

TARANAKI BRANCH

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Branch Meetings:

A relatively quiet year with a total of 3 branch meetings being held since the 2018 AGM. Two representatives from LINZ made the trip South from Hamilton to attend the November meeting to give an update on LINZ happenings, these included the continuing development of ASaTS, the implementation of the Land Transfer Act 2017 and the digitising of the North Island Field book records.

Council Forum:

The New Plymouth District Council held a Resource Management Development forum at the Council Chambers. This was well supported by Branch Members and included discussions on NZS 4404, Strategic Network Planning and an update on the progress of the Proposed District Plan. Council indicated they would like to have these forums on a regular (3 to 4 monthly) basis.

Submission – Review of the Rules for Cadastral Surveys – Stage 2

At the February Branch Meeting, discussions were had regarding the Review of the Rules for Cadastral Surveys – Stage 2 – Part 2 Consultation on proposed changes. As a result of the discussions it was agreed that the Branch make a submission on the proposed changes.

The submission was supportive of the proposed changes in some parts and provided alternative thoughts/proposals on others. One point that the branch felt particularly strongly on was the need to include a Clause relating to “Good Survey Practice” in the Rules.

NZIS AGM and Stake Holders Workshop:

Callum Johns and I again attended the Survey and Spatial AGM and stakeholders’ workshop last October, as per the previous year this was good chance to meet and discuss with other members of the Institute and be involved in group activities relating to the Institutes progression. The evening dinner was very interesting with speeches relating to Surveyors and Surveying in the Antarctic region with some recounting the Erebus tragedy and the Surveyors involved in the aftermath of this.

Obituary:

It was very sad to note the passing of Ralph Winmill in May this year after a battle with cancer. Ralph was a very active member of the institute and a regular attendee of Branch meetings. He will be sorely missed by all.

Conclusion:

By and large things still appear to be reasonably busy in our province with plenty of work around, we look forward to this continuing for the upcoming year.

Thanks to those who have attended the branch meetings and Council Forum over the year and especially Callum and Alan for fulfilling their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.