

Gisborne

Chair – Paul Ericson

This year has been a very quiet year for the branch. No official meetings were held apart from hosting a meeting in September with Nick Stillwell, who is employed by Survey and Spatial NZ to represent surveyors in the move to the Landonline Replacement. This was followed by a very enjoyable drinks and nibbles session at Crawford Road, funded by our healthy bank account.

We also hosted a meeting with two LINZ Cadastral Surveyors in November and an interesting discussion was had about the rules and Landonline.

In last year's report I reiterated my concern that we were in danger of disappearing as a branch if we weren't careful, and unfortunately that feeling persists. If the branch is to continue with any health, then it does need some fresh ideas from members to revitalise what has become a somewhat dreary format.

I did set a goal for all of us this year to put more into branch activities, with the aim of making meetings more interesting. That hasn't been achieved, and I take the majority of the blame for that. It has not been helped by a significant workload increase that we have all had to bear, but I do welcome ideas as to how we can improve matters locally.