

Supporting Memorandum

8 July 2022

To Manawatu members
Whanganui members

From: Greg Lumsden (Chair Manawatu Branch) and Willy Morrell (Chair Whanganui Branch)

Proposed Branch Amalgamation: Manawatu and Whanganui

The Manawatu and Whanganui Branches have raised with National Office the prospect of merging. This paper has been prepared at the request of the Branches to support a motion to merge.

Background

The Manawatu Branch has 17 contractor, local contractor branch, or contractor subsidiary members and 7 branch associate members.

The Whanganui Branch has 6 contractor, local contractor branch, or contractor subsidiary members and 2 branch associate members.

Both Branches are reasonably active, but there are limited opportunities to grow the Branch membership numbers or to hold events/activities that attract member participation as separate Branches.

Both Branches are financially sound (see attached financial statements at 31 March 2022).

Proposal

The Branches consider it appropriate to seek approval for the amalgamation of the two branches.

Benefits of proposal include:

- Amalgamation of the two branches will create a stronger branch
- A merged branch will create more scale from which to approach and influence customers including local authorities
- Members will have access to a wider network of contractor and associate members
- The proposed amalgamation would create increased opportunities for Whanganui and Manawatu members to participate in all the planned activities whilst sharing the branch workloads.
- Manawatu and Whanganui contractor members and Branch Associates will automatically become members of the merged Branch.
- A merger will streamline administration (one committee, joint meetings including AGMs)

Terms of the proposed merger

Greg Lumsden (Chair Manawatu Branch), Willy Morrell (Chair Whanganui Branch), and Grant Radovanovich (CCNZ Regional Manager Central) have met to discuss the terms of the proposed merger, and have agreed as follows:

- The name of the new entity will be Manawatu Whanganui Branch, with the email address (if possible) Manawatu-Whanganui@civilcontractors.co.nz
- Greg Lumsden will continue as the Branch Chair, with Willy Morrell becoming Vice Chair. They will hold these positions until the 2023 AGM, at which time they may be available for re-election.
- The current Manawatu secretary, Maree Keelty, will continue as the Branch secretary. The Whanganui secretary will step down from the role on confirmation of the merger.
- A committee of 6 members, with 3 committee members in each region. They will be tasked with encouraging local members to meet regularly and will be supported with Branch funds.
- Life members of both Branches will become life members of the new Branch.
- Finances will be combined into one account as soon as possible after such time as the merger is confirmed.
- It is proposed that a combined welcome function/Branch launch event be held utilising the Hirepool Branch allocation.
- Funds to be available for some members of the NEOC team to attend Wheels over Wanaka if there is still consideration of holding the NEOC there sometime in the future.
- Every 3rd meeting will be held in Whanganui, one will be held midway (Feilding, Marton, Bulls) and remaining meetings to be held in Manawatu. The Branch will ensure fair representation across the regions.
- The Regional Manager Central will continue to visit each region to meet with members and attend Branch meetings.

Recommendation

- Both Chairs, Greg Lumsden and Willy Morrell, support a merger of the Manawatu and Whanganui Branches on these terms, and recommend that eligible Full contractor members and Branch life members vote in favour of the motion circulated with memo.

