



THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Presidents Report to the Auckland Branch Xmas Function - December 2003

Good evening ladies and Gentleman

Well what can I say? We did not win the cup. But we do have two fine trophies in the cabinet. Well done the All-Blacks.

Where did the year go? The Institute has had a busy year and there are still many challenges ahead for us during 2004 with the newly formed sub-committees led by senior members of council who will start working on providing best possible service to members.

As I look back at the year's challenges we see our Institute change with some branch's struggling to retain membership and voluntary labour to provide services to our members. However in saying that this year has had many positives. Some of these being; our hosting of the International Presidents meeting, a successful conference in Queenstown, the educational trust donation from the Webster family, Andrew Dronjak wining both the Goughs Caterpillar award and the Webster Scholarship, Redbulls Philippa Lamb wining the Lyn Jordan Memorial award and the growing strength of our training organisation EXITO boasting 1850 trainees within the extractive industry.

During the month I attended a meeting of the 2004 conference committee and had the privilege of representing our Institute at the AQA board meeting in Hamilton. The meeting was of great value for the Institute as we face the same challenges. Eric Souchon and I agreed it is important to continue to work together in the interest of our members.

While in Hamilton I also had the privileged to attend a retirement celebration of George Cunningham. The passing of an era. 50 years in quarrying. One of the old school, always forthright, no nonsense and always polite. George on behalf of the Institute thank you for your outstanding services to our industry.

A busy few days followed by a meeting of the IOQ board in Dunedin, which coincided with an EXITO board retreat. Our meeting was very successful and we agreed to under take two key projects in the New Year. These being recording

the history of the IOQ in New Zealand and hosting up to four industry seminars to cover, Environment, Occupational Health and Safety, Operations and Training. George Munro also presented to us OSH services strategic plan for the next 5 years. The plan will see OSH change its focus with high levels of public awareness of the social and economic benefits of best practice health and safety in the workplace and an intolerance of poor performing industry sectors/organisations through enforcement polices.

Council members stayed on for the local branch meeting that night gaining feedback from members and listening to a very interesting presentation from the evening sponsor, Goughs. The meeting was well attended by a cross-section of the Institute, suppliers and consultants.

My thanks to Gavin Hartley and Fulton Hogan for hosting our meeting.

If Bryan Bartley is present thank him and Elaine for representing NZ at the recent IOQ conference.

"The challenge for us as an Institute in 2004 is to continue to meet the ever increasing needs of our members and to work with other organisations on promoting our industry image to the public".

On behalf of the council, and I would like to thank you all for your support, especially all of our sponsors and our employer's who's support during the year is greatly appreciated. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Brian Bouzaid

President

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