

PRECAST NEW ZEALAND – INC. 1999
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Presidents Report to the 13th AGM of Precast New Zealand Oct 2012

This is my final report as President as I step down after 4 years to make way for my successor so this is my time for reflection.

I think this has been the most challenging time that any of us has experienced during our working life so it is great to see that other than a few reorganizations, most of our members are surviving and continue to support Precast NZ.

We have continued to represent our members and promote and protect the interests of our industry across all areas, private and government, and through a variety of forums.

In the challenging economic climate, our subscription income has reduced in real terms, and we have not called on members for any levies or project contributions. This has required cutting non essential expenditure so that we retained the resources to maintain our presence and to deal with the unexpected such as earthquake related matters or, legislative or standards or similar issues that may have required unscheduled responses and demands on our funds.

Our initial involvement in Christchurch earthquake related matters was expected to continue with revisions to standards, design guides etc. The revisions to the Concrete Design Standard can not take place until the Loadings Code has been revised to allow for any changes to seismic loadings. The Loadings Code can not be revised until the Building Code has been revised so they know what legislative requirements they have to meet. The Building Code will not be revised until the findings of the Royal Commission into the Canterbury Earthquakes has been released. That is not due until 12 November 2012.

Not only is the Concrete Standard dependent on these prerequisites, the future of NZ Standards is currently under review.

We have needed to retain the ability to input and respond to these areas whenever needed despite uncertain timeframes. There have also been a number of technical papers and design guides issued, that by having no formal or legal standing, manage to confuse the issues around design of our products.

As always there has been much happening behind the scenes. I have represented PCNZ on the CCANZ board. Their budget and resources dwarf ours and as our interests frequently align our continued participation is essential.

We are also have direct representation on a number of other industry bodies such as The Concrete Society, BCITO for industry training, CCIAG, Specialist Trade Contractors Federation etc. And indirectly through those we have input into many others.

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We were invited to participate in a panel discussion on New Building Technologies before the Royal Commission and have been keeping a watch on various submissions made to them the Royal Commission.

There is much that goes on behind the scenes to look after the interests of our industry and prevent unfair competition from competing materials such as steel and timber which are well resourced.

Much of the work carried out by your executive has been paid for by their employers and not charged against subscriptions. I would like to thank the executive for their ongoing efforts and support.

I would particularly like to thank our Associate Members and our other supporters, including CCANZ, all of whom help make our organization stronger and more effective.

So I leave this presidency with the organization in good health, in a sound financial position, and a dedicated executive team in place. Thank you all for your support.