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Your views on Contractor Connect

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A big thank you to everyone who took the time to submit their views on Contractor Connect via the survey released last issue.



WINNER: The winner of the \$100 Prezzy card for participating in the survey was Elma Rens of Spencer Henshaw Ltd, pictured here with *Contractor Connect's* departing editor Janine Kendall (right). Congratulations Elma!

Around 70 people responded; a great effort given the time of year and how busy everyone was, and is!

The aim of the survey was to find out how useful *Contractor Connect* is to you, what you enjoy (or not) about it, and what you'd like to see appear in future.

And we got some great feedback.

More than 94 per cent of respondents agreed or mostly agreed that *Contractor Connect's* stories are relevant and relatable for both head and sub-contractors, and that they wanted to see *Contractor Connect* continue through 2017.

More than 93 per cent agreed or strongly agreed that *Contractor Connect* is valuable for learning what others are doing around the country, while 86 per cent of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that the update is engaging, useful and informative.

Almost 85 per cent feel that 'quarterly' is the right distribution frequency.

You raised some suggestions for future issues too. These included:

- More articles about tenants who are happy with work done at their homes
- Stories on unemployed people who are given the opportunity to work for subbies
- Figures on the number of jobs released and completed across the country
- Some insight into the larger sub-contractors and how they work
- Feature profiles on Housing NZ Maintenance Administrators
- Stories of how Housing NZ homes have helped families
- More Health and Safety information
- Any changes to Housing NZ policy that will make it safer for tradesman to enter properties
- Reader polls
- Information on the number of properties in different parts of the country
- Updates on legislation
- Useful tips from different trades on everyday problems

Many of you were also satisfied with the current mix:

- I'm happy with the current variety
- No comments – everything is great!

We'll do our best to respond to your suggestions in coming issues. Remember, you can also offer suggestions and feedback at any time by emailing mary.lose@hnzc.co.nz.