

# NZIGE News

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## Newsletter to Members

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### Presidents Message

Welcome to the second edition of the NZIGE News for 2008.

As if the first quarter didn't fly past quick enough the second seemed to pass even quicker so what was to have been a June newsletter has now become July!

Council has met twice since the last newsletter with planning for the 2008 Spring Technical Seminar well under way and establishment of NZIGEM still a priority but making slow progress.

Subscriptions for the 08/09 year were mailed out in early June so you should have received our invoice from IPENZ.

Viable workshops remain somewhat illusive and while there are a number of concepts that Council have considered, only one is soon to be offered to members. Council remains committed to providing added value to its members through workshops and welcomes any ideas from members on what might be of interest.

It is with sadness that I note the recent passing of Ken Todd who I had the pleasure of working with in my early days as a graduate engineer. Having only just graduated at the time Ken was extremely influential in those early years of learning and someone who I appreciated and valued as a mentor and a friend.

I hope that this newsletter is informative and as always, any suggestions for content are welcome.

Geoff Evans  
**President**

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### Membership

There have been no membership applications received although the following members have resigned since the April 2008 newsletter;

- Mr Michael Cummings (Member)
- Mr Ray Ferner (Associate Member)
- Mr Jim Green (Member)
- Mr Peter Spackman (Member)

Membership numbers as at 1 July 2008 were as follows;

<b>Class</b>	<b>No.</b>
Life Fellow	13
Fellow	7
Member	55
Associate	34
Graduate	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>

## Obituary – Ken Todd (Life F. NZIGE)



It is with sadness that we report the death of Ken Todd on 2 June 2008 in New Plymouth.

Ken's career in NZ commenced in 1983 with the then Hutt Valley Energy Board after emigrating from Scotland. In 1988 Ken moved to New Plymouth to work for New Plymouth Energy until he retired unexpectedly in 1997 due to ill health.

Ken became a member of the NZIGE in November 1983 and in 1997 following a number of years on Council, was elected to Vice President.

Due to Ken's ill health he was unable to complete his term as Vice President and reluctantly resigned from the Council in 1998.

In 1999 was made a Life Fellow in recognition of his contribution to the Institution.

## 2008 Spring Technical seminar

The 2008 Spring Technical Seminar will be held in Rotorua on 15 & 16 September 2008 at Rydges Rotorua.

A special room rate of \$129.00 incl GST has been arranged on "Run of House" and delegates will be able to make their booking arrangements through the registration pack to be sent out soon.

If you don't wish to stay at the Rydges then there is an abundance of alternative accommodation within close proximity of the hotel.

Despite Council's best attempts at ensuring we didn't clash with other events at the same time, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual NZ Energy & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gas Industry Summit's are being held on the same dates. At the time Council became aware of these events it would have been difficult to have changed arrangements already made so the decision was made to proceed as originally planned.

## Call for Presenters & Topics

If you missed the call in our last newsletter to present a paper at the 2008 Seminar then it's not too late but if you are you interested or know someone that might be, then you need to contact the Secretary or President urgently.

The programme is filling quickly and at the last count there were 5 presenters eligible for the Horrocks Medal Award. This award includes not only the prestigious Horrocks Medal but a \$200 gift voucher and a 50% discount on the appropriate registration fee for the next NZIGE seminar.

## 2008 NZIGE Golf Tournament

This year Council has changed the event format to maximise the participation and fun for those wishing to participate in the pre-seminar Golf Tournament.

The event will be held on the afternoon of Sunday 14 September at the 9 hole public Government Gardens Golf course adjacent to Lake Rotorua. This course is a public course and as such has no dress code. Clubs will be available for hire as are motorised golf carts for those that seek the thrill of hitting a ball but aren't fussed or able to walk the course.

As well as providing a more relaxed environment the game format will also be different, based on a team effort rather than individual. The format is known in the golfing world as "Ambrose" where teams, typically of 4 players, each hit their ball with the best shot of the team taken as the place where each member of the team play their next shot.

Confused, then don't worry if you are looking for a fun event where your ability to hit a golf ball, or not, does not really matter, then remember to tick the box for this event on the seminar registration form.

Still not convinced then check out the venue at [www.governmentgardensgolf.co.nz](http://www.governmentgardensgolf.co.nz).



## Seminar Trade Displays

Council will be sending out invitations shortly to companies and organisations who may be interested in exhibiting their products or services at the 2008 Seminar.

Those contacted last year will receive an invitation again this year, but if you have not held a display previously or know of someone who might wish to, then please contact Geoff Brown at [geoff@cus.co.nz](mailto:geoff@cus.co.nz) for an invitation.

## NZ Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers (NZIGEM)

As reported to members previously, the implementation of NZIGEM is on hold until governance requirements and ownership of NZIGEM have been resolved and agreed with the Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers (IGEM).

A telephone conference is being arranged between key NZIGE & IGEM personnel to discuss the matter and hopefully identify a solution which will meet the needs and expectations of both parties.

Further updates will be provided to members as information comes to hand.

## IGEM President's Visit

It is very pleasing to report that both the IGEM President Robert Murray and CEO John Williams will be attending the 2008 Spring Technical Seminar. Although the details have yet to be confirmed, they have both shown an interest in making presentations.



Robert Murray  
IGEM President



John Williams  
IGEM CEO

If you have a specific interest in meeting either Robert or John independent of any NZIGE activity or wish to host them, please contact Geoff Evans. All ideas are welcome and we are very keen to take maximum advantage of an opportunity that does not present itself very often.

Information of the upcoming visit will be provided to members as the details of the President's itinerary are confirmed.

## Workshops in 2008

A metering workshop is being planned on high pressure custody transfer meter proving. It is likely to be facilitated by Steve Caldwell from Colorado Engineering Experiment Station, USA either immediately prior to or after the 2008 Spring Technical Seminar. For those of you that attended last year's seminar you may remember Steve's presentation on "Metering Testing and Developments". Steve is keen to attend this year's seminar so we are taking maximum advantage of the opportunity to run a workshop at the same time.

If you are interested in contributing to the scope of the workshop please contact Peter Roodbeen at [Peter.Roodbeen@vector.co.nz](mailto:Peter.Roodbeen@vector.co.nz).

There are no other workshops in the planning stage at present although there are a number of concepts that Council are considering. However if you have a particular topic or interest that you would like us to consider, please contact the Secretary.

## Review of NZS5442:1999

As reported previously, Peter Roodbeen is the NZIGE representative on the Standards New Zealand expert committee to review NZS5442:1999 Specification for Reticulated Natural Gas.

Further to the previous article in the March 2008 newsletter, Peter has reported that the committee had issued amendments for public comment and that submissions closed on 14 July 2008.

The amendments include;

- The addition of a detailed appendix covering the monitoring and control activities. This will allow downstream parties (retailers and distributors) to meet their legal obligations effectively and to enable all parties in the supply chain to meet their contractual responsibilities.
- update of the test methods
- audit checklist

The committee will be meeting soon to review submissions received.

If you wish to discuss any matter with Peter in his capacity as NZIGE Representative on this committee please feel free to contact him by email at [Peter.Roodbeen@vector.co.nz](mailto:Peter.Roodbeen@vector.co.nz)

## Review of NZS 5258:2003

Standards New Zealand (SNZ) has recently formed an expert committee to review NZS5258:2003 Specification for Gas Distribution Networks.

Following an invitation to NZIGE to nominate a representative on to the review committee Dan Hynson of Council was nominated and accepted onto the committee.

Dan will be known to many as our Vice President having been elected to Council at the 2004 AGM.

He is currently employed by Powerco as Gas Network Planning Manager.

Dan has reported that the committee met for the first time on 1 May 2008 and at that meeting decided to make no further amendments to NZS 5258 but instead to adopt the suite of standards developed by AG 008 to be known as AS/NZS 4645 Gas Distribution Management. The intention is that NZS 5258 is likely to continue in force for the next couple of years but it is expected that companies will move to operate in accordance with the joint standard.

As a consequence Dan has been nominated by Council as the NZIGE representative on the AG008 Committee, which has subsequently been accepted. The committee has since met to review and consider submissions made on AG008 following the recent call from SNZ.

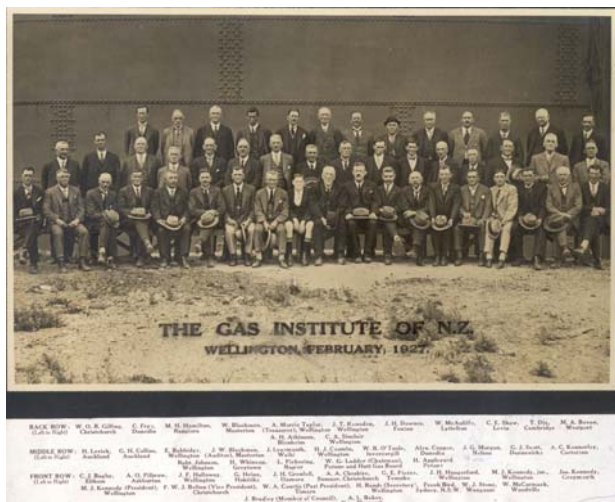
Further updates will be provided in later newsletters but if you wish to discuss any matter with Dan in his capacity as NZIGE Representative on this committee please feel free to contact him by email at [Dan.Hynson@powerco.co.nz](mailto:Dan.Hynson@powerco.co.nz).

## Blast from The Past

After the inclusion of the 1927 Gas Institute of NZ photo in the last newsletter, we received an enquiry from an enthusiastic gentleman whose father and grandfather are in the photo shown in that newsletter (shown again below). Following an exchange of a number of emails we have been invited to view a number of past articles and items of memorabilia which may be of interest to the NZIGE. Council is in the process of making arrangements to view the items and see what may be of interest to ensure they are not lost to the Institution or the industry.

It is likely that what was initially suggested as a gallery or photographs on the NZIGE website could also include images of documents or artefacts of significance. As space might be a premium, where items are of interest but not practical to hold in an open access, a register of items could be available from which members could request copies sent to them.

So if you have photos, documents or artefacts that you would like to share with our members that we could copy and make available then please contact the Secretary or the President. Where items are sent to be copied they will be returned, unless you specifically wish that NZIGE retain them.



The Gas Institute of NZ, Wellington, February 1927

## 2008/09 Annual Subscriptions

By now all members should have received a subscription invoice for the year subscription year commencing on 1 June 2008 and due for payment by 1 August 2008.

If you did not receive an invoice or have any comments or concerns then please contact the Secretary, noting that Life Fellows and Honorary Fellows are exempt from paying subscriptions.

## Missing in Action

If you know the whereabouts of either Gerry Thompson or Edwin de Prinse could you please contact the Secretary if you have their contact details. We have lost contact with both and although we know that they have each moved, we do not have their correct details.

## NZIGE Website

If there is anything that you would like to access on our site or enhancements made then please contact the secretary ([www.nzige.org.nz](http://www.nzige.org.nz)).

## Email Mail-outs

If you received this newsletter by post but would like to receive it by email then please contact the Secretary and we will make the necessary changes.

## NZIGE Scholarship

Council is again offering funding of up to \$2000 to members under the NZIGE Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in seeking sponsorship or know of an event that the NZIGE could offer sponsorship funding to attend, then please contact the President or Secretary for further details.

## IPENZ e.nz magazine

This magazine is available to NZIGE members for \$40 + GST per annum including postage, with 6 issues of the magazine sold on calendar year basis.

If you wish to subscribe please visit <http://e.nz-magazine.co.nz/main.htm>

## Change of Details

If your contact details have changed recently but you haven't advised us of the changes then please contact the Secretary and we will make the necessary changes for you.

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