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NZ Branch President Brian Davey

From the President

At the opening of the conference in Wellington, I looked out at over 300 delegates assembled to participate in sessions over the next two days. The mix of Civil Defence managers, members of our Institution and other interested people set the scene for a great conference. From the opening by the Mayor of Wellington, opening address by the Minister and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management to the final paper by the Chief Executive/National Commander of the NZ Fire Service, delegates were eager to attend the streams that most suited them. I felt proud to receive the considerable amount of positive feedback relating to the conference. All those involved with the organisation can

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feel justifiably proud that they have done an exceptional job. Feedback from attendees supports that this was a very well received conference with top class organisation and timing.

We have some talented people who worked hard to make our recent conferences successful. It is time to again thank them and encourage future organising committees to continue with this hard but rewarding experience.

The 2008 conference will be held in Palmerston North and will again be a joint one held in conjunction with Forest and rural Fires Association of New Zealand (FRANZ), 5 - 6 August, conference theme; Training for Fire Risk Management. Early indications are that keynote speakers will be from Greece, the USA and will provide a good balance of

streamed topics for both partner groups. Past President Mitch Brown will represent our Branch on the organising committee. Members can expect to receive early promotional material concerning this conference.

Needed – a Willing Volunteer

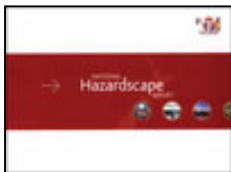
The NZ Branch has amassed rather a lot of photographs over recent years and it would be nice to have them placed in albums or scanned and saved to CD-ROM. If there is someone willing to take on this project to ensure as much of our history as possible is preserved, please contact me with your ideas or offer of assistance. The job will not pay much, in fact nothing, but we will have saved some valuable bits of our past.

**Brian
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NZ Branch Council Membership 2008.

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National Hazardscape Report



Delegates who attended the Conference in October, had the opportunity of listening to Dr Warren Grey (Ministry for the Environment), talk on Climate Change and Emergency Management. Coupled with this presentation was a document called the

National Hazardscape Report. This document is a must read for all Emergency managers and is available on the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management website;

<http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/memwebsite.nsf> It is also available from the Auckland and Christchurch Regional Officers of Civil Defence. For a complementary copy, contact peter.kingsbury@dia.govt.nz

This first edition of the National Hazardscape Report provides a contemporary summary of the physical nature, distribution, frequency of occurrence and impacts and consequences of 17 key hazards affecting New Zealand. The hazards described in the National Hazardscape Report include geological, meteorological, biological, technological and social hazards. The National Hazardscape Report also provides information on how the hazards are currently managed across reduction, readiness, response and recovery.

Four key factors influencing New Zealand’s current landscape are also discussed in the National Hazardscape Report. These are climate variability and climate change, human modification of the natural environment, demographic trends, and reliance on technology.

The National Hazardscape Report is a non-statutory document aimed at informing policy makers, hazard managers and their advisors in carrying out hazard and risk management at the national and local level.

Members Honoured.

Peter Menzies
(Past President NZ Branch)
has recently received notification of his acceptance as an Technician, (Eng Tech) with the Engineering Council (UK). The IFE is closely associated with Engineering Council and membership of this body is a valuable, portable and internationally recognised professional association. Well done Peter.



Peter Hughes (past President NZ Branch)
For over 40 years, Peter has



Worked in Fire Safety and risk Management in NZ and the UK. This includes 21 years with the British Fire Service. Peter contribution has been recognised by Standards NZ through a Meritorious Service award for outstanding contribution to the development of New Zealand Standards. Peter joined the Insurance Industry in 1991 and has provided excellent industry representation on a range of Standards Committees. These include developing the Fire Sprinkler Standards, the Fire Risk Management Handbook, the Fire Detection and Alarm Systems Standard. Peter chaired the Firefighting Waterway and Equipment Committee that updated NZS 4505: 2007. Congratulations Peter.

From around the Committee Table. AGM Meeting.

Welcome A special welcome was given to Jack Maddox who is celebrating 50 years of IFE membership. Jack is also a stalwart of the Auckland Group and has invigilated at the IFE exams for many years. Stefan Svensson thanked the Branch for his invitation to attend the conference and present a paper. The President acknowledged that six past presidents of the NZ Branch were in attendance at the AGM.

Presidents Report

- President advised that an application has been made for accreditation of the NZFS recruit course with the IFE Preliminary Certificate and a decision was pending.
- Travelling school funds of \$4k have been granted retrospectively for examination preparation visits to Fiji and a further visit approved for this year.
- Membership at the end of 2006 stood at 357 including those in Fiji.
- The three active groups are Auckland, Christchurch and Taranaki with interest in establishing a Waikato group. Thanks to Eric Smith, former Secretary of Waikato Group for caretaking the funds of that group.
- General Assembly items:

- Examination syllabus due to change in 2009.
- Issue of high subscriptions for some non-UK Branches.

The President acknowledged the efforts of Peter Menzies over the previous years as Executive Director and welcomed Gary Ward to the position. Daryn Glasgow and Duane Harding-Browne were welcomed to Branch Council.

Branch Council Activity

Murray Binning advised that Branch Council has met on three occasions and listed councilor references. He acknowledged the work of the Organising Committee for this year's conference and the efforts of Jeff McCulloch and Peter Menzies who are standing down from Branch Council.

Peter Hughes gave a report on IFE representation with Standards NZ including standards on sprinklers, fire fighting waterway equipment and fire hydrants in buildings.

Financial Report

Not available, to be circulated at a later date

Presentation of Diplomas

Branch Council appreciation:

**Jeff McCulloch, Trevor Andrews,
Rex Alexander.**

Member:

Mike Bull

Graduate:

**Alaster Jefferys, Jeremy Gibbons,
Duane Harding-Browne**

Companion:

Peter Menzies

General Business

Conference 2008 will be a joint conference with Forest and Rural Fires Association of New Zealand (FRANZ) in Palmerston North.

Bill Butzbach proposed a vote of thanks for Branch Council for the work of the last five years, especially retiring Branch Council members. Carried.

Kristin Hoskin advised that the Fire Engineering Design Guide third edition was due for publication in February.

Wayne Highet advised that "Playing with Fire" a book by previous IFE member, Ann Berry is now available.

Notes from Branch Council

With the change of Executive Director, Branch Council made the decision to move to the MYOB accounting package. This is consistent with a number of Branches throughout the world. Between October and December, we will transition from the previous system to the new one, to be effective from 1 January. We do not anticipate any problems but ask that you let us know of any inaccuracies.

2008 Examination Update

Applications have now closed and study plans should be well under way. 50 members have applied to sit 88 papers next year. There is an opportunity to involve fellow firefighters/colleagues in your study plans by raising topics for debate and using the knowledge and experience of others to formulate possible exam question responses. Good luck!

Subscription Renewals

By January you should have received invoices for renewal of your subscription for 2008. If you are paying via New Zealand Fire Service payroll deduction, you do not have to do anything unless you have a query regarding your account. If you need to make a payment, this should be done by March. If you have not paid your subscription your journal will stop shortly after this date, you will not receive any examination results and by about October you will not receive any correspondence from the UK and your members' access may be blocked.

If you have any queries concerning your membership do not hesitate to contact the Executive director or president.

For those who are interested;

Conferenz is holding their 7th Annual Integrated Management Conference on the 26th and 27th February 2008 with an extra day 28th February for the 3rd Annual Business

Continuity Planning Conference in Wellington. More info can be found at www.conferenz.co.nz

A Note from Peter Hughes

The new NZS 4541 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Standard will be published in December and has major changes.

The Code of Practice for Firefighting Water Supplies, SNZ PAS 4509, is being revised and if any member has issues with the current version, please let Peter know so that they can be incorporated into the new version due in the New Year.

NZS 4510 Fire Hydrants in Buildings is out for Public comment. Members who have an interest are asked to make submissions if there is anything they believe requires comment

We are shortly due to start the process and develop a new Fire Safety Standard for Secure Detention Facilities again if there are any issues that member have experienced difficulties attending incidents at these facilities please let Peter know so that they can be incorporated into the new version due in the New Year.

Peter Hughes.

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From Branch
Council.

Have a Great
CHRISTMAS
&
NEW YEAR.