block course training in 2023. Without this support, we would not be able to provide the necessary apprentice training for the flooring industry.

Allnex

Ardex New Zealand

Bremworth Wool Carpets

Dunlop Flooring

Gilt Edge

Godfrey Hirst

Hills Commercial Floors Christchurch

Inzide

Jacobsen

Karndean Flooring New Zealand

Carr - Leister welding equipment

Look Floors

Polyflor NZ

Robert Malcolm

Swinard Wooden Floors

Trade Floor Supplies

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ADVOCACY WORK

Worksafe

Worksafe is reviewing asbestos work. This will be released later in 2024

MBIE

BPIR - suppliers have been extremely busy putting together compliance information for the Building Product Information Requirements (BPIR) legislation that came in on December 11. Where suppliers/manufacturers provide products for situations that need to comply with any of the six building code clauses, there is a requirement for the relevant information to be made available on their website; whether building consent is needed or not. There is also a requirement for a link to this information source to be available for customers prior to purchase.

Building code - with the review of the building code clauses not yet complete, there is further work to do to keep up with or ahead of future changes. There will be more to come on this in the New Year.

MEMBER SERVICES

Floor NZ has recently teamed up with SpendSmart to bring you a special member benefit where you can now get customised pricing at Bunnings with a complimentary \$20 Bunnings gift card per account opened or upgraded.

Please see below flyer for more information and how to apply - you will need your Floor NZ membership number and NZBN number.

[Floor NZ Bunnings PowerPass Flyer](#)

A reminder that you can access all the other member services we offer by logging into our [website](#). Some of the benefits include:

- Free legal and tax service for advice and guidance on any personal or business legal and tax matters (Perks).
- Access to insurance cover and expert advice (Rothbury Insurance).
- Access to discounted ACC brokerage advice (Manage Company)
- Access to discounted power bills.
- Retail discounts which you can use to get discounts at participating retailers.
- Discount on your SiteSafe fees
- Access to discounted fuel prices with Mobil.
- Special prices for FloorNZ publications including the Health and Safety Manual.

Please contact admin@floornz.org.nz with any questions or issues logging in.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Floor NZ team and the Board, we wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas break.

If you have any information, or questions on any of the content in this newsletter, please contact jeff@floornz.org.nz

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