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PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE 2013– 2014 YEAR

It is my pleasure to present this 13th annual President's report.

There is a saying “the only constant in this world is change”

There is another “If you think you are under control then you do not know what is going on”

Another exciting year for Cadastral Surveyors, the release of the Lodgement Standards, a changing of the Guard with Don Grant being exported to Australia and Mark Dwyer picking up the SG's role.

Don was SG when the Institute appeared on the scene, we have had countless meetings and even more countless letters with the SG's office, and during that time Don has maintained a consistent stance, he has listened and he has been prepared to enter into frank discussions. Thank you Don for your support and advice over the years.

We have yet to meet with Mark, and I have no doubt that will be sooner rather than later

A couple of items must be included here, firstly, that Dr Chris Hoogsteden, lecturer, friend, mentor and advisor to many, if not all surveyors, passed away earlier this year. Chris's contribution to all our careers was given freely and openly, he was a man who happily made a presentation at our AGM 3 years ago, he was always approachable, and some of you may not know that in his prime his best marathon time was 2 hr and 20 minutes. It has been an honour to have met Chris.

The second important item is the loss of John Cotton. John has been a regular attendee to the AGM, his input was always welcome, and he was prepared to get involved and share his knowledge which was appreciated.

Both these men have died well before their 4 score years and 10, sometime there is no rhyme or reason, we just have to work with facts and be very aware and appreciative of their contributions. I have expressed my condolences on behalf of the Institute.

Meantime, back at the coal face, the ongoing joys of requisitions and lodgement requirements resulting from technology continue to frustrate, I have on record the closest thing to an apology, when the Approving Officer thanked me for ‘sorting that out’.

And of course, ASaTS, roll on the 23 century, wasn't it Bill Birch (BSurv) who started “Think Big” with his little piglet friend?, Well, now its “what ideal end product do we want”, the concept of cost, technology, time, etc, will just sort itself out on the way.....perhaps a little cynical, but the foundation needs to be faultless, large failures originate from tiny flaws.

And the new Rules by the end of 2015, I am holding my breath, it is awfully quiet in that Dept, perhaps today during the presentations we will be enlightened. The Institute is ready and waiting for the invite into the Policy forum.

Each year gets faster, and each catastrophe gets larger (or seems to), I seem to have more correspondence from lawyers than from clients (maybe there's something wrong with my customer relations department?) and people are still reluctant to pay....moan moan

But the ICS is strong and vibrant, always looking to the future, always aware of our mission statements, always looking at improving the Cadastral index, and always encouraging LINZ to acknowledge that all the rules and regulations are exclusively to make our job easier. Their focus should be on how to enable us to provide them with the product they want. This focus is not always visible.

As your President, I would encourage all of our members to become more involved in your organisation. A simple response to a consultation request is the only commitment needed if that suits you, we are a body representing Surveyors, membership mandate is important, and in the real world, you cannot complain or bathe in the glory if you have not contributed.

The ICS will always have an impact. We are not restricted by policy, i.e., we have no affiliations or associations, we are prepared to listen and act on any aspect of Cadastral Surveying, after-all, we are the front line, we have no choice but to use the equipment (aka RCS etc) provided by the management, we cannot afford to work with anything but the best equipment and support, we are defining the future.

And finally, a big thank you to the members here, your attendance is reassuring and today's program will not disappoint. Your Institute, with the input and support of its members, will continue to play a vital role in the profession, and of course, it would not survive without management, a big thank you to Bruce & Brent, and please take the opportunity today to ask questions, and get involved, it might even be fun!

Thank you

Simon Jenkin

ICS President

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