



## July 2010 Newsletter

### From the Chairperson

Hello

With the Football World Cup and Wimbledon Tennis Championship behind us we can now look forward to the upcoming summer events held by IPENZ UK Branch and Engineers Australia. Make sure you read on to find out more about the annual boat cruise and Henley-on-Thames barbeque in August and September respectively.

Also, note a Special General Meeting is scheduled for 7 September 2010 at Jacobs Office, Tower Bridge. At our recent AGM we failed to find a replacement for Branch Chair. I have enjoyed the role over the past two years and I have agreed to continue as acting chair until a replacement can be found. So if you are interested in taking on the role please do not hesitate to contact me for a chat.

On behalf of the Committee I ask that members keep in touch with the Branch and one another to help us to identify your key interests and the types of events and activities you wish to attend in 2010/2011 (sorry we can't get you flights and tickets to the Rugby World Cup!).

Potential events in the future include:

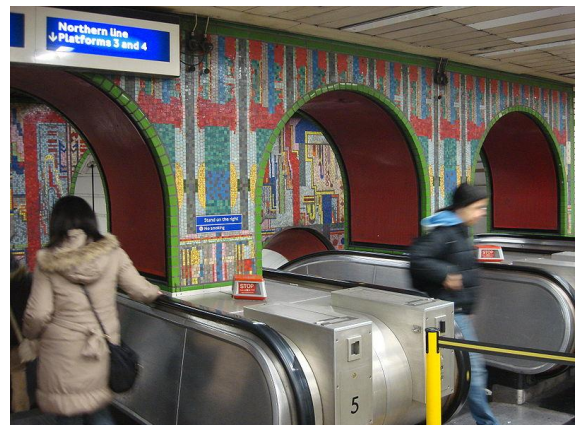
- architectural guided tour of London
- rebuilding Tottenham Court Road Underground Station: A journey.

Enjoy the summer weather and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Simone J Beesley**

IPENZ UK Acting Branch Chairperson

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## IPENZ UK Branch Members

### Welcome

A warm welcome to the following IPENZ Members who have recently moved to the UK:

Mr James Andrews  
Mr Andrew Slaney  
Dr Ian Greenwood  
Mr Brad Burrowes  
Mr Andrew Griffin  
Mr Sean Beniston  
Mr John Haines

Mr Craig Wong  
Mr Reilly Conner  
Mr Alistair Mitchell  
Mr Andrew Delugar  
Mr Steven Draper  
Mr John Ward  
Mr Jason Allport

## Recent Events

### Crossrail

Back in March, a group of IPENZ and Engineers Australia (EA) Members met at the Crossrail Visitors' Centre, near the Tottenham Court Road underground station, for a presentation on the Crossrail project.

Pat Griffin of Crossrail lead us through the lifecycle of the project so far – from the failed initial ideas in the 1990s that some of our Members worked on, through to the resurrected project that received Royal Ascent in 2008 and is currently in design, enabling and procurement.

There are major tunnels to be dug under central London, from Paddington to Stratford and Canary Wharf, and major new stations to be built prior to installing all the railway equipment and connecting to the existing railway in 2017. The project is expected to bring another 1.5 million people within an hour of central London. The usual engineering challenges are prevalent, especially geotechnical, alongside the stakeholder challenges that come from working in the city.



After an entertaining presentation a few of us walked past the hoardings in Goslett Yard, where the demolition was underway by London Underground to enable the construction of Crossrail’s Tottenham Court Road station, to the bar at the Royal George for a well-deserved pint and a catch up on work, travel and favourite places in New Zealand.

## Softball



The annual ANZAC softball match was planned for 25 April. This year we had a good turnout of IPENZ Members, with many members attending the Westminster Abbey ANZAC day service, or watching the London Marathon before heading to Regents Park.

Unfortunately, the dubious weather forecast and ominous grey clouds forced us indoors. We found an aptly named pub, The Engineer, where we enjoyed a drink together before sitting down for a meal. It was disappointing not to play our softball match, but still a great chance to meet with our Australian counterparts.

## AGM

The AGM was held Thursday 17 June 2010 in the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) Offices at 1 Great George Street. Our speaker was Professor Paul Jowitt FIPENZ, President of ICE. He presented his ICE presidential address to an audience of 20.



Paul spoke about taking a “systems” view of engineering, and how important it is to understand that no project stands alone and how the failure of part results in failure of all. An example is the failure of the dyke in New Orleans, causing mass flooding and power outages. Because power failed, so did ATM machines, meaning people were not able to access money to buy necessities such as food and water, and within eight hours the city was suffering from riots and looting. Paul spoke about his presidential goals – critical infrastructure, international development and young engineers.

“Civil engineering is the art of working with the great sources of power in nature for the use and benefit of society.”

The current Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are all standing down. There were no nominations for Chair, so Simone Beesley has agreed to stand in as Acting Chairperson until a Special General Meeting is held.

Rebecca Gray was elected as Secretary, and Kamal Patel will assist Judy as Assistant Treasurer.

## Upcoming Events

### Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting is required to formulate new clauses to the Branch Rules.

This is necessary to better provide guidance to the Committee and Branch members when there are executive member vacancies in the Committee.

**Who:** IPENZ Committee and members

**Where:** Jacobs Office  
Tower Bridge Court  
224-226 Tower Bridge Road  
London  
SE1 2UP

**When:** 6.30pm Tuesday 7 September



### Boat Cruise with Engineers Australia

We have been invited to join EA on their annual Thames Boat Cruise. This is an excellent opportunity to see the Thames from a different view.

**Who:** Members and partners

**What:** EA Boat Cruise

**Where:** Thames River, leaving from Kingston

**When:** Sunday 7 August

### BBQ

The annual BBQ at Henley is one of the highlights of the IPENZ calendar and a unique chance to visit this famous British Club as well as enjoying the company of current and past members and their families. This year it will be held at the start of September.

**Who:** Members and families

**What:** Annual Henley BBQ

**Where:** Henley Rowing Club, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 3JD

**When:** Sunday 5 September



## Branch Committee

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