



OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT 2011

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Introduction

Well it has certainly been a wonderful two years on the Central Chapter Board as your President. I would like to think that I was able to secure the trust and friendship of the Central Chapter and National Board (including Rick and Brigitte) as your elected Central Chapter President. I take this opportunity to formally thank them for their support. This I shall remember. Also and most importantly, a big thanks to my wife Rebeckah who has always been very understanding and supportive of my participation on the NZIOB.

It would be fair to say that my direct involvement on the Board has been recently light in a historical perspective over the past six months given my focus on securing a new opportunity within the building industry after the downturn that hit provincial Palmerston North and indeed other regional centres around New Zealand. The good news is that the market is picking up from both a residential and commercial / industrial building perspective. However, margins still remain tight and we as a country are losing some great trades people and professionals to countries like Australia that continue to grow on the back of the booming mining and tourism sector, fuelled by a strong Aussie dollar and great working conditions. As for me, being an Australian, I now proudly choose to call New Zealand my home as does my wife and 5 month old Kiwi born son Mason! This is on the back of the genuine New Zealand culture and its people!

Anyway, I'll keep my official report brief.

In a nut shell

What have we achieved?

1. A great student representative! Jessica-Mae you have been a real breath of fresh air and I know that you will do well in your chosen career within the building industry.
2. New Members on the Board – you know who you are! You have some challenging views that I know will throw some new light on the ways we have done things in the past.
3. Some great CPD events!
4. A very proud Outgoing President who knows that he can always count on his Board for support. I ask that you as a Board and the Members of the Central Chapter extend every courtesy and support offered to me for the new incoming President.

On a sad and regrettable parting note, this shall be my last official meeting on the Central Chapter Board as I must relocate indefinitely to Christchurch due to work commitments. Please accept this note as my formal resignation from the Central Chapter Board forthwith.

In closing, I would like to record a special thanks to immediate Past President Richard Te-One. Richard, you are not just a colleague but a friend and one who I will always call a true mate!

Thank you – Your Parting EI-Presidente for 2011.