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PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE 2016– 2017 YEAR

It is my pleasure to present this 16th annual President's Report.

Welcome to the ICS AGM. At 16 years of age in NZ, you can get your learners licence; leave home; leave school; get married; work full time at the minimum wage; be expelled from school; decide which parent you want to live with; get a welfare benefit; apply for a firearms license; consent to sex; change your name; apply for an adult passport; and you can fly a plane solo IF your instructor authorises you to.

The ICS is 16, some of those privileges and restrictions do not apply to the us, and relax, some of the consensual ones are definitely not on the agenda. But we did decide from the get-go to leave the traditional passive and cooperative home and be an Institute in our own right. Despite a few initial directional wobbles, we did get our learners license pretty quickly with the demolition of accreditation; the establishment of the Cadastral Index; a Regulations Review appearance; and being instrumental in numerous reviews and re-wording of various Rules and Regulations. I suspect that the Institute would have been expelled on a number of occasions if that option were even remotely available.

We have now advised LINZ that if they want our assistance that they must pay the minimum wage applicable to our level of expertise, and we have made subtle changes to our name and Logo. Initially, we had the most unimpressive image. For example, our first "Invitation" to all surveyors to join the Institute, but oh boy have we come of age. Our Logo and presentation and communication skills have exceeded the curriculum, and we are well and truly recognised by all the authorities. I think it fair to say the ICS has earned its passport to the future. The metaphorical bullets we have fired have been right on target, we are not straying from our mission statements and for our sibling to openly recognise and support our cause is almost like flying solo. Except that our feet will never leave the ground in every sense.

The Sudima has once again put on a lovely warm sunny day and I believe that a move to a more northerly meeting place is more than just a rumour for the AGM 2018.

But in the meantime, we will continue to excel in ***effectively represent the practicing survey fraternity in the interests of the profession and the community.***

Once again, the last 12 months has challenged us all. The new Christchurch boundary definition Act has been thoroughly road tested; the new SG has continued to make his mark; the anticipation of ASATS and the new Landonline continues to grow; the complete revamp of the Rules has well and truly set off down the road, with ICS expert input as well as consultation input involving the Institute, being written into the agenda. All those years of work, ably led by Bruce, have cemented the Institute's place in influencing the direction of all survey related legislation.

Most recently, the office of the SG promoted that SO plans were an acceptable option for the re-definition of earthquake affected land. This 'option' may well have economic and LINZ benefits, but has been challenged head-on by the Institute because an SO has no apparent value to the person actually paying for the re-definition of the land, viz the land-owner. LINZ has not been able to respond to that challenge. Sometimes 16 year-olds are hard to argue with.

To that (communication) end, we have expanded on a strategic direction workshop the Institute initiated last year with Lukey Resources, and thanks to a team led by Brent, a Communications Policy document has been drafted. This is an impressive step. It gives a sense of solidarity, cohesiveness, maturity and independence befitting of an Institute that exists in its own right.

The Institute is no longer recognised as a group of individuals looking in the same direction, it is recognised as an Institute where all the members are looking in the same direction.

The new Logo, the new policies, and the freedom and rights that come with being 16, mean an exciting, rewarding and challenging future is waiting for the Institute. That is not to say that those features did not exist before.

Our technical endeavours with the cadastral index have evolved, with the implementation of the annual fee (to allow for upgrades covering software advances); the pursuing of access to the post 300000 series TIFF's; the members chat forum; website appearance, navigation and access; and the on-going discussion and communications are all high priorities and are recognised as essential for the Institute's survival.

But they are not our sole purpose. Working with LINZ on requisition analysis and management is proving to be entertaining and challenging, and this coupled with how LINZ allocate and manage CSD checking and approvals is not just a sub-plot, it may become a feature story. As this progresses we are creating a stronger communication bridge with LINZ and there is always hope that LINZ will one day recognise the growth achievable by working together.

The expertise inherent in the Institute's executive, Bruce, Brent, Alex, Pat and Mark has meant that any issue identified by the Institute or thrown at the Institute, has simply and efficiently been dealt with. The mutual respect that I have been aware of all year has been one of the strengths underpinning the Institute's growth in mana and impact. I am proud of where the Institute is, and so

should we all. We started from a little molehill in Rangiora (no disrespect meant to Dick's billiard room) and are now quite rightly the mountain.

But all things have a cost. We are more than happy to see Bruce's smiling face here today, and we each have made small or not so small changes and sacrifices in our personal life to help and contribute to the entity of the Institute. No one should ever regret the path they have taken, always look forwards, this is perhaps the difference between the Warriors and the All Blacks. But talking of forwards, the time has come for a change in the front row.

Last year I made it clear that it was time for me to hand over, and it is time for Bruce to take his foot off the accelerator. Deciding who your parents will be and where you live is a right 16 year-olds have earned, although my preference is that we continue to learn and grow as an inter-dependent team. Based on the executive performance over the last year, I have no concerns that this will be the case. In fact, the expertise and knowledge base has grown and broadened so far that I think the time is exactly right for a leadership change (no this is not a key address or a little quote).

From the "Dick, Bruce and Simon show" which first aired in 2002, to the ICS (Inc) now in its 16th season - with a cast of 40 - a huge thank you to all those whose support and the teamwork and initiative and strength and determination has created a soundly based body representing the practicing Cadastral Surveyors in the interests of the profession and the Community.

I am proud, and so should you be, and the whole of New Zealand should be saying thank you to the ICS.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your President.

Simon Jenkin

President ICS

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