

It has been a busy and challenging year. It is always challenging to see each new project through to completion but this year the business climate has also been difficult and we have had to make some tough decisions. No one currently in business is alone in that respect, and it certainly has not been as bad as it could have been.

Thank you to everyone involved in pricing and securing work. This year has been particularly tough, and it has taken a lot of hard work and tenacity to maintain forward work.

The ability of our team to hit the ground running and get projects underway quickly so that structures are built as efficiently as possible and closed in as soon as possible continues to be how C Lund & Son sets itself apart. You might notice a structure going up quickly but it is very difficult for those not involved to appreciate the amount of detail that must be worked through and the skills and experience that are needed in order that that can happen.

Then you have to be impressed with the follow up, the high standards of finishing and joinery, and the way we do our best to make sure our subcontractors can do their work in the best possible time. We have a very competent team working away behind the scenes, and again, on a number of projects they have pulled the rabbit out of the hat. Well done and thanks to everyone who has been involved in our projects this year: clients, consultants, staff and subcontractors.

The contribution made by those leading from the front is huge. All those in charge on our building sites are continually thinking on their feet and making things happen. All our subcontractors attend our subcontractors' meetings, because they know it is time well spent, that reflects well on the job and that the site is well organized by those C Lund & Son staff in charge. A big thank you to those of you who have taken those leadership roles, your support is truly appreciated.

Dave Mason retires this year after 35 years with C Lund & Son. Andrew, Wayne, myself and prior to us Ross and Bruce Lund have been incredibly lucky to have had Dave beside us. There is a long and impressive list of projects that Dave has taken overall responsibility for. (And there is also a long and impressive list of projects that Dave took over from Bruce and finished as Bruce rushed off to start the next concrete job.) He has literally helped shape the Canterbury landscape. We recently had a great evening together to say farewell and enjoy each other's company. Enjoy your retirement Dave – you have earned it.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone and their families.

Joanne & Andrew Macgregor, and Wayne Radbund.



Among the major contracts C Lund & Son started in 2009 was the expansion of the Hellers smallgoods factory near Kaiapoi.



CASE CLOSED: Lunds completes Timaru courthouse redevelopment



Though the building industry was hit hard by the recession, the Timaru branch of C Lund and Son finished several major projects in 2009. At the top of the list was the Timaru Courthouse.

The redevelopment of the 120-year old courthouse took place in several stages.

The first stage was to build a new courthouse behind the historic building. The new building has two courtrooms, jury rooms, holding cells, lawyers' rooms, judges' chambers, and public spaces.

The second stage was to refurbish the old courthouse, which will now hold administration offices. The third stage was to remove a 1980s expansion that hides the historic façade.

Lunds project manager Dave Mason says stage one was completed on time and handed over on April 9th.

"It came together very well, thanks to our builders, our subcontractors, and Lund's joinery shop. In fact, I don't know what we would do without

our joinery workshop. The witness stands and the paneling and joinery in the judges' and jury rooms are all first class," Dave says.

"The architect, Colin Corsbie from Opus International expected the high court judges to pick the building to bits, as they generally do on new courthouses. But he was wrong; they never made one complaint."

Stage two was completed on October 30th. In addition to strengthening the 120 year-old building, the interior was up-graded, and it was connected to the new courthouse.

In 1992 Lunds added 300mm concrete wall to the historic 1877 building for seismic strengthening but the rest of the building was in pretty bad shape. The original 600mm pea-shingle concrete walls were not strong and there were rotten windows and floors.

A crew of seven Lunds builders replaced the double-skin brick walls with new block walls and chopped out old floor boards to lay new foundations.

Site foreman Mick Leonard says the biggest job was restoring the old roof.

"The old timber beams were full of borer so we had to lift the whole thing and replace them with new steel trusses. Once we propped the roof with jacks, we used cranes and acro props to lift it. Really it would have been easier to pull it off and build a new one."

Nevertheless Mick says it was good experience for the apprentices and younger builders to see first hand some of the historic building techniques.

Dave Mason says the other two large contracts Lunds finished in South Canterbury during the year were a bunker to hold 60,000 litre tank of corrosive liquids for the chemical company Orica and an extension to Bluestone School hall.

"The company East Bay Fibreglass came from Auckland to do the fibreglassing at the Orica warehouse. They said they have never seen a concrete finish as good as ours. Sometimes they can spend four days grounding and patching concrete before they apply the fibreglass but our concrete finishes required none".

In these days of greater environmental awareness it is necessary to spend more time thinking about poo. If you live in Christchurch, after you flush the toilet, the content ends up at the wastewater treatment plant in Bromley where it is processed.

It is screened, settled, collected, digested by bacteria, dewatered, and turned into biosolids sludge. Now, another stage is being added – a drying process will dry the biosolids and reduce their volume to about a fifth so it is more easy to transport for use as a fertiliser or fuel.

C Lund & Son has the contract to build the pre-cast concrete building that will hold the drying plant and the concrete foundation slabs that support the product silos and biofilters that will treat the exhaust air from the drying plant.

C Lund & Son general manager Andrew Macgregor says the 22 tonne panels the pre-cast division of the company made for the drying

process building are some of the largest it has ever produced. In fact, they are probably the largest that can be safely transported on Christchurch roads.

"Propping such large panels was a real issue. Generally that is something we would work out ourselves but in this case we brought in a structural engineer to do it."

"We had to link some of the props into the existing dewatering building next door to the new one, and we had to secure part of the adjacent building's walls in order to anchor them securely to the floor."

Andrew says the project has added complications because it has to be ready for 33 containers of plant and equipment which are being shipped from Germany and are due to arrive and be unloaded on site in early January.

"We started the job in September, plant assembly and installation is programmed to start in February while construction work continues, and the project is due to be completed by June.

"There is a high services content to the job with lots of buried pipe both inside the new building and around site, so all that has to be

coordinated with the construction."

Heading up the C Lund & Son team for the job on site are Brad Sheriff and Jim Wells. Chapman Engineering is providing and installing the structural steel beams for the roof.



It was a technical job to prop up large precast panels used to build the new facility at the Christchurch wastewater treatment plant.

Some heavy lifting for wastewater treatment job

Sure as Hellers a big building

Chances are if you bite into a snarler this barbecue season, it will be made by Hellers. Each week the 300 staff Hellers employs at its Kaiapoi factory can produce up to 350 tonnes of bacon, ham and smallgoods.

That amount will likely increase in the near future because the company is set to begin moving into the new processing and storage facility C Lund & Son is building for them.

The project began in May, 2009 and it has entailed the construction of some very large structures in fairly tight time frames.

Site foreman for the Hellers project is Wayne Collins and he is assisted by contract administrators Shane Aitcheson and Kim Smythe.

"Building has been fast paced to meet programme dates. And because of its scale and the fact that it is a food processing plant, the work is both complex and precise," Shane says.

The extensions to the Hellers factory include a main factory with 3200m² of floor area devoted to freezers, pick chillers, and goods stores. There is also a 1200m² 'Ready to Eat' (RTE) plant where small goods are produced. Add to this a large docking station, known as the 'Western Yard', and a 2000m² space devoted to office amenities that will be above the new factory.

C Lund & Son has held the responsibility to coordinate the project as well as provide all the substructures and foundations; interior framing, and precast panels, nibs, and beams.

"We have had up to 18 Lunds builders on the site for most of the project," Shane says. "Lunds' steel shop also supplied bollards and door frames for the factory."

"A major part of this job was the structural steel, which was supplied and installed by John Jones Steel. They fabricated and erected trusses spanning up to 25m in length. These were erected 12m off the floor, so it was challenging work."

"H & VJ Wunderink supplied and erected the insulated panels for the walls and ceiling. Their job was just as demanding. The EPS ceiling panels were installed 11m above floor level and span 15m. The wall panels span up to 11m in height."

There were a number of other specialist applications for the Hellers factory. These include adding rubberised coatings to the floors and painting structural steel with fire retarding intumescent paint. Intumescent paint is difficult to work but in some areas the steel beams are exposed so it had to be applied to a high standard.

Hellers will start moving into the RTE facility and dry goods stores and chillers over the new year break. All the framing has been completed for the exterior to the offices on the second storey and C Lund & Son will tender to do the fitout for the offices commencing in the new year.



Recollections from the early days of C Lund & Son

Charlie Kenny was a carpenter/joiner, senior foreman, land surveyor and quantity surveyor with C Lund & Son. He also continued to work part time for the company well into his retirement. He is actually part of the extended Lund family, as he married Uta Lund, the sister of Ray Lund, who established the company. He was Ray Lund's business partner from the early 1950s through to 1986.

Charlie grew up in Winchester in the 1920s. He was dux of Winchester Primary School and did his apprenticeship as a carpenter-joiner. Later he picked up drawing and quantity surveying by watching and asking questions. After he hurt his back on a job, he moved to the office full-time and priced the big structural jobs that saw C Lund & Son move up from being a building company focused on housing to one that can handle any large-scale commercial project.

character, a good boss."

One of Charlie's foremen when he was working at WJ Harding in Timaru was Robert Mouat, the great grandfather of C Lund & Son's current construction supervisor Steve Mouat.

In 1940 Charlie was in Camp Burnham for six months with the Territorial Force. Afterwards he didn't go back to Timaru. He took a job with the Williamson Construction Company in Christchurch. They had won a contract at Kaiapoi for the freezing works.

After that Charlie travelled to Wellington. Jack Wilkins (who later formed Wilkins and Davies) had a 10 storey block of government flats to build in Dixon Street. Charlie was interested in working on a high rise.

"We got up to five stories, and then I went to war. When I got back I looked up at the Terrace expecting to see 10 stories but it was still bloody five stories. Because of the war, they had closed the job down and put the men onto defence work. The clerk of works at the Dixon Street flats was English and he was a quantity surveyor. I befriended him and I learnt a lot about quantity surveying from him."

After the war Charlie was courting Ray Lund's sister Uta, and Ray urged Charlie to work for him in Timaru.

"Ray was on housing and odd jobs. That wasn't my line at all. Housing gave me the willies but that was 1946. It wasn't until 1949 that I got my first structural job. It was for Andrews and Bevan – a showroom and workshop.

We just gave them a lump sum price for that building. I think it was about £22,000. A terrific amount of hard work went on there. No cranes."

"It wasn't until the 1950s that I got the first engineer's level. A German level that was a cracker. There were no excavators. Bulldozers levelled your site, and then we would dig by hand for the footing."

"The showroom block at Andrews and Bevan was two stories with concrete gables. We built in lifts of 4'6". We built the showroom in the front first. The big wharf strike happened in Wellington and we couldn't roof the building because the roofing imported from England was still on a ship in Wellington harbour. It stayed there for months. It was a huge strike. So we started the workshop at the back. We got them into temporary premises."

Ray Lund formally established C Lund & Son Ltd in 1955. By the 1960s it had 50 general staff – mainly carpenters with a few labourers, all of whom were in Timaru.

Some of C Lund & Son's key foremen in that era were Charlie Saunders, Alec Young, Herb Stewart, Tom Cullen, George Martin, Joe Buck, Rex Bonnington, Morrie Houston and Ron Kinder.

Charlie says the biggest building C Lund & Son did while he was with them was the Clinical Services block at Timaru Hospital, which began in 1971. It was a \$2.5 million contract. Charlie priced it all while staying for two weeks at his bach at Lake Alexandrina. It was the first contract the company did that was more than \$1 million, and it was the first job in which it used a strut crane.



Andrews & Bevan Ltd, Stafford Street South, Timaru.

"I started my apprenticeship in 1936 at the age of 14 and a half. I was one of three boys from the Technical College as it was called then and we were the first apprentices to be employed for five years because of the big slump."

"I started my apprenticeship with WJ Harding [in Timaru]. Old Bill Harding – he had all trades in-house, including a blacksmith, carpenters, joiners, bricklayers, block layers, painters, glaziers and plumbers. He was City & Guild trained in England. He was a stonemason and he came out here to work on the Catholic Church. He was a great old



The Clinical Services Block of Timaru Hospital.



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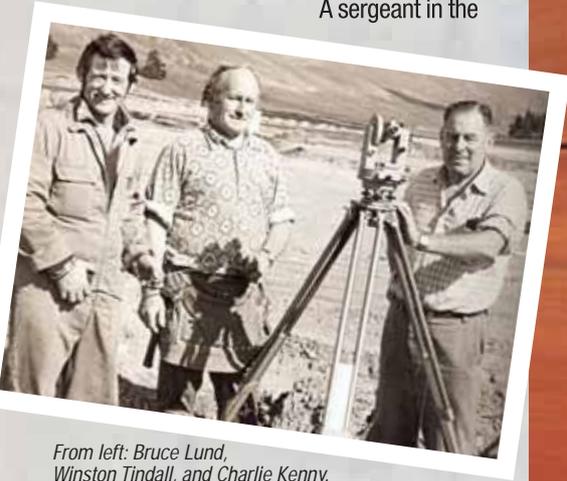
Charlie Kenny and me

By Bruce Lund

I started work with Dad and Charlie on my 18th birthday in 1956. I am now retired, and so with more leisure time I heard a radio recording by the now deceased Major-General Howard Kippenberger, who was one of the commanders of New Zealander soldiers under Lieutenant-General Bernard Freyberg in World War II. Kippenberger was talking about men and their capabilities in wartime.

He stated that five percent were of a criminal bent, no use in Civie Street and certainly no use in wartime. Five percent were of a certain scallywag element, probably drank too much alcohol, headstrong and strong-willed but when leadership was required these were the men you went for. The other 90 percent were good soldiers and a credit to their country.

Charlie was one of the scallywags.
A sergeant in the



From left: Bruce Lund, Winston Tindall, and Charlie Kenny.

Radio Platoon, he was at the battle front with the radios and signal equipment gathering and providing information. He has conceded to me that between campaigns he perhaps twice went AWOL, no doubt in search of food and fun. He was soon reinstated. His ability, strength of character, intuition and good judgement were needed.

Charlie is a man's man. He is fair and he will stick up for you. As a young man I worked under him and, despite several quite serious misdemeanours or what is called in the trade 'balls ups', he persevered with me and I gradually started to pick things up. I owe him an immense debt of gratitude for his understanding.

He was an excellent tradesman. He could build anything. He is clever with figures and intelligent. He learnt professional skills that only a handful of trade trained men have managed to master in their lifetime.

C Lund & Son was fortunate indeed to have a man of Charlie's calibre to set the tone and lay the foundation of good trade practice that is still evident in the high quality of work produced by today's tradesmen and builders working within our company.

After slow start Lunds Joinery has stellar year

It has been a case of boom and bust for Lunds Joinery in 2009. Or rather bust and boom.

Things were so quiet for the joinery shop in March that it had to lay off five men. Now it is so busy, it can be a scramble to get things done.

Contracts and accounts manager Glenn Chittock attributes the slowdown earlier in the year to the downturn in the domestic building market.

"Over night the jobs just disappeared. When the housing market dropped some of the residential joiners began bidding for commercial work at rock-bottom prices.

"We were asking 'where has our work gone?' because it wasn't going to the big guys that we normally compete against. We have worked very hard at securing new opportunities to price work and that has paid off, currently we have lots to do," Glenn says.

All in all it was a good year for the joinery team. A number of their projects were high-profile, high-quality work in hardwoods and other timbers.

This included completing the manufacture and installation of all the joinery for the public areas and 100 guest rooms at the five-star Rainforest Hotel at Franz Josef Glacier. The joinery for the hotel was all in saligna, a species of blue gum grown in the North Island.

An elliptical buffet from this contract earned Lunds Joinery an award from the Master Joiners' Federation.

Another upmarket assignment the joiners completed during the year was to supply and install the joinery for a refit of the rooms in The George, Christchurch's leading boutique hotel.

"The work for The George had to be done in a very tight time frame – 32 rooms in four weeks," Glenn says. "Fortunately we could call on a couple of the C Lund & Son builders in Christchurch to help with the installation.

"The joinery included wardrobes, vanities, and luggage racks. All of it is in luxurious dark stained timber, mostly American white oak."

The joinery shop used matai, English tawa and sapele to manufacture the judges'



Top of his class

Lunds Joinery is delighted that its own Dylan Rainey was recognised to be one of the top joinery apprentices at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology for 2009. Dylan was judged by his tutors to be the top student completing Module C in the apprenticeship programme. Along with the kudos, the award brought Dylan received \$1400 worth of tools.

benches, witness stands and jury boxes for the new Timaru courthouse. It also provided all the joinery for the judges' offices, as well as the reception counter and joinery for the administration offices.

Chalk up two big school assignments for the joiners as well. The classrooms and offices at Menzies College in Wyndham and Queenstown Primary School are all looking smarter thanks to new joinery from Lunds.

Things will not slow down for the joinery shop anytime soon. The year ends with the biggest job of all on the go – building and installing all the laboratory benches and joinery for the new Bio Sciences building at Canterbury University.

Glenn says the lab benches are made of Formica, a material Lund joiners haven't worked with much before.

"We build up the MDF substrate and then glue the Formica onto it. We do this with our existing plant.

"It is a huge job for us – 340 lab tops ranging in length from 1.2m up to 8.0m or 9.0m. It's going to keep us very busy."

Biological Sciences evolves to next stage



The new Biological Sciences building at the University of Canterbury has the most complex mechanical services of any building C Lund & Son has built.

If you are impressed by intricate scaffolding, drop into Canterbury University and take a look at the new Biological Sciences building. Not only is the full exterior of the seven-storey building surrounded by scaffolding, so is the interior atrium that extends the full height of the building. But you had better hurry because it won't be up too much longer.

Site foreman Shane Gwynne says the scaffolding is in place to put the finishing touches on the exterior.

"Along the north wall all the windows have been installed, and the next step is to install the metal louvers that will provide sun shade for them. Along the east wall we will use the scaffolding to install Exo-Tech cladding," Shane says.

"Exo-Tech is fibre cement sheeting that is pre-painted and pre-cut to our specifications. It comes from Australia, and we certainly hope we got the measurements right because it will take another seven weeks to deliver more if we didn't."

The new Biological Sciences building has been constructed next to the existing Zoology building and to join them together is one of the remaining challenges for the C Lund & Son construction team. The buildings will not be directly tied into one another. Rather they are joined by seismic joints so that in the event of an earthquake they will move independently.

"There is actually a 400mm gap between the two buildings. In the gap are seismic panels that are 3m long, 400mm wide, and 6mm thick stacked on top of each other up the whole 25m height of the building," Shane says.

"In case of an earthquake, the panels pop out of the brackets that hold them and the buildings have the 400mm room to move. The panels are chained onto each level so after they come out they can be retrieved and put back

in."

The trickiest part of installing the seismic panels is at the joins near the roof where the two buildings come together at a number of different angles.

On each level two walkways connect the two buildings, and, Shane says, they too are designed to move freely in case of an earthquake. The plates that support the walkways are anchored onto the Zoology building but not the Biological Sciences side, so they can slide if the buildings move.

While the Lunds builders have their hands

full with the exterior and interior framing of the building, spare a thought for mechanical services subcontractor David Browne Contractors. The number of different services supplied to the labs in the building is even greater than in a hospital and include seven different types of

water, oxygen, gas for Bunsen burners, vacuum systems to remove fumes, heating and air conditioning.

The complex assortment of services is delivered throughout the building through large risers.

A detailed commissioning process has been under development since

project commencement by C Lund & Son, David Browne Contractors, the University, and the mechanical services consultants to ensure all systems are fully tested and operational by the time the contract is complete.

"This building is also built to environmental sustainability standards so it has a grey water system that re-uses water collected in two big tanks on the roof to do things like flush toilets. The roof above the atrium is glass, and there are glass walls along the atrium itself so there is will be lots of natural light," Shane says.

Lunds Joinery is supplying all the joinery for the Biological Sciences buildings and this includes the formica and stainless steel bench tops in the laboratories. Shane says the lab benches will start to go in soon, and after that the mechanical services can be installed to the benches.

Staunch manager downs tools

Fishing and travelling overseas to visit his children are the priorities for long-serving C Lund and Son foreman and manager Dave Mason, who retires at the end of this year.

Dave has been with the company for 35 years. He began in Timaru in 1974 and shifted to Christchurch in 1986 to work on such major contracts as the Law Courts and the Oncology building at Christchurch Hospital.

In 2006 Dave moved back south to manage C Lund & Son's Timaru branch.

"I have a bach on the Rangitata River and daughters who both have families, one is in North Carolina the other in Australia," Dave says. "The first thing I have planned is a trip to the USA and then I will be doing more fishing," he says.

Lund general manager Joanne Macgregor says Dave will be missed. He was the 'go-to



Dave Mason

guy' for the Timaru operation and able to sort out any problems that arose.

"Dave's knowledge of construction across all types of project, from the difficult to the out of the ordinary, and his ability to organise and run those projects have taken a lifetime to develop," Jo says.

"We have been very lucky to have Dave. He's very positive

and forward thinking. He has a strength of character that we all appreciate – from his many apprentices that he has put so much time into, to his colleagues that he has worked with and all his clients such as Christchurch Airport, Christchurch Art Gallery, and many government departments whose projects he has worked on.

"We hope he will keep in touch and we look forward to hearing about the great times he is going to have as a retired man of leisure."

Offices just what the doctors ordered

A couple of years ago C Lund & Son site foreman John Taggart was overseeing work on the four storey extension the company was building for St Georges Hospital in Papanui, Christchurch. These days you will find him just across the road, leading the team of Lund carpenters building a block of consultation rooms for a group of surgeons associated with the hospital.

The double-storied building has three consultation rooms and an examination room downstairs, and four consultation rooms upstairs.

Leading Christchurch architects Wilkie & Bruce designed the building, which is concrete block construction. Some of the concrete blocks are polished to act as a feature walls in prominent locations. Other feature walls are whitewashed and varnished ply.

Lund builders are responsible for the roof framing and interior finishing while the exterior block work was subcontracted to Block Solutions.

John Taggart says the building is pretty straight forward ("a fairly simple wee job") though it does have its complexities.

"It is a nicely designed building with some interesting features. The roof slopes toward a



John Taggart, centre, with Joanne and Andrew Macgregor at the Leinster Street doctors' offices.

valley system in the middle of the building. All the air handlers are in the valley with the guttering below them."

C Lund and Son's steel shop provided the structural steel for the building and Lunds Joinery is supplying the joinery.

Steel shop punches above its weight

Though the building industry putt-putted along at a fairly pedestrian rate over the past year, C Lund and Son's steel shop has been flat-out on projects large and small.

The steel team has provided the structural steel and other metal work for C Lund & Son's major projects and carried out some large-scale contracts for other builders.

Steel shop manager Bryan Prestidge says the team in the shop currently consists of foreman Rodney Kerrison (who has replaced long-time foreman Shorty Hewson) and welder Sam Albert. They have been joined by Malcolm Elder, who can usually be found driving a crane but has been drafted in to help with grinding, making cleats, and other metal work.

Earlier in the year the steel shop made the structural steel Lunds required to reinforce the historic Timaru courthouse and to build chillers and dry store for Canterbury Meat Processors. They steel boys also made plenty of weld plates for C Lund & Son's precast plant.

In November they were focused on producing 102 bollards and door protection frames for the processing plant and warehouse C Lund & Son is building for smallgoods producer Heller Tasty.

"The bollards are designed to withstand the impact of a forklift driven at full speed. They are fabricated out of 150mm and 80mm diameter pipes which are welded together and ground. They sit on 16mm

floor plate. We also built three stairways for the Hellers plant," Bryan says.

The steel shop also won the tenders to provide the structural steel for two buildings Lund South Ltd has constructed in Dunedin. One is the Otago Settlers Museum and the other was the huge maintenance garage for the new straddle carriers at Port Otago.

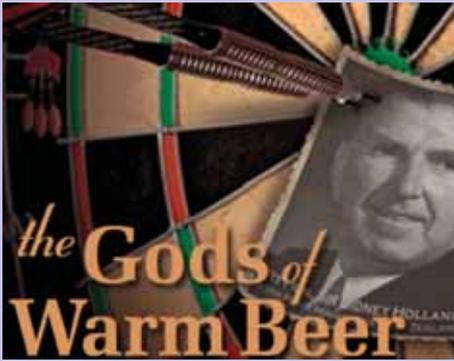
"The Port Otago building is 21.5m high and has four doors that are 18m high and 4.0m wide," Bryan says. "The rafters are 800mm HB176 beams 18.8m long. We fabricated them for Steltech which meant welding 300mm base plates onto the 800mm cross plate.

"Each of the beams weighs 4 tonnes each. Working on big pieces like that isn't too much different than working on smaller stuff.

"We have the cranes and the space to manage something of that scale. It was good to have Malcolm in the shop because he is a crane driver he knows how to handle heavy stuff."



Social club does different strokes for different folks



C Lund & Sons' social club had a year of 'to each his own'. Rather than join together for combined outings, the Christchurch and Timaru branches of the club went their separate ways.

At first glance it would appear that Christchurch 'socialites' are a more refined and cultured lot than their southern cousins. In April a large contingent went out to nibbles and then to a stage production at the Court Theatre.

It is not quite as snooty as all that, however, given that the play was *The Gods of Warm Beer*.

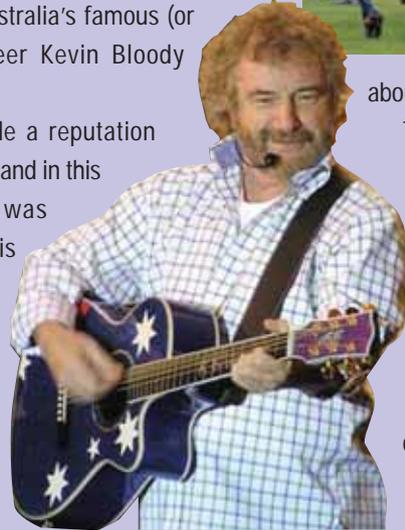
The Court Theatre describes it as a rip-snorting comic epic that takes place on the West Coast and tells the story of a star rugby player's defection to league.

While it wasn't exactly Shakespeare, it was certainly a step up the ladder of respectability from the more southerly members of the social club, who instead went to the Timaru performance of Australia's famous (or infamous) balladeer Kevin Bloody Wilson.

Kevin has made a reputation singing rude songs, and in this performance he was accompanied by his daughter who goes by the stage name of Jenny Talia from Australia. You can imagine what she sings



Photo by John McCaw.



about.

Things were a bit more sedate later in the year when the Timaru social club opted for a trip to Oamaru and a night of 10 pin bowling, while the Christchurch division headed off to watch Canterbury and Otago tussle in an NPC match. Once again, the Christchurch crew could probably claim to have climbed a notch higher since they watched the game from a corporate box.

Steel head gives classic cars the chop

While it keeps him busy, Rodney Kerrison's hobby doesn't exactly keep him off the streets. The new foreman of C Lund & Son's steel shop, like his predecessor Shorty Hewson, is mad keen on hot rods.

Rodney is a member of Timaru's Tornado Rod and Custom Club. He is working on two customised cars of his own – a 1932 Ford three window coupe and a 1969 Pontiac Firebird. He is also building roadster pickup truck as a tribute to his late mate and former Lund employee Kyle King, who died in 2005.



now I am putting most of my time into getting his car ready for the Muscle Car Madness rally in Rangiora in January. It was his 1930 De Soto Roadster pickup.

"I rebuilt the engine and fully stripped down the body and rebuilt it. Kyle's father is now doing the body work on it."

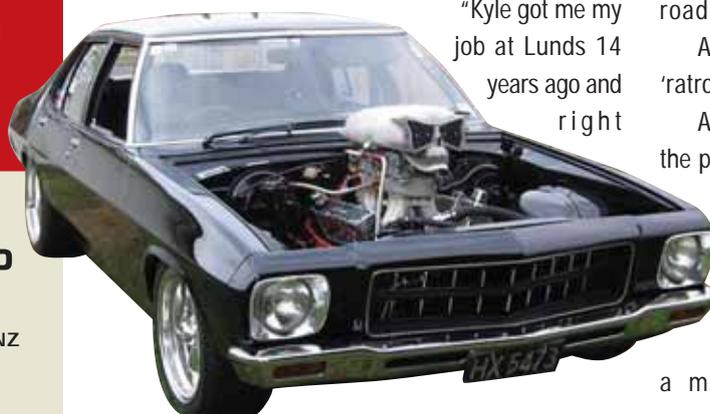
The De Soto is powered by a 350 Chevy engine with a 350 power turbo transmission and a nine inch differential. Rodney's own 1932 coupe has a 350 Chevy

engine with a turbo 350 transmission and a big 9 inch Ford differential. Also Rodney has built his son a 32 roadster go kart powered by a 4hp engine.

Another project on the go is Gareth Welsh's 1947 'ratrod' which has just received a 4 inch roof chop.

As well as the chasis and body work, Rodney does the painting and air brushing on his cars though he keeps the detailing fairly simple – mostly flames.

He says he sources parts by word of mouth, through TradeMe or he just makes them himself. He gets most of his paint from a mate's father, who owns a panel shop.



"Kyle got me my job at Lunds 14 years ago and right



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