



Chairman's Annual Report Summary – Sam Paterson

What a busy year across the Canterbury / Westland Region.

Having stepped into the chairman role following on from Jeremy Dixon a year ago, it has been amazing to see first-hand the willingness of the committee, as well as the wider contracting and associate members support of one another.

The committee as always has spent considerable effort adding real value to its members and associate members. In the year that's been we have managed to deliver a large social calendar based around speakers, social events and online training to accommodate the conditions Covid has created.

We were able to hold our Regional Excavator Operator Competition (REOC) under specific health and safety protocols. It was great to see our members and their staff given the opportunity to compete having had so many things cancelled in recent years.

With support from Cable Price the event was again held at the Road Metals quarry with competitors and close family in attendance. We had a large number of entrants, with the deserving winners being Gareth Butcher, Texco Groundworks, for Expert and Overall winner, and William Mcilrick, Fulton Hogan, the Novice category winner. It was a fantastic day all round, thanks to Road Metals and the committee members who organised and ran this.

Our annual Contractor of the Year awards evening was a challenge to deliver in 2022. The initial event in November was postponed to January before being cancelled in preference for an online event held in April. I would like to thank the Contractor of the Year organizing committee, in particular Emily Peacock, who spent countless hours pulling off our event. We had a record number of awards entries received, which was surprising considering the year, but reflects the amazing work being delivered by our members across the region. Special thanks to all sponsors that supported us through the challenges, also to the major sponsors Hynd's and Franklin Smith.

The branch is in both a strong financial and membership position, this has only been enhanced in the past year with 8 new members coming on board and 6 resignations. Associate member numbers are steady at 38. Branch finances remain stable, which has enabled the Branch to invest back into its members and the wider industry.

We have paused our local Connexis Scholarships for members, which was a recurring initiative from previous years. This was done in an effort to mitigate a loss associated with the COTY and the fact the course could not be delivered in a face-to-face classroom environment. We believe it important to support this type of initiative and expect that it will be reincorporated in the next FY's Budget.

We have continued our support in the Inzone Careers Coach through their Career's experience and Kiosks. In this initiative, support is focused on attracting school leavers to our industry, as a way of partly addressing a shortage of up-and-coming employees. We hope that this enterprise will be supported in the future at a national level as we all stand the opportunity to benefit.

We have also created some regional video content that will be shared shortly via social media platforms to attract and connect potential employees to our region and industry. Information of applicants will be shared with the members in due course.

All of this has been happening in a year where the local market has been busy off the back of investment in the commercial and private property sector and council capital works. Most projects are hotly contested, with a significant contractor workforce base in the greater Canterbury Westland region.

There is general concern about the uncertainty that Water Reform will bring to our sector and the continuity and visibility of the pipeline. We as an industry need stability to ensure that we can make the right decision for our businesses. We will be looking for CCNZ National to continue to advocate and communicate information related to this issue to our region to enhance.

The committee has worked hard this year to provide value, I would like to recognise this and thank them for their efforts. Many go over and above expectations and commit significant time to the cause. We meet each month to help where we can, raise issues where needed as advocates for members, and provide events to upskill and inform our industry. Also, ngā mihi to our associates and sponsors for their support, and our members for their engagement.

A special thank you to our South Island Regional Manager at CCNZ, Ollie Turner who has decided to step down after 13 years of service. Ollie is a very well-respected member of the construction fraternity and will be missed.

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