



THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Presidents report September 2004

This is the first opportunity I have had since conference to congratulate Eric, Warwick and their team. The 36th conference held in Wairaki jointly by the Institute of Quarrying and Aggregate and Quarry Association proved a huge a success, reflecting the enthusiasm of the Waikato Branch. While the weather did dampen the golf day, partners enjoyed jet boating and prawns while delegates where presented with a wide range conference papers 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 personal pleasure to honour three members for their tireless contributions to the Institute. Honorary Fellowships, the Institutes 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 years 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 & 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, attracting and retention of staff/institute members is becoming of 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 the Institute offers and the opportunity our industry has 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 of the value in becoming a member of the Institute.

A successful conference depends on the support our many sponsors who once again have supported us at Wairaki.

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"

Brian Bouzaid

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