



THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Presidents Report to Waikato Branch Xmas Function - December 2004

Firstly I need to thank your branch and also the members of the AQA who yet again raised the bar with another successful conference. "*Think Taupo Think Rock*". Well done.

In regard to our conference, next year we are to hold our joint conference in Waitangi. The far North where Tom Linnell tells me it never rains. We will see. Conference is not just about technical papers, catching up or moving mountains in the bar it is also a time that we honour members of our industry with many prestigious awards. The awards are open to all members so if you know of anyone that has contributed to the 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.

Anyway the IOQ this year has again had a busy time with again many challenges. Most importantly of those challenges is raising the profile of the IOQ and what quarrying, our industry does for the New Zealand.

The year has seen us

- Redevelop or website
- Launch our History Project
- Engaged the services of a new Secretary, Christine Dodds
- Launched a review and update of our members details and
- Last month we launched our new quarterly newsletter

A highlight for my wife Maylene and I was our invitation to attend the International Presidents meeting in Chester, North Wales in October followed by their annual conference. A great learning experience for me includes winning the IOQ UK's Caernaebron Award for best paper present.

While in the UK our fellow members were excellent hosts, which was greatly appreciated. I even got to see Christine Cullen shoot in three tries in a game against Scotland.

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

Ladies and Gentleman thank you and enjoy your evening.

Brian Bouzaid

President

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