



# THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

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## Presidents report April 2004

### *“think Taupo- think rock” Wairaki is coming – and fast*

The highlight of the Institutes calendar, its joint conference, equipment and trade exhibition with the Aggregate and Quarry Association is around the corner. The conference symposium *“think Taupo - think Rock”* takes place between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2004. The objective of conference is to update delegates on the latest in Health and Safety, technology, industry news and for trade exhibitors to show off their latest products. All is offering delegates and visitors a busy few days.

Eric Souchon and Warrick Leach advise preparations are progressing well. They already have a full compliment of topical and industry related papers and keynote speakers, a most interesting field trip sponsored by Rocktec and to date are receiving very strong support form our sponsors, supporting trades and suppliers.

This year delegates have an added attraction of a golf day on the Saturday following conference, which will be great fun.

Registration forms are expected to be mailed out to members and member companies in early May 2004. The Conference Organising Committee looks forward to support from the industry for what promises to be another great conference.

Members and trade exhibitors are asked to assist the conference committee by registering early. For more information on conference trade stands, sponsorship or to register early go to [www.aqa.org.nz](http://www.aqa.org.nz)

Also remember when you start your planning to keep in mind the other attractions that Taupo offers. For more information [www.laketauponz.com](http://www.laketauponz.com)

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### ***Redbull Powder Company – “Blasting Excellence Seminar”***

This month I attended a blasting seminar in Auckland with fellow board member Warick Leach at the invitation of Peter Shapiro and his team. Guest speaker was John Floyd from the United States presented some interesting statistics on Timing, Vibration Control, Slope Stability and Fragmentation. With more and more regulations or Councils saying when you can blast, when not, ground vibration, dust, drilling and transport and storage seminars on the latest techniques are very important. Today we have people out there in the community who object to applications for quarries where explosives are to be used through fear. You want to use explosives. No way. Today explosives are identified with terrorists or of “the good old days” with loud bangs and fly rock.

Yes in the area of explosives we will see more and more regulations as we not only have to comply with tighter compliance issues, learn new techniques but also the issue the world is facing today from terrorism. A tool “explosives” we use everyday to move mountains or split rock is becoming the preferred tool to kill, lame or destroy. The more a company’s like Redbull, fine tune their product for one use the more it is attractive to another.

Those that attended also found the seminar gave us the opportunity to share the issues and challenges facing our industry today.

All in all a big day out that was well rewarded with a few beers and dinner at the Loaded Hog.

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### ***2004 Annual General Meeting – Advance Notice***

The Annual General Meeting of The Institute of Quarrying NZ Inc. will be held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in Wairaki.

Any member who intends to bring any motion or business before the AGM needs to give notice in writing of his or her intention to the NZ Council not less than twenty eight days before the date of the meeting.

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### ***B.R. Webster Educational Trust***

The Webster family Educational Trust is available to any member or future members of the Institute of Quarrying to assist them with their educational advancement. While the key criteria for this scholarship is to assist individual gain qualifications where he or she does not have the financial support of their employer please contact the IOQ secretary. If you are not sure if you or someone you know qualifies for the scholarship contact. Up to five are available this year.

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