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Newsletter to Members April 2003

Welcome to this edition of the NZIGE newsletter. These are produced on an 'occasional' basis to correspond with our members and keep you up to date with activities and areas of interest to the Institution. Please enjoy!



Council

The Council for the 2002/2003 year elected at the AGM are:

Ian Chapman President
Tony Williams Past President
Peter Thorley Vice President
John Davidson Secretary/Treasurer
Craig Muirhead, Barry Kinchin and Barry Parsons
representing Corporate Members
Geoff Brown and Ian Gallaugher representing
Associate Members.



Workshops

Enclosed with this newsletter, are details of a Finance for the Engineering Manager workshop to be held in Wellington in June. To enable us to confirm this workshop with the facilitator, registrations with full payment must be received by Friday 9 May. If insufficient registrations are received by this date the workshop will be cancelled and those that have registered will be advised. To maximise benefit to those attending we will limit numbers with NZIGE members taking precedence on a first in first served basis.

GASA propose a workshop on aspects of the 'Fair Trading Act' This will be of value particularly to members that supply appliances and equipment to the industry. We will update members on details as they are available.



Horrocks Medal - 2002 Seminar

The Horrocks Medal for the 2002 seminar was awarded to Dan Hynson from NGC for his very informative presentation regarding a lightening strike on a heater flue. The lightening travelled through the appliance, along the outlet pipe and damaged other appliances in the house as well as the meter and melted the plastic service pipe below ground. The adjudicators and NZIGE Council acknowledge the efforts of Dan and all presenters for the high standard of presentations and the interesting topics covered at the seminar.

The Horrocks medal judging criteria puts emphasis on subject matter, verbal presentation, written presentation and handling of discussion. The Horrocks medal was initiated as an incentive to increase the profile and quality of presentations and technical papers at the seminar.



Dan Hynson (left) is awarded the Horrocks Medal by NZIGE President Ian Chapman, for his presentation at the 2002 NZIGE Spring Technical Seminar.



2003 Technical seminar

The 2003 Spring Technical Seminar and 79th AGM will be held at the Grand Central Hotel in New Plymouth on Sept 15 and 16. The NZIGE annual golf tournament will be held on Sunday 14 September.

Further details on the seminar will be available when finalised.

If anyone has any ideas for possible presentation topics or would like to do a presentation at the seminar please contact any of the Council.

If anyone is interested in being on Council for 2003/04 please contact one of the existing Council for details of what is required and nomination.

The NZ Oil and Gas Expo is planned for Sept 11 and 12 in New Plymouth. This will allow members to spend a weekend in New Plymouth and attend both if they wish.

Scholarship

NZIGE has again budgeted \$2000 for a scholarship to benefit our members and the NZ gas industry. Any activity that will benefit an individual member's professional development, NZIGE membership in general and the NZ gas industry will be considered. The Council has set some guidelines for assessing applications to ensure this is done in a fair and consistent manner. Any inquiries should be made to lan Chapman.

Email Addresses

If you received this newsletter by post, we don't have an email address for you on our database. If you have email, please advise Ian Chapman or John Davidson so we can add this to our list.

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

'Lamp Light to Natural Gas'

Council still has available copies of Albert Vearts book on the history of NZIGE and the NZ gas industry published in late 2000. This very informative book was researched and written by Albert and published by NZIGE after his death in 1999. This is a great collection of valuable information about the history of the industry from the very early coal gas days through to the modern deregulated industry that may have otherwise been lost. Copies of Alberts book are available from NZIGE below cost at \$20 each or five for \$80. Please contact Ian Chapman should you be interested in purchasing a copy.



Change of Details

Could all members please ensure that any changes to contact details - address, phone no's, employer, email etc are notified to IPENZ so we can keep our membership database up to date.

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 Ian Chapman or John Davidson with their updated details.

IPENZ address

When mailing anything to NZIGE please use the IPENZ address – NZIGE PO Box 12241 Wellington.

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