



## FTMA Newsletter Summer 2022

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### Word from the Chair – Seith Harrison



Another year is closing and we are thinking about the holidays and having a break. I am also thinking about market and business prospects in 2023. From what we hear, most members are still reporting healthy levels of business now but have some concern and uncertainty about what may happen later in the new year.

From my point of view I like to remain optimistic. Despite some headwinds expected, taking a longer term view I believe that we will remain in a relatively good space but not at the giddy and unsustainable heights that we have seen over the last couple of years. So we will see, but I expect that 2023 will be good year for us.

As we stated at the annual general meeting in September, FTMA has accumulated a substantial cash reserve which we want to use for the benefit of the industry and members. We have received comments from many members on what they see as appropriate goals using this resource. While there has been a wide range of views expressed, the strongest and most common theme is around building up the profile of our sector as a source of good quality jobs and career paths, particularly with young people and school leavers. This needs to go hand in hand with training and skills development so that we continue to be a competitive and valuable supply sector to the building and construction industry.

I am still formulating our ideas in this regard and will be working with the FTMA executive from early in the new year to clarify and communicate our plans. Given that we are thinking about a 3 to 5 year plan, there are a lot of things to consider. However I believe that if we don't plan to help ourselves then there is a reduced likelihood of our sector developing in the way we want. Most importantly, please reach out to me or the executive if you have further comment or ideas on what FTMA needs to focus on.

A reminder, the long delayed FTMA conference will be held on July 25 – 27 next year at Te Papa Museum in Wellington largely as per the original programme. We learned recently that there will be two women's world cup soccer matches also in Wellington during that week, so accommodation may be a bit tight. We recommend that you make arrangements early, if possible.



On behalf of the FTMA executive, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy new year. We look forward to working with you in 2023 and starting some exciting new initiatives.

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## Thanks to Daniel Howe

At our November meeting, the FTMA executive group paid special thanks to Dan Howe for his contribution as Chair from October 2020 to September 2022. As members will be aware, this period proved to be the most turbulent and demanding times that most of us have experienced in business. We wish Dan and his family all the best for the future and our sincere thanks for the effort that he put in for the association during that time.

Incoming FTMA Chair  
Seith Harrison thanks  
Dan Howe for his

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contribution at the November 23 meeting. FTMA presented Dan with a carved plaque showing his difficult journey over the last 2 years and now free to fly like a bird.

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## Updates from BCITO



As advised previously, the fee freeze for BCITO apprenticeship qualifications ends on December 31, 2022. So those starting their qualifications in 2023 will need to pay the normal fees. However, these costs are still very reasonable compared to many other vocational training and adult education options.

The New Zealand Certificate in Timber Structure Manufacturing Level 3 is \$1500 including GST (including both timber wall and timber truss strands), and depending on experience and time availability can be completed in 1 year. For the New Zealand Certificate in Frame & Truss Detailing Level 4, the fee is approximately \$1500 including GST for the first year and approximately \$850 for each subsequent year.

For at least the first half of 2023 the frame & truss detailing qualification will remain as the current level 4 certificate. Progression to the level 5 version has been delayed with the current restructuring of the vocational training sector. A bridging programme to convert the level 4 certificate to level 5 will become available at a later time.

If members have any questions do not hesitate to contact BCITO's Helen Hines-Randall via [Helen.Hines-Randall@bcito.org.nz](mailto:Helen.Hines-Randall@bcito.org.nz) or 027 614 1003.

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## New members for FTMA executive committee

As announced at the 2022 AGM, we have two more FTMA executive committee positions available. FTMA is pleased to welcome Simon Heron, Category Manager – Timber, Merchandise Team for Mitre 10 (N.Z.) to the executive committee. Mitre 10 (N.Z.) with a number of their stores has a strong position as FTMA members and other members who manufacture for Mitre 10. Simon has extensive experience in the building industry with some 40-years working in the timber sector in New Zealand and Australia. Simon has a strong interest in frame and truss and was a founding partner in the FTMA. Welcome Simon.



If any other members are interested in supporting the executive committee, please contact Seith Harrison.

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## FTMA Conference 2023

Despite the multiple delays, we will be holding our conference over July 25 – 27 at Te Papa Museum in Wellington and largely keeping to the format and schedule as previously advised. As things have worked out, there are also FIFA Women's World Cup matches scheduled in Wellington that week. This is likely to make accommodation more difficult to book so we suggest that you start early. In any case, it will be a good opportunity to see a match while in Wellington. On Tuesday July 25 New Zealand plays the Philippines and on Thursday July 27 USA plays the Netherlands. Further details will be sent out shortly.

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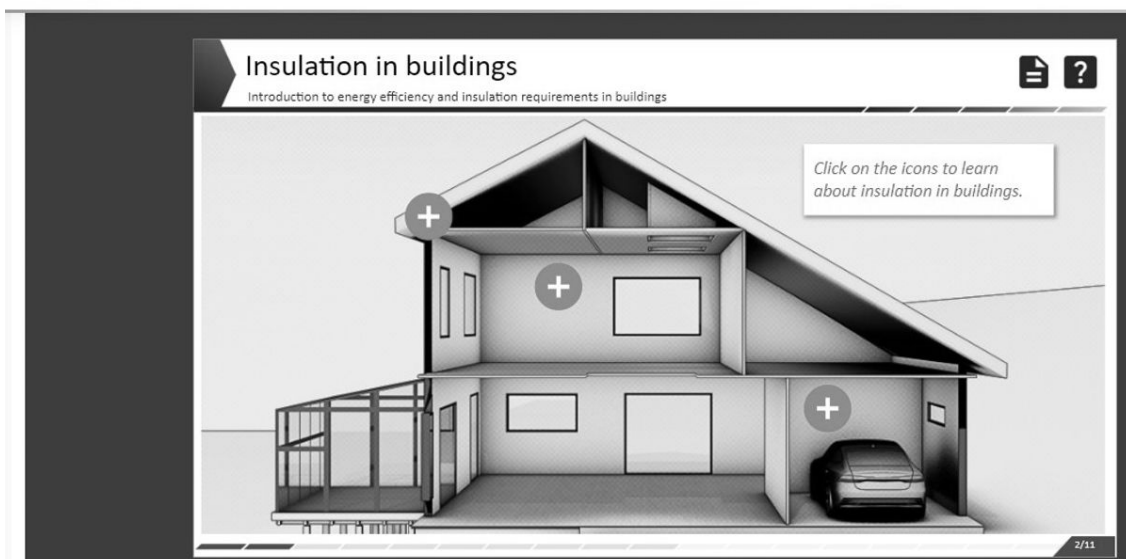


## Changes to Building Code clause H1 – Insulation performance

As discussed through the last year, MBIE has issued changes to the minimum insulation performance required for new residential buildings. Originally set for introduction in November 2022, as a result of industry comments MBIE agreed to delay implementation until May 2023. For frame and truss manufacturers there is only very limited impact at this stage. Wall insulation requirements are the same throughout New Zealand and 90 mm wide framing will be suitable. For truss design, there might be some issues in accommodating the higher R values required and thicker insulation layers in some cases. For raked ceilings and/or flat roofs, some additional consideration is likely to be required from designers and architects to accommodate the increased insulation thickness. MBIE has a summary of the changes in simplified form [here](#). BRANZ also has an information resource for H1 and search engine [here](#).

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## WoodWorks 2022





The WoodWorks event which showcases new technology and developments with wood based building was held in Rotorua on November 8/9. Event organisers Innovatek reported a record attendance and strong attendance from architects, builders and other construction industry. Major sponsor Red Stag Wood Solutions held tours of their new CLT (cross laminated timber) factory at the Waipa site near Rotorua but also promoted other aspects of their services and offerings including Red Stag Timberlab and frame and truss.

The strongest theme for the event was to use wood-based building systems and other materials that are the best for the job – don't try to shoehorn one system into all situations. For example, a number of presenters pointed out the role that light timber frame and truss can play with mass timber elements such as CLT and GLT (glue laminated timber).

Contact member services for further information.

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