

NELSON MARLBOROUGH BRANCH

Chair - Steve Neal



Seaview Rd, located between Seddon and Clifford Bay

My two-year tenure as Chair of the Nelson/Marlborough Branch draws to a close at our upcoming AGM. I have been well supported by Matt Straker in the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

Four meetings throughout the year have been well supported with attendance ranging from 21 to 36 people which has been pleasing. Venues included Foresters Café and Rai Tavern in Rai Valley and Slip Inn in Havelock. At our 2018 AGM Nick Stillwell updated us on STEP (previously ASaTS). For our 2018 Xmas meeting we celebrated Vicki Nalder becoming a Fellow of S+SNZ and Graeme Haymes reaching the milestone of 50 years with the Branch. Glenn Stone and Matt Naylor were popular guests at our March meeting with plenty of discussion as to why insurance is an essential part of surveying business. For our fourth meeting Paul Newton and I provided a run down on the S+SNZ 2019 Conference that we attended in Auckland. With our AGM just round the corner we have Sharleen Cole-Swami from AllTerra coming along to talk about the latest developments with survey equipment and software.

Post-earthquake recovery continues in Marlborough and it was welcome news from NCTIR that the majority of construction on the Kaikoura Coast Highway and Rail should finish late 2020 with NCTIR's handover work wrapping up in December 2020. Hearings are complete for the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan and we now wait for release of the decision and the appeal process.

Blenheim's three major greenfield developments are almost complete, and the search is on for more development areas.

The Tasman Makos have kicked off the 2019 season with a solid win against the Wellington Lions. Nelson Airport terminal building is due for completion in October 2019 providing for annual passenger numbers of 1.077 million however growth is expected to slow over the next 12-18 months.

Nelson/Tasman have already successfully adopted the NZVD2016 so the LINZ NZVD2016 Hui 2019 Road Show came through Blenheim in August with a total attendance of 50 people from our local Council, Engineers and S+SNZ membership. Nelson continues with recovering from the Pigeon Valley fires and efforts are underway to pluck burnt pine trees for use in Canterbury construction projects and Nelson housing developments.

By the time you read this report we will have a new Chair and Secretary/Treasurer and I wish them well for the next two years.