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Welcome

As many of you will be aware following our AGM in Wairakei, the good days of receiving a free magazine are over. While it is unfortunate, the annual cost of supplying a magazine though annual subscriptions would have resulted in us being broke within three to five years.

To fill the void your board has agreed to supply a quarterly newsletter to all members and therefore as your president I'm pleased to provide you with our first edition.

Presidents Report

This is the first opportunity I have had since conference to congratulate Eric, Warwick and their team. The 36th conference held in Wairakei jointly by the Institute of Quarrying and Aggregate and Quarry Association proved a huge success, reflecting the enthusiasm of the Waikato Branch. While the weather did dampen the golf day, partners enjoyed jet boating and prawns the delegates were presented with a wide range conference papers ranging from the effects of drugs and alcohol, respiratory health and silica, to Rex Williams's paper - what price freedom?, the costs of responsibility.

This year's conference also allowed me the personal pleasure of honouring three members for their tireless contributions to the Institute. Honorary Fellowships, the Institute's highest honour for outstanding service, were presented to John Fulton, Ray Vivian and George Cunningham.

The annual general meeting confirmed the current board members for a further term with the inclusion of a new invited member position for a student with Andrew Dronjack nominated.

With conference now out of the way your board is busy preparing for next year's conference and its first meeting later this month in Wellington where we will be finalising details for our industry lectures, reviewing work our new secretary is completing on rebuilding our membership database and preparing an electronic newsletter for members. Other items also include a report back on the formation of an Industry Health and Safety Council "MinEX" and retention of members.

Yes, as progress continues to be made in our industry as we search for ways of achieving better production rates, environmental acceptance, and profit, the attracting and retention of staff/institute members is becoming a concern. Where are the quarry/institute people of not only today but tomorrow going to come from? It is a question worth asking. After all, the efficiency and performance of our operations,

business, industry and institute means nothing if we can't attract and retain staff/members.

Promoting our industry/institute and education is I believe something that the Institute offers and the opportunity within our industry for individual personal development through the entire industry from labourer, loader driver, weighbridge operator and manager. It is important therefore that every member utilises the training available through EXITO, promotes our industry and the value in becoming a member of the Institute.

A successful conference depends on the support of our many sponsors who once again have supported us at Wairakei. Members please remember to now support them in the year ahead.

In closing - the Outlook in 2004-05 is good, and your board and I will continue to build on the work previous Presidents and boards have started in achieving our Mission Statement:

"To promote the fellowship of members and enhance the image and professionalism of quarrying in New Zealand"

Kind regards,

Brian Bouzaid

President - The Institute of Quarrying New Zealand Inc

National Diary of Events & Lecture Programme 2004

This year, the committee has worked out a series of presentations by Keith Neiderer. This is to be followed by a series of Occupational Health & Safety lecturers by George Munro. To help you organise your schedule, diary the dates and times of the lectures will be published on the website and through your branch.

- Next Wellington Branch Meeting 30 October in Levin.
- Need some sun? The IoQ Australia is hosting its 47th Annual Conference on the sunshine coast 13-16 October – details are available on the website.
- Auckland Branch Xmas Function is to be held on Friday 3 December.
- Waitangi is the venue for the next Conference July 2005.

REPORTS FROM RECENT BRANCH MEETINGS

WELLINGTON BRANCH met again on 22 September at the Johnsonville RSA. Eighteen members attended including past NZ Chairman, Gib Stuart & Ken Ludlam, Mr Quarry "Keith Neiderer" and also past AQA President Malcolm Hunter. Apologies were received from Keith Max [who unfortunately went back to hospital again], Alex Mathieson, Lloyd Jones & Mike Silver.



The meeting called by Past Chairman Gib Stuart followed a catch-up recently with other members who felt concerned that the Wellington Branch was in decline. Opening the meeting Gib recalled meetings past and the enjoyment he gained from attending, presenting awards but most importantly, meeting with old mates regardless of what quarry they worked at.

Gib's opening remarks were then followed by a report from Brian who opened by acknowledging that those present being many of the leaders of both the Institute & Aggregates Assn. Brian also updated all on the work the new secretary has undertaken, upgrading of the website by Murray Discombe and the objectives agreed recently by the board and his coming attendance at the Institutes Presidents' Meeting in Chester in October. Brian also read out letters received post conference from John Fulton and Bryan Bartley.



Malcolm Hunter who has recently moved to Wellington addressed the meeting and spoke of his concerns that the once strong Wellington Branch was disappointing and he wanted to help restart it and with Don Webb and their wives offered to host a combined meeting with the Manawatu Branch at Don's farm on Saturday 30th October. The meeting part may be short, but there will be plenty of food and camaraderie. A site visit of Don's quarry operation is also to be included.

Prior to the meeting ending Keith Neiderer and Gib shared several stories with us: Keith recalled the first IoQ Conference held on the 6th floor of the Pacific Hotel, Auckland in 1968. The conference was attended by around 40 people who once the technical sessions had finished moved to the bar to start crushing rock. Keith recalls rock was going everywhere when the barmen advised them that the lifts would be out of action for a while. Keith just smiled, and said fine, we will walk down the stockpile. Keith recalled even the wives helped crush the rock! As Keith has attended most conferences he chose to not only sponsor the before dinner drinks but also the after dinner ones so that they could continue crushing. It was at one of these production runs that Keith left Gib in charge. The conference, then in Nelson, saw Keith leave early so he told Gib to run the happy hour. Gib recalls when Keith called him later on, the bill was at \$3,000 and Keith said, "Is everyone happy?" and Gib replied, "Yes". So Keith said, "Great, keep going" and in the morning the bill for happy hour was \$6,000! A lot of rock must have been not only produced but moved.



In closing, any member who wants to attend our next meeting on the 30th please email timmcgovern@mountswire.co.nz on or before the 27th for catering purposes. If you don't have email please call Malcolm Hunter on [06] 367 5014.

Look forward to seeing you all there. Regards, Brian Bouzaid

NORTHLAND BRANCH held a meeting on 15th September and 27 members attended. Some points covered were locations and venues for the next meeting and Pihia or mid north so that members in the far north have a chance to come along. The branch has accepted the challenge to host the next conference. A meeting is scheduled with Kelvin Strong on 24th November at Waitangi and prior to meeting Dennis would like to have a theme for the next conference. At this stage contact is probably Dennis Cochrane and they are running with their current committee and others may be coopted as required. A visit to Huntly

may happen in the New Year, and they are keeping in touch with the Auckland Branch to join together if something of interest is happening. The meeting was sponsored by Metso with a talk given by Craig Donsworth, Orica's Manager for i-Kon the electronic blasting system which is the next generation in blasting technology. Craig is based at Orica's Technical Centre in Kurri Kurri, NSW, Australia. Dennis Cochrane.

WAIKATO / BAY OF PLENTY BRANCH held a meeting on Tuesday 14th September at Metso Minerals (New Zealand) Ltd. Apologies were received from Ken Thorpe, Harry Toa, Peter Robinson, Craig Pledger, Grant Amundsen and Corrie Leach.

General Business covered the following:

- Field Trip** Due to bad weather and site access at Solid Energy Huntly Coal it was decided to postpone the trip until early next year.
An alternative venue will be Stevensons Drury Quarry operation on 9th October.
- Christmas Function** Warwick informed all members attending that the date for the Christmas party has been set. It is Saturday 27th November at the Park Heritage Rotorua (ex Centra Hotel). Les Ward will send out flyers to all members.
- Quarry Magazine** Warwick informed members that he will be attending a meeting in Wellington and one of the topics is which magazine the IOQ will run with. At this stage it will be up to each member to decide which magazine they want to subscribe to.
- Neiderer Tour** Warwick announced that early next year Keith Neiderer has been asked by the IOQ/AQA, if he would like to tour New Zealand and give a talk about his life in the quarrying industry. Keith has accepted, so it will be something to look forward to.
- Sponsor** The night was sponsored by Rubber and Foam Ltd. Dave Cole (CEO) gave us an insight to their business and the products and services they have to offer the quarry industry.
- Thanks** A big thanks to Metso Minerals (New Zealand) Ltd for allowing the Waikato/BOP IOQ to use their facilities once again.

The evening concluded at 9.30 pm. Les Ward, Secretary.

If you would like to access the UK Quarry magazine and information use the following link: www.qmj.co.nz



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 17 September, 2004

The Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA) announces its program for the certification of quarry managers and supervisors.

The Institute of Quarrying is the professional body representing individuals in the construction materials and related industries in Australia, providing education, information, policy and advocacy.

IQA TO ESTABLISH QUARRY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (QMCS)

The Institute of Quarrying Australia (IQA) has announced its intention to establish a national certification scheme for Quarry Managers and Supervisors. In commenting on the decision, IQA President Mike Canny said "the QMCS will establish a common professional standard for persons in charge of quarries and small open cut mines. The IQA is confident that by the end of 2005 the Institute's standard will be adopted throughout all sections of the quarrying industry."

Mike Canny said that the IQA's proposal was a response to the increasing need for employers to be certain that the people they engage are competent. "In the past this task has tended to be seen as the responsibility of the various state mines inspectorates, many of whom conducted examinations and issued quarry managers 'tickets'. However, there is now shift in responsibility to quarry operators and hence the proactive move by the IQA to address this trend. Whilst there have been a variety of



approaches, it is clearly desirable that we have a nationally recognised and transferable standard," added Mr Canny.

Under the proposed system, quarry managers and supervisors will be required to meet minimum educational and experience requirements, as well as demonstrating the on-going maintenance of these standards through professional development through the IQA or other suitable providers. Managers who meet the IQA's certification standard will be entitled to use the post-nominal CPQM-Certified Practicing Quarry Manager, after their name.

The proposed certification requirements are being developed in consultation with the state regulatory authorities and with input from the education sector, small to medium quarries and the major quarrying companies. Whilst consultation has already been undertaken the IQA is planning an additional industry workshop to be held **26 October 2004** in Melbourne at which industry feedback will be sought from a wide-range of stakeholders. The IQA's National Executive Officer, Gregory Bondar, recently addressed the Victorian Quarry Managers Advisory Panel at which the QMCS was outlined to sections of industry and the Victorian regulator.

"The IQA's intention is to have the QMCS in place and operating by the middle of 2005" said Mike Canny

For further information contact:

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HEALTH & SAFETY

Meningitis. Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection. It causes two very serious illnesses: Septicaemia (Blood Poisoning) and Meningitis (an infection of the brain membranes). The illness may develop over one or two days, or over a few hours. Meningococcal disease at first can look like the flu but quickly gets much worse.

Adults may have the following signs

- A fever and headache
- Vomiting
- Be sleepy and confused, delirious or unconscious
- Have a stiff neck and dislike bright lights
- Have joint pain and aching muscles
- Develop a rash or spots anywhere on the body, one spot is worth checking out

Do not wait - take action if you or someone in your household is sick with one or more of these symptoms. Seek urgent medical attention right away.

IF ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT IS GIVEN STRAIGHT AWAY MOST PEOPLE WILL RECOVER.

Hepatitis. The Hep A and B programme is complete. People who required a follow up have been notified therefore all others can take it that they are now protected against Hep A and B infections. Doctors have been notified, however if a copy of their report is required please see Joanne.

Hearing. Good hearing is important – hearing loss affects many aspects of your life. The best defence is to wear ear protection.

Summertime. Summer is coming. Yeh right. Remember about working in summer conditions, and some simple measures that can be taken to assure your ongoing safety.

Can you help? The following email was received recently from Jeff and if you have a vacancy and would like to contact him the email address is schittenden@easy.com.

Hi, I am a British citizen, currently living in Jersey, Channel Islands. I am looking into the possibility of emigrating to New Zealand. I obtained your address from the July issue of the quarrying publication that my Manager subscribes to as he is a member of the Institute of Quarrying.

At the present time I am working in a local quarry where I am qualified to operate all of the relevant plant (CITB up to City & Guilds level for all machinery.)

I should be most grateful if you could provide me with details of any quarrying Companies in New Zealand who I could contact to see whether there will be any vacancies arising in the near future. Your help with this is greatly appreciated and please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime on this email address should you require any further information.

With best regards, Jeff Fairley

KEY LINKS

IOQ – www.ioqnz.co.nz

Fulton Hogan – www.fh.co.nz

AQA – www.aqa.org.nz

EXITO – www.exito.org.nz

Road Metals – www.roadmetals.co.nz

NZMIA – www.minerals.co.nz

Annual Subscriptions:

We are extremely pleased with the response from members regarding payment of subs for 2004/2005. Thank you. However, around \$10k is still outstanding so if you could please arrange payment it would be greatly appreciated. If you have lost your invoice contact Mike Stachurski on [06] 759 0290 or email mike.stachurski.ltd@xtra.co.nz.

Updating of members contact details:

Reminder – can you please log onto the website and forward an update of your contact information www.ioq.co.nz and click onto membership, then click update. Once completed click submit.

Letters of Thanks:

Bryan Bartley & John Fulton both wrote to the Board to say that they had thoroughly enjoyed the conference. The quality of technical speakers was excellent [something for everyone] and meeting of old friends, a wonderful opportunity. Thanks was also passed on to the organising committee for organising such a successful conference.

Awards:

Reminder – start early for nominations for next year. Information is on the webpage and forms can be downloaded.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO 'CONTRACTOR' MAGAZINE

We have confirmation from Phil Whyte, Managing Editor of Contractor Magazine who is offering IOQ members within New Zealand an annual subscription of \$57.60 + gst. This includes the NZ Quarrying & Mining Supplement. This is a 10% discount on the regular subscription rate, and a 25% saving on the cover price. This offer expires on 20 November 2004. There are forms in the magazine or email phil@contractormag.co.nz or PO Box 11 625, Eilerslie, Auckland. PS: Remember to Indicate that you are a member of the Institute of Quarrying to receive the discount!

A list of 'New Members' will appear in the next issue.