

## CENTRAL OTAGO BRANCH

Chair - Anthony Field



*S+SNZ Central Otago Branch Members enjoying a classic Mr Whippy icecream at the 2018 Xmas Event*

2018/2019 has been another busy time for the Central Otago Branch, with record growth in the region ensuring there are plenty of new land development and infrastructure projects to keep everyone busy. The Queenstown Lakes District Council in particular has been very proactive in developing stringent new environmental management protocols to ensure Stormwater runoff from land development projects do not compromise the outstanding fresh-water quality that the region is known for.

In terms of events we had a very successful Branch Christmas Function at the Wanaka Bowls Club, where local personalities were more than happy to pass their knowledge of the sport onto the Branch Members who attended. A great night was had by all, with a special visit from Mr Whippy meaning everyone could reminisce running frantically toward the Mr Whippy Van when they heard the Greensleeves tune playing in the neighbourhood.

We had a great presentation on 'Contaminated Land' by Tim Muller at Landpro Cromwell, which was very relevant given the large amount of orchards and wineries in the region. Tim's message was

*"It's not a surveyor's job to tidy up contaminated soil, but that won't stop it affecting your projects, and good cooperation between environmental specialists, surveyors, and everyone else involved is key to getting good outcomes for the environment and the client."*

It was a very informative presentation, and the Branch thanked Tim warmly for his initiative.

We have the LINZ NZVD 2016 Hui coming up shortly which I think will be very informative and we are expecting a great turnout to this event. Finally, we are moving into the busy end of year/silly season period again, and I'm sure Branch Members will be looking forward to a good rest over the Christmas break.

Thanks for all your hard effort and attendance at branch events and meetings and have a great rest of 2019.