

# NZIGE News

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## Newsletter to Members December 2008

### Presidents Message

Welcome to the last edition of the NZIGE News for 2008.

It is hard to believe that it is 12 months since preparing the last newsletter of the year and that we find ourselves here again. It has been without question another busy year but somewhat ironic that we are again reporting the formation of NZIGEM as a key result.

As has been reported previously setting up NZIGEM became more involved than had been expected but despite the passing of another year it appears highly likely that it will now proceed with its planned establishment in early 2009. We would not be where we are today if it hadn't been for the significant effort by Council behind the scenes to make it happen and unquestionable assistance from our IGEM colleagues. I look forward to not only the formation of NZIGEM, but engaging in what I believe will be a healthy and mutually beneficial relationship between our respective organisations.

The 2008 Spring Technical Seminar would have to be another key achievement and highlight of the year, along with the pleasure of having met Robert Murray (President) and John Williams (CEO) of IGEM. Their presence and participation unquestionably added to the success of the event and I look forward with pleasure to our IGEM friends and colleagues joining us at future seminars.

With all that has been achieved I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to the NZIGE Council and other

members behind the scenes that have contributed to another successful 12 months.

Thanks must also go to our members and the suppliers that continue to support and attend our technical seminars and events.

Finally, on behalf of the Council I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, enjoyable and prosperous New Year.

Geoff Evans  
**President**

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## Annual General Meeting

The 2008 and 84th AGM was held in Rotorua at the Rydges Hotel and was attended by 19 members of the NZIGE.

There was one rule change adopted which resulted in the notice period for the Annual General Meeting being reduced to three weeks notice from six. The Rules will be reprinted and issued to members early in the New Year.

The following Officers were elected to Council;

**Geoff Evans**

*President*

**Craig Muirhead**

*Past President*

**Peter Gilbert**

*Representing  
Corporate Members*

**Geoff Brown**

*Representing  
Associate Members*

**Dan Hynson**

*Vice President*

**Greg O'Malley**

*Secretary/Treasurer*

**Peter Roodbeen**

*Representing  
Corporate Members*

**Ian Gallaugher**

*Representing  
Associate Members*

## Spring Technical seminar



The 2008 Spring Technical Seminar was held in Rotorua on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of September 2008 under the title "Gas Isn't Only Natural". Despite clashing with another industry event and not being located in either Wellington or Auckland, the event was well attended with 40 delegates including our 2 colleagues from IGEM.

The presentations ranged in topics across the entire industry and some which stepped out of the more traditional areas of interest, resulting in a diverse and interesting two days. The seminar theme was well supported and the quality and content of the presentations was

excellent. The seminar CD's were sent to delegate after the seminar so if you attended the seminar but have not received the CD (along with the seminar photo) please contact the Secretary Greg O'Malley.

The seminar dinner on the Monday evening was held at the same venue and proved to be a welcome change from recent years with Robert Murray, IGEM President, our Guest Speaker. Our warmest and sincerest thanks are extended to Robert and John for their significant contribution on the evening. Thanks must also go to Peter Lawrence, who unbeknown to many of us, can hold his own on the stage and provided us with numerous renditions of well known songs, resulting in much laughter and enjoyment, ending only when the microphone was prised from his fingers and the batteries removed. Overall a very enjoyable and entertaining evening and a hard one to better in 2009.

With all of the effort that goes into organising the seminar it is again pleasing to reflect on another successful event and although the success is attributed to the effort of many, special thanks must be extended to the presenters with their topical presentations and to the companies that supported the seminar with displays of their products and services.



Left to Right; **Dan Hynson** (NZIGE Vice President), **John Williams** (IGEM CEO), **Robert Murray** (IGEM President), **Geoff Evans** (NZIGE President)

### Richie McCaw & World of Groggs

For those of you that were at the seminar dinner this year you will no doubt recall a number of gifts being presented on the night to Geoff Evans and Dan Hynson as President & Vice President of NZIGE. Of significance and appreciated by all, was the figurine of Richie McCaw from the World of Groggs, designed, created and made in Wales, he is No.120 of only 500 made.

Established in 1965 the World of Groggs started producing figures of well known Welsh sporting heroes but over the years have moved into a wide range of international sporting heroes, stars of the film and music world, humorous animals and professional characters. More information can be found at [www.groggs.co.uk](http://www.groggs.co.uk)

At the last Council meeting it was decided that Richie would be placed in a case with the appropriate engraving, and would pass between President's along with other NZIGE records.



*John Hughes*  
**World of Groggs**<sup>®</sup>  
 Rugby Craft Museum  
 Est. 1965  
 Limited Edition Certificate

This is to certify that this  
 9<sup>th</sup> *Richie McCaw*  
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 is No. 120 of 500  
 purchased on Aug 2008  
 Signed *John Hughes*

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 Designed, Created and **MADE IN WALES**

### NZIGE Golf Tournament

The decision to change the format of the golf tournament appears overall to have been a success.

Organiser Geoff Brown provided the following report at the conclusion of the golf;

"For most the weather was great and the golf was lousy. This year to encourage more players we introduced an Ambrose format. For those who do not understand a lot about golf, Ambrose is designed for golfers and non golfers. Every non golfer is paired with a golfer to gain a balanced format. To be fair to some golfers they didn't count the swings, just the times the ball was actually hit. It would be unfair to mention names but one un-named player that works for Lordco used the same ball for the complete 18 holes. As someone quipped latter "Well you can't lose it when you don't hit it more than 20 feet." At the conclusion of the days play we reversed the placings and the winners came last and last placed finished first."

1<sup>st</sup> - Anthony Salisbury, Peter Baldwin & Geoff Brown  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Peter Lawrence & Craig Muirhead  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Greg O'Malley & Dave Whitfield

Our thanks go to Geoff Brown for organising the event and for Central Utility Supply and our colleagues from IGEM providing the golf prizes.

## Survey Results

Invitations to participate in the annual survey were sent out in early December so if you have not completed it but would still like to do so it isn't too late.

Thank you to those that have participated so far as we do value the feedback and guidance from our members.

A summary of the results will be provided in the next newsletter in 2009.

## 2009 Spring Technical seminar

The 2009 Spring Technical Seminar is being planned to be held in Auckland although the dates and location have yet to be decided.

Although there is always a chance of a conflicting event impacting on the ability of members attending the seminar, Council will be confirming the seminar dates around March/April based on known events at the time, so if you know of planned or possible events in September/October 2009 please contact Geoff Evans with the details.

As we are likely to be formalising the arrangements for NZIGEM at the 2009 Seminar we are optimistic that IGEM will be in attendance, so their availability may be an influence in setting the dates.

## Call for Presenters & Topics

It may be early but there is no time like the present, so if you would like to make a presentation at the 2009 Spring Technical Seminar or have an idea or concept that you consider would be of interest to delegates then please contact Geoff Evans or Greg O'Malley.

The comment has been made by the 2008 Horrocks Judging Panel that they would like to see a return to the seminar being a means for members to exchange ideas and present technical information from their own experience

which they could share with other members. It is acknowledged that a component of non-member participation also increases our awareness and knowledge so it does not need to be the focus.

Council endorses the views of the judges and although it isn't always possible, welcomes any suggestion or offers to present from our members, especially where it increases member participations at these events.

## 2008 Horrocks Award

Despite the excellent quality of the presentations the judging panel advised Council at the conclusion of the 2008 Spring Technical Seminar that they were unable to recommend awarding the Horrocks Medal for 2008.

Of the four members presenting this year none were eligible as three did not meet the requirement to provide a technical paper, and the one that did was unable to make the presentation.

It is acknowledged that the time and effort required in preparing and making a presentation is significant in itself and although we would welcome an increase in technical papers it would likely prove to be a disincentive to potential presenters if it were compulsory. Similarly it would devalue and be disrespectful to the Horrocks legacy and past medal recipients to remove the requirement for a technical paper, particularly given the objectives of NZIGE.

## NZ Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers (NZIGEM)

It is pleasing to report that following recent discussions with IGEM and subsequent confirmation of the commercial arrangements, we are now able to proceed with the establishment of the NZ branch of IGEM offering the same membership benefits and cost as were offered previously.

By now all current members should have received our mailout inviting new applications or notification that a previous application is to be withdrawn. Based on the responses received at the time of preparing this newsletter it appears highly likely that we will meet the minimum membership of 40. If this is the case we expect to confirm the arrangements with IGEM and then

send out subscription notices in January 2009 for \$26 incl GST being the remainder of the subscription year (1 January – 31 May 2009). Membership fees for a full year will be \$62 incl GST with the same benefits of membership outlined in previous newsletters.

If you have not responded to the call for new applications or to withdraw a previous application please contact Geoff Evans as soon as possible.

## Membership Changes

The following applications were received and approved by Council at its last meeting in November;

- Richard Smith (Member)
- Phil Melville (Associate Member)

One resignation has been received since the last Council meeting and will be considered at its next meeting in February 2009.

## Workshops

To assist us with planning for 2009, Council invites ideas for workshops that members may have an interest in and would be interested in attending in 2009.

A number of workshops were considered in 2008 although only one on high pressure custody transfer meter proving was held. Although faced with some technical issues on the day when linking up via the web to the Colorado Engineering Experiment Station in USA, the workshop which was already oversubscribed was a success.

If you have an idea or a specific request please contact Geoff Evans.

## NZIGE Scholarship

This year Council is again actively promoting the NZIGE Scholarship Fund and invites applications from members for sponsorship funding of up to \$2000.

Members may apply for a specific event that they have identified themselves or alternatively Council may nominate an event at a later date, but until such time as the funds have been committed for the year then applications can be submitted at any time.

In the consideration of granting Scholarship funds Council evaluates the benefits to the applicant's career and professional development, to members of the NZIGE and to the Gas Industry as a whole.

Through the provision of these funds, Council satisfies the objective of the NZIGE to improve and advance the technical training and general knowledge of our members.

If you are interested in seeking sponsorship or know of an event that the NZIGE could offer sponsorship funding to attend, then please contact Greg O'Malley or Geoff Evans.

## Review of NZS 5442:1999

The revision of NZS5442:1999 Specification for Reticulated Natural Gas is now complete and available from Standards NZ, although it will not be effective until cited under regulations, expected in mid 2009.

Our thanks to Peter Roodbeen who was the NZIGE representative on the Standards New Zealand expert committee.

## Review of NZS 5258:2003

Further to the previous report that the NZS5258:2003 Standards NZ expert committee had decided to adopt the suite of standards developed by AG 008 to be known as AS/NZS 4645 Gas Distribution Management, these standards have now been successfully balloted and are expected to be published in early 2009.

Our thanks to Dan Hynson who was the NZIGE representative on the Joint Standards review committee.

## IPENZ e.nz magazine

This magazine is available to NZIGE members for \$40 + GST per annum including postage, with 6 issues of the magazine sold on calendar year basis.

If you wish to subscribe please visit <http://e.nz-magazine.co.nz/main.htm>

## Email Addresses

If you received this newsletter by post, we won't have an email address for you on our database. If you have email and wish to receive

newsletters by email, please advise the Secretary so we can make this change for you.

Email enables us to communicate quickly and cost effectively with our members.

## Change of Details

If you have recently moved, changed employers or had any other changes to your contact details please help us help you by advising us of the changes. We will then make sure your details are updated on our records and we are then better able to provide you with information when it is sent out to our members.

We currently have a number of members that we can't contact due to incorrect details. If you know of anyone who hasn't heard from us recently, please get them to contact the Secretary with their updated details.

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