



# Road Rave

## More Raving in 2002 ...

Welcome to the first edition of **Road Rave** for 2002. If the past month is any indication, the year ahead will be a busy and interesting one!

A major highlight for CSP Pacific in the past couple of months has been obtaining **exclusive** rights to sell and market **MassBloc™**.

We have recently been involved in a road widening project on Waikaretu Valley Road in Franklin District, requiring construction of two separate but adjacent retaining walls with **MassBloc™** structures. A number of the 83 **MassBlocs™** supplied had Geogrid (HDPE reinforcement material) cast into them. The structures were designed by Opus in Pukekohe and installed by Serco Infrastructure.

A Design Guide offering a range of standard **MassBloc™** designs for particular conditions is being developed and will be available via our website in the next few months.



The first **SHORTRACC™** installation in the country has recently been completed by AC Blackmore on Esmonde Road, Takapuna. The **SHORTRACC™** meets NCHRP Report 350, Test Level 2 (70km/h) standards. The project was completed in 3 hours – the unit is delivered complete, with no field assembly required, allowing quick and easy installation.

A positive move for **CSP Pacific** has been the transfer of the Nelson, Timaru, Invercargill and Alexandra pipe depots to **Humes**. Customers' existing contracts still apply and a communication from Humes has been sent out explaining the change. If you've got any queries please contact Nick Cox, Ph 021 326 220.

On another note, our **Helcor** and **Aluflo** prices are increasing by 2.5% from 1 March 2002. This is due to raw material price increases which we are no longer able to absorb.

## Aesthetically Pleasing



An aesthetic safety barrier system developed in France and marketed by CSP Pacific in NZ, has solved a problem for the Christchurch City Council. A local road running alongside the Avon river (Avonside Drive) poses a safety risk to motorists with no form of safety barrier between them and the water. Naturally, residents in the area weren't too keen to see a steel or wire rope barrier system installed in their neighbourhood.

The patented Lograil™ system is perfect for aesthetically sensitive areas such as parks and lakes – the installed system looks like a natural log fence. It is actually a composite steel channel and timber system for both the horizontal and vertical components, taking advantage of the impact absorbing quality of the timber and the tensile strength of the steel.

The fully crash tested Lograil™ system has been installed on over 700kms of European roads and is now being installed in the USA as well as NZ and Australia.

This will be the first installation of this product in New Zealand. Installation commences this month on the 700m long barrier.

## Safety Workshops

The CSP Pacific sponsored Transit Highway Safety Features Workshops are being held late this month. The workshops will be invaluable for consulting engineers, asset managers and contractors responsible for design, installation and repair of roadside safety features.

For more information contact **Carianne Messana-Tait** at Transit NZ on **04 496 6617** or **Peter Martin** at **CSP Pacific** on **0800 655 200**.

Dates are:  
**Auckland**  
21 – 22 February 2002

**Wellington**  
25 – 26 February 2002

**Christchurch**  
28 Feb – 1 Mar 2002