



## **New Zealand Institute of Building – Southern Chapter**

### **Tuesday 25 May 2010 - President's Report 2009-2010**

I have the pleasure in delivering my President's Report for 2009/10. Over the past two years we have provided CPD opportunity for the members with a vast array of activities taking place.

The highlights of this period include; site visits to the CPIT Trade Centre, new Airways Control Tower, Dunedin Stadium visit for Otago regional members, and just earlier this month the Southern Cross Endoscopy building where it is the first South Island PRESSS structure. Breakfast presentations on the North Bank Tunnel project, Lew Airey imparting his extensive construction industry knowledge, giving out an Outward Bound scholarship award to Mark Raynes-Greenow of Fletcher Construction from the Education Fund. Education Fund presentation from Sir Laurence Street of Australia on Mediation and Arbitration in Christchurch and Dunedin. Our regular sporting event such as the Lawns Bowls event (even though it was a pity that we had poor weather that day, Andrew Marshall the event organiser pull plan B into action very quickly and we had playing cards indoor which worked equally well and everyone enjoyed themselves).

We decided not to run with promoting NZIOB at the Southern Build Expo as the Board felt that we were not getting good value out of this event. Also we elected not to take up a stand at the Coke Cola Careers expo due to difficulties in manning the stand – in past years we have done this initiative jointly with BCITO where we had heavily relied on their support – this year they opted out as well.

Our focus for next year is to carry out events jointly with NZIQS and NZIA. Some of the events we are planning for the year are site visits to

the first 6 star green star rated building in New Zealand the new Council Offices and the CIAL Integrated Terminal project; presentations on Infrastructural topics like Meridian Wind Farm projects, HVDC Pol 3, and Transpower or Orion projects. We are also hoping to do either a site visit or a presentation on the new Dunedin Stadium project later in the year. Also we are involved on the planning committee to organise a golf event with Canterbury Registered Master Builder Association later this year so another sporting event that we will be able to add to our annual events calendar – it is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> of October at the Coringa Golf course, so pencil that into your calendars now. We will continue to provide student awards for CPIT and SIT Diploma and Pre-trade students and look to present them at our Christmas function at the end of the year. Plus all the other regular events like Lawns Bowls, Education Fund initiatives, and so on.

This year we are also hosting the National Council AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, the Southern Chapter will be making a special presentation by giving a promotion to three most deserving leaders in our industry from Member to Fellow status – so an event not to be missed. Also there will be a site visit around the new Integrated Terminal project at the airport which has been kindly sponsored by Coffeys.

I like to thank all the organisers and sponsors of all the past events, it is not easy, and in most cases requires voluntary dedication and commitment to make it happen for the members of the industry. A special thanks goes for Gib our National and Regional sponsors for their ongoing financial support – Clara Sumner our local Gib representative has been exceptional to work with and in particular, it's pleasing to see the strong working relationship coexisting with our Board member Graeme Goss.

As you can see, we have had an exciting year packed full of activities and have some exciting events planned for the year. Finally, just to finish off, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Southern Chapter Board for their efforts and especially their support they have provided me during my tenure. Thank you!

**Samir Govind - Southern Chapter President**