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## PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE 2015 – 2016 YEAR

It is my pleasure to present this 15<sup>th</sup> annual President's Report.

Welcome to the ICS AGM, once again at the Sudima Hotel venue - maybe next year we will get to that exotic meeting site, but until that time we will continue to do what we do best: *firmly and effectively representing the practicing survey fraternity in the interests of the profession and the community.*

The last 12 months have seen significant improvements, challenges and redefinition of our roles as professional surveyors - for example, the proposed new Act specifying how the earthquake affected Canterbury land is to be defined. The Institutes input to this Act is partially responsible for its protracted appearance. The Act is, we believe, redundant, but then a lot of the Wellington activity is just that.....

The ICS monitoring, response and input into the growth and development of the Survey Profession in NZ is testimony to our commitment and clarity and forethought, all of which may one day be 'terms' we could apply to LINZ.

Which brings me to our relationship with LINZ.

One of our 'projects' for a number of years has been the development and clarification of the structure of the CSD. Our encouraging letters to LINZ inviting discussion on this have largely been fended off, and our requests to the Minister have kept the matter live but with little progress. At the time of writing this report, LINZ had contacted our Institute and wanted a meeting to discuss the 'structure'. We have not let this matter slide because of the implications on the LCS liability, and it is somewhat refreshing that LINZ have now at least acknowledged the existence of the 'structure' as laid out by our Institute. All things being equal, a preliminary face-to-face meeting with LINZ staff will have taken place by the time we meet for the AGM. I am looking forward to an update. Special thanks to Bruce and Brent for leading this.

We previously had an agreement with LINZ that ICS input would be invited at Policy level when the RCS was being reviewed. This has not progressed, as the final format of the Canterbury Property Boundaries and Related Matters Bill will affect the RCS. We are not holding our breath, except that the ICS has decided not to wait. We have prepared a revised RCS, in a format commensurate with the CSD structure, and published this on the ICS website for comment. It is appropriate at this point to make special mention of the work done by Bruce Speirs. Thank you Bruce.

During the year we have, through various members, contributed to discussions about issues affecting the profession, including the Canterbury Working Party on Earthquake Affected Boundaries. The overall feeling amongst those freely giving their time and expertise is that LINZ/Government should be compensating those people for their professional input. A Policy document is being prepared by the Institute on such engagements, so it is conceivable that from this, the Government may eventually recognise the 'expert' support they get.

One of the ongoing joys of the Institute is that of our image and direction. Our trusty 'beacon' logo has outgrown its 'position' in the profession, and our new logo eminently captures the 'bigger' picture and reeks of a professional body with the whole of the country at heart. How appropriate.

Interaction and communication is contradictorily easier and more complex now than it ever was, with the majority of people preferring to search, gather and disseminate information whilst comfortably seated at their computer. The ICS Forum on our website has proved to be an excellent move, it means we are catering for, and keeping pace with technology and the needs of the profession. Brent and Alex have done, and continue to do, a sterling job with this, thank you.

One of the surprises with the ICS is that despite being the first off the rank on every matter and event; despite being the best value for subscription for any group; and despite being proactive in our support of LINZ; our membership has plateaued. Part of the AGM's technical program will be looking at the ICS direction and future - your input is required on this.

During the last year we updated the Cadastral Index 'compatibility' with the latest offering from Windows. Computer technology is 'live' - upgrading is a sad fact of modern life. (Although I suspect Bruce has a DOS computer with KING software).

Thank you to the ICS Executive Members, Bruce, Brent and Mark - our 'debates' and discussions are testimony to the enthusiasm and drive that that Institute has, thank you.

After 15 years the ICS is as powerful and effective as ever. The input and support from all members makes the job easier, however, our profession relies on our ability to see the distant goal; to see the paths that can be taken to get there, and the passion to make a path choice and never lose sight of that goal.

Thank you for your support and the teamwork over the last 12 months. Please indulge in the wealth of information that will be available to you today and never give up believing that you as an individual can make our profession a better, stronger, more efficient contributor to the shape and size of New Zealand.

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