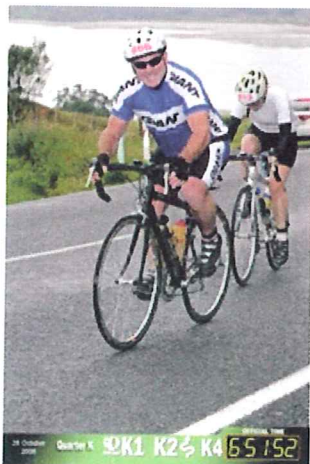


# NEWSLETTER

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For this edition, I thought I'd start on a personal note. A bit of self chest expansion. October 28<sup>th</sup> saw the running of the annual K2 cycle race. A 200km event through, around and over the Coromandel Ranges. During a liquid induced state of rejoicing at a Christmas function almost a year earlier, yours truly and another similarly affected builder agreed that together they would take the challenge of the K2. Being one that likes to follow through to completion, the training started in earnest, with a few events along the way, the focus was always on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Standing on the start line at Coromandel, in the cold and rain, there was nowhere to hide. The day had come and the job had to be done. Unfortunately, my proposed team mate was forced to withdraw 3 weeks prior to race day, so thanks and appreciation to Gavan for stepping up to the plate and accepting the challenge at such late notice.



With a combined race time of 6:51.52, and a 5<sup>th</sup> place in grade, Gavan and I were pleased with the effort, and even more pleased it was over.

To those people who I have told, "That's Sarah Ulmer I've just dropped on that hill", well, she does look a bit like Sarah.

The next major event is the Tour of Northland in March 07. Team Garland Builders consisting of 4 riders and 1 support crew will be flying the flag and giving it their all.

Thanks to our team of sponsors; Gib, Carters Bettercut Paihia, Franklin (Pukekohe), Living Flame Fires and Fireplaces, Alpwood Joinery, Euroglass and Greenpark Insulation. Your support and assistance is most appreciated.

Getting on to business. Who said there was a downturn in the building industry? Our enquiries and forward work is stronger than ever and showing no sign of letting up.

All homes currently being created by the T.E.A.M.\* are progressing well, with the Bay of Islands project being the subject of much conversation amongst the locals and sightseers.

You can now view images of this awesome home on the projects page of our website.

We have also had a few proud and passionate tradesmen join the team since my last update.

David Le Gallais and Ivan Campbell have joined the T.E.A.M.\* in the Bay of Islands, and Patrick Preisig has joined the local T.E.A.M.\*

Welcome to you all – the future is in all our hands.

I wish all a great and safe Christmas break and a rewarding 2007.

**\*Together Everyone Achieves More**