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Newsletter to Members

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President's Message



Welcome to the summer newsletter for 2011.

I am both pleased and proud to take on the role of President of the NZIGE, and I thank you all for your support. I welcome the existing and newly elected members to Council, and look forward to working with you all.

The recent Gas New Zealand Forum was a great success and resounding proof that we do have an industry that can (and wants to) work together as a cohesive unit.

What a fantastic starting block for the next phase of the development of the NZIGE. I want to continue to build on the strategic objectives expressed by the previous Council and to continue the work started by Dan. The last few years have been ones of self critique, and examination of what the Institution stood for and where you, the members, wanted it to go.

You have given Council a clear mandate to carry out a concise strategic plan with clearly identified goals, and I speak for the entire council when I say we hold a fervent desire and a drive to achieve them.

I believe I am a professional with a strong business focus and I view the challenges ahead more as a management exercise than insurmountable. I will be challenging each and every member, including myself, to be active and contributory of effort and time. Individual commitment is the lifeblood of your Institution, and it is paramount that we increase our relevance to members and the wider industry.

The new Council has met and we are now apportioning a work program to active sub-committees which will focus on achieving all our goals in an orderly and timely way. Watch for more about these and updates on their progress in our e-bulletins and newsletters, and at the Regional Forums.

Lastly I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season.

Nick Foster
President

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New Council

There was a terrific response to the call in the last newsletter for nominations to Council. At the AGM in Taupo the following members were elected to council and the posts of Vice President and Secretary Treasurer confirmed at the first meeting of the new council:

Nick Foster	President
David Whitfield	Vice President
Stuart M ^{ac} Pherson	Secretary / Treasurer
Dan Hynson	Immediate Past President

Corporate Council Members

David Howell
Victor Gradowski
Bruce Monk
Guenter Wabnitz

Associate Council Members

Grant Bourke (Newsletter Editor)
Lynn Oxenbridge
Anthony Salisbury

With 11 active and enthusiastic members your council is in great shape to keep the Institution moving forwards.

Thanks must go to Martyn Dudley who attended the first meeting of the new Council to make a very thorough handover of his roles and offer of assistance for the future. Martyn has also prepared a handbook to assist in the operation of Council.

The larger size of the new Council means we will be making use of sub-committees. The make-up of these will be decided in the New Year and as always any assistance from other members would be welcomed.



Dan Hynson, out-going NZIGE President presenting the Strategic Direction document to members

Spring Seminar 2012

The 2011 gas industry forum at Wairakei in Taupo was an outstanding success. Council has analysed the feedback from the forum in order to make next year's event even better.

It has been decided to hold the NZIGE spring seminar again next year as part of the gas industry forum and then carry out a review for the future.

The dates for 2012 have been set so block out your diary now:

24th – 26th October 2012 (Wed~Fri).

Subject to confirmation of a suitable venue the Forum will be held in Christchurch. This will be confirmed as soon as possible. The selection of Christchurch fulfils several aims.

The first is to provide a small measure of support to the people and businesses of Christchurch. Hopefully the ground will have well and truly stopped shaking by then and the rebuild will be getting fully into gear and there will be business opportunities for many of us. The LPGA conference which is one of the three forum participants (along with GANZ) traditionally rotates its conferences between the North and South islands and Christchurch will allow this to continue. NZIGE would like to see many more members from the mainland and this conference may assist.



Lake Taupo cruising at the 2011 Gas Forum

Website Login

Have ever tried to access the members only part of the website <http://nzige.org.nz/> and been confronted with a request for a user name and password and decide its all too hard

Step 1. User Name: If you do not know your user name and password you will need to know your NZIGE membership number to get it. It is on your IPENZ invoice or failing that if you email secretary@nzige.org.nz Stuart will email it to you.

Step 2. Next select the appropriate blue link at the bottom of the Login box. Complete the requested details and you will be emailed your login and password. The email usually arrives inside of a minute.

Registration

NZIGE members are required to register to use the members area. Enter your details below and you will be emailed your password.

Surname: REQUIRED

NZIGE/IPENZ Membership Number: REQUIRED

E-mail Address: REQUIRED

If you are not already a member, [click here](#) to join NZIGE.

You now have access to a range of information including the 2011 seminar papers and photos and those going back to 2001, the newsletters and bulletins, Council minutes, AGM documents and strategic direction information.

Professional development

Council has initiated discussions with IPENZ to see what assistance is available to NZIGE in supporting members on a pathway to Chartered Professional Engineer, Engineering Technologist and Engineering Technician recognition.

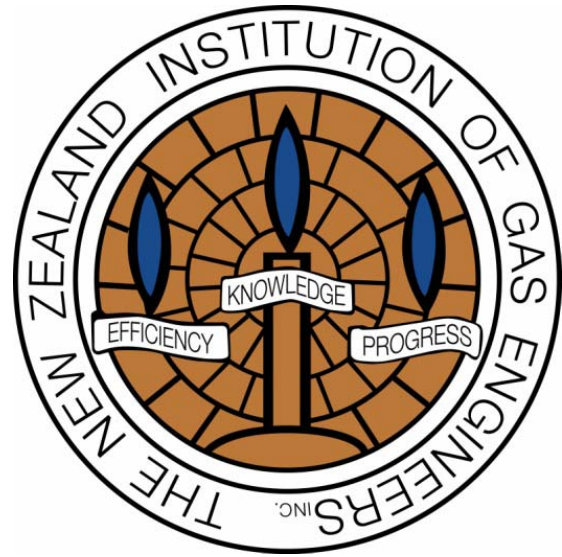
This is used as a "selling proposition" by IGEM to help recruit and retain members and it may assist NZIGE to do likewise and help attract and retain younger graduates and technicians into the gas industry particularly for smaller companies that do not employ Chartered Professional Engineers to act as mentors to those wanting to become registered. Look for updates on progress in future newsletters. For further information on the IPENZ program please see <http://www.ipenz.org.nz/ipenz/finding/>

Regional Forums

Regional forums will continue in 2012. Dates will be confirmed in the New Year.

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. Please contact secretary@nzige.org.nz



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