

Quarterly Report April 2019 – June 2019

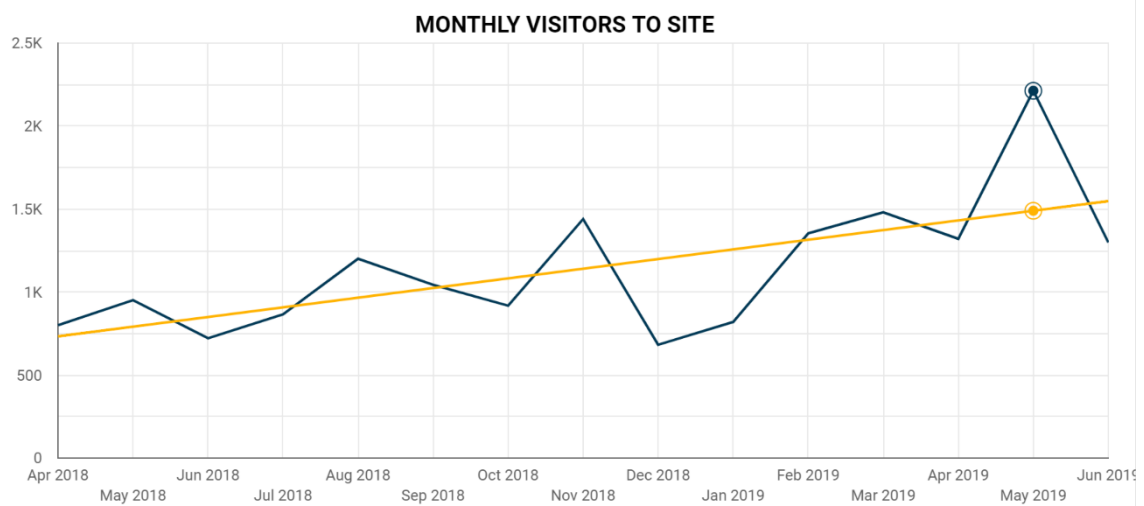
Purpose of this report

This report provides a short summary of the achievements of the Acceleration Committee for the financial quarter April 2019 – June 2019. It is provided to the major funder, BRANZ, ahead of inclusion on the BIMinNZ site so our wider stakeholders are informed of our progress.

Achievements April 2019 to June 2019

The major achievements in this quarter were

- Successful delivery of the BIMinNZ Conference 2019 in May, with over 270 participants. Overall feedback was strongly positive, with demand for future conferences apparent.
- The official release of the 3rd Edition of the New Zealand BIM Handbook at the BIMinNZ Conference.
- The highest number of visitors to date to the BIMinNZ website – over 2000 visitors in May - prompted through the conference and handbook promotion.



- A review of the future of BAC and development of the strategy for the 2019/2020 financial year.

The future of the Acceleration Committee

The Acceleration Committee has been funded by BRANZ since 2014, with the current 3-year funding period coming to an end in March 2020. The original intention was that the committee would disband at the end of this second funding period. However, after considering the outcomes of this, it became apparent that many of the initiatives developed by the BAC required further support to either continue being effective or to fully realise their potential.

Instead of disbandment, the emphasis then turned to finding a host organisation where the BAC, in some suitably amended form, might sit. To this end, a strategy planning session was held in April, to brainstorm and discuss what support the industry might need to further increase the use of BIM going forward, what form that support might take and relatedly, the future of the Acceleration Committee.

The outcome of this strategy session was that no suitably agnostic host organisation could be identified. The committee then agreed to apply for further funding from BRANZ, to extend the commitment to BAC for a further three years until March 31st, 2023. An application is currently with BRANZ for consideration.

The Acceleration Committee's 2019/2020 strategic focus

A further outcome of the April strategy and planning session was confirmation of the committee's strategic focus and projects for 2019/2020. Projects for 2019/2020 have been grouped into 6 themes; Training and Education, Industry Acceptance, Collaboration, Standards and Protocols, Cost vs Value and Client Awareness Around BIM. The committee agreed to continue all projects currently in progress against these themes and have developed new project plans for the Cost vs Value and Client Awareness themes.

BIM Training and Education

The first quarter of the 2019/2020 financial year saw the successful delivery of two major projects under this theme – the BIMinNZ Conference 2019 and the release of the 3rd Edition of the NZ BIM Handbook.

The ‘by industry, for industry’ BIMinNZ Conference provided a highly successful forum for connecting NZ’s BIM users and innovators. The conference was well attended, with over 270 participants. The full conference was also videoed and these videos will be posted on the BIMinNZ website as a resource for the wider BIM community.

The updated NZ BIM Handbook was officially released at the BIMinNZ Conference in addition to being promoted via the committee’s industry channels including EBOSS, Build Magazine and various industry association newsletters. May saw the highest number of visitors to the BIMinNZ website to date and over 1700 views of the Handbook landing page during the month.

Industry Acceptance

The Acceleration Committee has developed two projects under this theme, to engage a wider audience and improve BIM research knowledge dissemination across the value chain.

A plan of engagement with key industry organisations is ongoing in order to reach the myriad of small enterprises within the construction industry through the industry organisations which represent them. In this first quarter a number of speaking opportunities with IPWEA were identified, providing a forum to discuss the benefits of BIM and present the NZ BIM Handbook to a new audience.

A subcontractor engagement project is also underway, in alignment with this theme, to look into the use of BIM by specialist trades and product suppliers and to identify barriers to its uptake at this level. Planning was initiated for a subcontractor-level BIM survey to complement the existing Industry and Client BIM surveys, to give a comprehensive view across the supply chain.

Collaboration

The Acceleration Committee released a new case study in April, detailing the collaborative, BIM-based approach and processes used by Jasmax and Beca during the design phase of University of Auckland’s new Engineering Building B405. This new case study was viewed over 100 times during April and almost 200 times during May, emphasising the value in case studies as a resource for raising awareness of BIM and its benefits.

Financial summary and programme

The 2019/2020 budget and programme, as of Q1, are included below. The budget and programme for 2019/2020 are currently tracking to plan.

2019/2018 Financial Summary Q1	
Income - BRANZ annual funding	\$250,000.00
Budget 2019/2020 FY	\$255,700.00
Forecast Expenditure Q1	\$29,850
Actual Expenditure Q1	\$22,902

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Committee membership to deliver the strategy

Two new members joined the Acceleration Committee in this period to replace Jon Williams and Steve Davis, who stepped down from the committee at the end of March.

The new members are:

- Glenn Jowett, Senior Associate and BIM Delivery Lead, Beca, and Chair of the Christchurch Regional BIM Network
- Mel Tristram, National BIM Manager, Jasmax and Secretary of the Wellington Regional BIM Network

The committee's current membership is well placed to support the strategy's direction.