
July 2017

Chair's Comment

Jonathon Gammon completed his term as chair of the UK branch at the AGM held in February and I was duly elected to replace him.

I am an electrical engineer from Auckland and have been involved in the UK branch since the early 90s. I have been a committee member for many years since then, with a break while working as Resident Engineer for a project in Lebanon. I held the Hon Treasurer position for a number of years and am the current Webmaster.

Having worked for the Auckland Electric Power Board for four years after graduating, I decided it was time for my Big OE. I left NZ at the beginning of '89 and eventually based myself in the UK after an eight month trip through Africa, initially working as a 'live in' barman at a north London pub. My intention was to work in the UK for two years then return to NZ but 28 years later, I am still here and am now firmly resident in Godalming, Surrey with my wife Diana.

I am a specialist in SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) systems and worked for the consulting engineering firm Parsons Brinckerhoff on power industry projects for 25 years before moving on to work for Crossrail on the Elizabeth line rail project.

I hope to meet more of you as the year progresses.

Regards

[Selywn Aickin](#)

Events

CIWEM – Management Expertise from Down Under

5.30pm, 18 July

CIWEM Venue

106-109 Saffron Hill, Farringdon

London EC1N 8QS

Our own Fritha Bevin-Mc-Crimmon will be joining other guest speakers in sharing expertise and knowledge from the other side of the world right here in your own back yard.

CIWEM accordingly invite any UK IPENZ members to join this free event. Doors open at 5.30pm and presentation proper starts at 6pm

RSVP to i.alexiou@hotmail.co.uk



IPENZ Annual Summer BBQ

3 September

Location and details TBC

Get ready for the IPENZ summer 'event of the year', the annual summer BBQ is coming. Keep the day free, and look out for the invite that will be emailed out shortly. Or email editor@ipenz.org.uk for more information



Christmas Soiree with EA

24 November

Penthouse

New Zealand House

This date is now confirmed, so save the date, and book it in you diary now.

Look out for more information closer to the time.

News

From the Editor

Another month has flown by, or make that a few since my last newsletter, so apologies for the break between newsletters.

Thanks for all those members that continue to support our events and our affiliate events. We have had a successful year to date in maintaining our relationships with Hong Kong Engineers, Engineers Australia and Engineers Ireland, and we will endeavor to keep you up to date on relevant events from these other affiliates.

If you are reading this, can you also take the time to follow our new [Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date with upcoming Branch activities, and seeing photos of past events. The more we get looking at this page the better it will be in growing our UK base.

Also don't forget to check out our website [here](#), for more details and other up coming events.

AGM/TECH Talk

In February we held our Annual AGM, followed by Tech Talk by the new Immediate Past Chair Jonathan Gammon on HS2 and its ground investigations – the largest ever undertaken in the UK. It was an eventful evening held at Hays, with over 40 attending.

At AGM, Selwyn Aickin was elected as the new Chair and we also welcomed Stephen onto the Committee.

Chair: Selwyn Aickin

Honorary Secretary: Robert Lorimer

Honorary Treasurer: Judy Henderson

Committee Members: Jonathan Gammon – Immediate Past Chair,
Andrew Delugar, Ian Kirker, David Bigwood, Jennifer Randall, Fritha Bevin-McCrimmon,
Stephen McMillan,

Richard Parkinson – Newsletter Editor,

Liam Duff – Social Media Manager

Selwyn Aickin – Webmaster and Branch IT Facilities Administrator

Branch Support, John Matthews - Professional Competence Co-ordinator, supported by Paul Howard [Professional practice/ competence development]

Technical Talk – Sagrada Familia Project Torres: Designing the Towers

In May we held a Technical Talk carried out by Arup Engineers, and with over 40 people attending, it was a very informative and interesting discussion on one of the world's most famous buildings.

Thank you to Arup for hosting, presenting and sharing their experiences with the wider IPENZ group.



After a continued effort by Ian Kirker, the Committee and friends were very fortunate to be allowed a VIP tour of the McLaren Centre. There, we all got to talk to Amanda McLaren and her husband Stephen, who are now McLaren brand ambassadors, along with Jeff, the lead design engineer for the McLaren Sports Cars.

After a great discussion, while getting to sit in the new McLaren 570S, we were taken on a tour of all the past winning cars - from Bruce's original Austin, through to the latest F1 car, along with a walk past the team's trophy cabinets, which includes Bruce's original Grand Prix victory trophy from Belgium which the team now hold permanently.

A very enjoyable and memorable afternoon was had by the group of gawping engineers

Other events...



It has been busy and IPENZ members have been involved in a number of other events, from the annual ANZAC bowling challenge to the boat cruises with other engineering groups. These have all been a great mix of socialising, professional networking and fun.

Keep an eye out for event notices and keep being involved.

Hays Specialist Recruitment launch 2017 New Zealand Salary Guide

If you are considering a move home, this guide is a must read. As part of the Hays guide, they offer a thorough market overview charting salary policy, recruitment trends, diversity, employer branding and economic outlook for New Zealand. What was evident was the confirmation that confidence remains high in New Zealand's engineering market and salaries are starting to increase in order to attract top talent. Employers will now look to create a role for a strong jobseeker who becomes available and are open to Skype interviews with those seeking a move from overseas: Returning Kiwis being the most highly sought.

Key findings were: 81% of employers see business activity increasing in the next 12 months and 48% of employers intend to increase permanent staff levels in the year ahead. For the full report and to see how your salary may compare against those paid over the last 12 months visit check it out [here](#).

Are you considering a move home?

Keep your eye on the market to identify the right time to make the move back. Refer to the [Hays Quarterly Report](#) for the latest hotspots of demand and talent trends in New Zealand .

Get in touch for the most up-to-date jobs back home with the Engineering specialist Diane Boyce at Hays Globalink in London.

Diane is currently working with a number of design consultancies actively recruiting from the UK through Skype, so please register your interest to be first in line to hear about opportunities with top employers back home: diane.boyce@hays.com tel. 0203 465 0158.

Income Tax Relief for IPENZ UK Residents

To assist members based in the UK, IPENZ has registered with HMRC as an approved professional organisation.

This allows members who pay their own fees to now claim for tax relief on the earned income. UK taxpayers may claim tax relief on expenses incurred in doing their job, this relief is in addition to the GST savings IPENZ members have for not residing in New Zealand so provides further incentive for members living in the UK to change their address.

Further information is available [here](#). As it may take time for the list to be updated, if members wish to obtain the deduction before this update they should quote the Head Office Reference No T1644/25/2017 in correspondence with HMRC.

Contact us

If you have a notice of an engineering-related event, an item of local engineering news, or would like to highlight the achievements of a Branch member, please contact the Newsletter Editor.

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