



THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Presidents Report to the Auckland Branch Xmas Function - December 2004

Good evening ladies and Gentleman

Last year when I presented my end of year report to you I spoke about the challenges facing our Institute and how in some areas branch's were struggling to retain membership and voluntary labour to provide services to our members.

Our conference in Wairaki, my attendance to the Waikato Xmas function last week, tonight's function and a recent meeting in Wellington though have clearly shown to me that the Institute is succeeding in meeting these challenges and building on its membership and branch base. Today we currently have xx members.

So what's been happening?

Well first off It is with pleasure that I congratulate your chairman, Andrew Dronjack who this year has had many successes.

- Elected to the board as a student representative
- His trip to Iceland and most importantly
- Andrew has the prestigious honour of being the first non-convict to graduate with a diploma in extractive Industries Management from the TAFE Institute in Woolongong.

Ladies and gentleman please join me in congratulating Andrew.

As I then look back at the year

The Waikato Branch hosted an excellent conference, again raising the bar

“Think Taupo, Think Rock, Think Rain”

Our annual combined conference, next year is in Waitangi, the far north from the 13-15th of July with the theme

“GENERATION Rock ”

Meaning the production of rock and the generations that have worked with it.

Conference however is not all about the weather, technical papers, catching up with old friends or moving mountains in the bar.

It is also a time that we honour members of our industry with many prestigious awards.

- Komatsu Award
- Goughs Cat Award
- Niemac Award
- AJ & RJ Loader Award
- Lynn Jordan Award
- Winstone Aggregate's Safety award
- R.D Hassed Award

These awards are open to all members so with less than 8 months to go to conference, if you know of anyone that has contributed to our industry or done something worthy of acknowledgement then get on to the web site and see what awards are on offer.

To win you need to be in.

Our conference also gave us the opportunity to honour three members for the commitment to the Institute with Honorary Fellowships

- Past chairman Ray Vivian
- John Fulton and
- Also Past Chairman George Cunningham

Tonight I also want to honour a member of the Auckland Branch with an honorary fellowship and would like to ask John Ashby to come forward please.

Unfortunately the year also seen us loose our free Quarry Magazine, however I trust our new quarterly newsletter will fill this gap and ensure members are kept up on news, views and information.

One the International front. A highlight for my wife Maylene and I this year was our invitation to attend the IOQ International Presidents meeting in Chester, North Wales in October followed by the IOQ annual conference.

Which without a doubt was a compact few days. 24 hours flying, followed by meetings then with up to 11 papers presented on one day.

Nothing however a good pint or two though quickly fixed.

My attendance at the presidents meeting and conference marked I felt a celebration for New Zealand as I recalled past Chairman Mr Gib Stuart, and International Liaison Committee Chairman Mr Bryan Bartley's attendance in Chester in 1992, whereby Bryan was given personal pleasure of presenting Mr Stuart with the Institute's Citation Award in recognition of his contribution to the development of the NZ branch over many years.

Attending meetings of the international presidents committee also gives NZ an international stage to discuss and air NZ's view on the IOQ and its future direction. And for those that know me I always have plenty to say around a board table, possibly not what the UK had expected however.

A key topic of the meeting agenda therefore was on International relationship/co-operation across each area of the Institute in the areas of education and training.

My attendance at this meeting was further highlighted when it was announced NZ to be this year's winner of the IOQ UK's Caernarfon Award.

The Caernarfon Award is presented annually for the best paper given at an Institute conference anywhere in the world, and judged to have contributed the most to the advancement of our industry and is named after the town where the very first Institute meeting took place in 1917.

The very first award made, was in 1989 to another New Zealander, Bryan Bartley.

On the conference front the conference theme was *"Developing a Culture of Health and Safety"* and was seen as the most important topic requiring action given the quarry industry in the UK had a fatality rate typically 30 times general industry.

The conference theme followed concern raised by the UK Inspectorate who were not happy with our industry, an industry that continues to perform poorly in the areas of Health and Safety. The UK Inspectorate were clear that Regulations and enforcement are going to require quarry owners, company directors and quarry managers to ensure that their employees are not only competent but also continually improving their professional development.

The IOQ UK were excellent hosts and I look forward to welcoming many to NZ next year when many have said they are interested in attending our conference following the LIONS tour.

On the home front, the board has continued work behind the scenes on a number of fronts with Council members representing us at meetings of the AQA, EXITO and National H&S Council boards. Murray has also continued work on the Web-site with Christine developing our data base. My thanks to the members of the board for their work and also a thank you to their employers for allowing them time to attend to Institute affairs.

On a lighter note. My visit to the UK also allowed me to watch Christine Cullen shoot in three tries for his Munster team in a game against Black Adders, Scotland Team and Maylene and I got to meet Posh Spice in a bar lounge at the airport.

In closing I would like to offer a Special thank you to our secretary, Christine Dodd's for her efforts and assistance since taking on the role of Secretary.

And on behalf of the IOQ I would like to thank you all for your support of this branch and the IOQ during the year and especially to our sponsors whose support during the year is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all and your families a Safe and Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ladies and Gentleman thank you and enjoy your evening.

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President

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