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The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand represents business services and advocacy in the consulting industry for engineering and related professionals.

**ACENZ**
- Over 175 Members directly employing in excess of 10,000 professional and technical staff.
- More than one and a half billion dollars turnover p.a. (total member firms) translates to between 15 and 20 billion dollars of completed capital plant and infrastructure.
- Nearly all consulting engineering firms in this country are ACENZ members.

**ACENZ**
- The Trusted Advisor to government, public sector, member firms and their clients.

**ACENZ**
- Committed to achieving ‘public good’ outcomes in association with its representation of member firms & industry interests and promoting safety in design.

**ACENZ**
- Provides an informed and representative role in the development of relevant public policy regulation and legislation.
- Important participant and contributor within the national construction industry.
- Committed to advocating and advising on health and safety in the workplace.

**ACENZ**
- Believes in quality management and Quality Based Selection (QBS) for design services.
- Provides practice notes and guidance to its members to assist them in implementing appropriate standards, and to enable them in offering their clients a superior service.

**ACENZ**
- Active proponent of consistent and robust processes, documentation, and terms of engagement in the engineering related consulting industry.
- Promoting that leadership values be demonstrated by professionals working in the built and natural environment.

**ACENZ**
- Members subscribe to a code of ethics that requires them to be responsible professionals who consider the effect of their work on society, and who ensure that their advice is technically competent to ensure safe and sustainable outcomes.

**ACENZ**
- Members employ a range of professional staff, including engineers, surveyors, architects, planners and scientists.
- Versatility and broad experience allows consulting engineering firms to offer a complete consulting service to their clients.

**ACENZ**
- The collective knowledge and skills of ACENZ members is an important source of sound advice to both the public and private sectors.

**ACENZ**
- Worldwide insight and exposure to engineering related matters through being a member, and active participant, in FIDIC (The International Federation of Consulting Engineers).
It was a privilege to meet members on the roadshow and hear confirmation that work loads are increasing in line with the improving New Zealand economy. While in Christchurch it was especially heart-warming to see the resilience, enthusiasm and support of local members, a lot of whom have been through arduous times over the last 3 years. Having been put to the test, Christchurch is rising above ground to develop into a new vibrant city over the next 15 to 20 years. With the anticipated amount of work in the natural and built environment planned throughout New Zealand over the next two decades, as workloads increase, careful attention must be provided to take the time necessary to complete thorough work reviews both in the office domain and on the construction sites to ensure that quality is delivered.

The ACENZ role as Trusted Adviser and Leader in the natural and built environment is continually strengthening with a growing number of requests arriving from key decision makers in local and central government for ACENZ to provide advice relating to good governance outcomes. It seems New Zealand society is looking to engineers for leadership more than I can recall. An opportunity is being handed to engineers to be involved in many differing leadership roles.

As leadership opens up with opportunities to influence and guide, we must not lose sight of the responsibility that accompanies leadership. ACENZ must continue to tread carefully in a considered way under the strategic guidance of the board, to ensure the opportunity of serving maximises the benefit to our nation.

Keys to ACENZ’s ongoing leadership success will be having;
- Relationships based on our commitment to serving
- Focus on excellence and innovation

This increased opportunity to influence people in key positions nationally adds to the already large work load on ACENZ resources and especially the staff team. As demands on the staff team grow, this needs to be matched by our commitment to provide resources necessary to maintain the quality of service for which ACENZ is renowned. Following moves to connect better with young professionals in member firms, it was pleasing to see a surge of interest shown in ACENZ resulting in high attendance of young professionals at functions throughout the year. ACENZ has a great future with member firm staff numbers surpassing 10,000 for the first time and the developing relationship with young professionals grows. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment & enthusiasm provided by all the board members over the last 2 years which has maintained ACENZ’s strong leadership and strategic management.

ACENZ reaps many rewards of exemplary work that our dedicated staff team, who supported by members, perform and deliver well above what would normally be expected. It has been personally very rewarding to work alongside our Chief Executive, Kieran Shaw, ably supported by Holly and Rachel – “Thank you”.

Lyall Green
President
ACENZ PEOPLE

The ACENZ organisation is comprised of an elected governing board of seven members chaired by the ACENZ president. Up to twelve area representatives facilitate ACENZ activities at regional level. The ACENZ staff team consists of a chief executive, an office manager and a corporate services & communications manager.

ACENZ STAFF TEAM:

Left to Right: Kieran Shaw - CEO, Holly Morchat - Corporate Services & Communications Manager, and Rachel Duffy - Office Manager

BOARD MEMBERS:

Left to Right: Lyall Green - President, Design Management Consultants (Hamilton); Keryn Kliskey - Vice-President, Opus International Consultants Ltd (Auckland); Mike Kerr - Central Region, Beca (Wellington); Ash Wilson - Southern Region, Lewis Bradford Consulting Engineers (Christchurch); Craig Davidson - Non-Region One, AECOM (Auckland); Derek McCoy - Northern Region, Parsons Brinckerhoff (Auckland); Rachel White - Non-Region Two, Richardson Stevens Consulting Engineers (Whangarei); Shamus Wallace - Future Leader, Tonkin & Taylor (Christchurch)

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

Left to Right: Andrew Congalton - North Shore, Engineering Design Consultants (Albany Village); Gareth Harding - Northland, Cook Costello (Whangarei); Ida Dowling - Auckland, Jacobs New Zealand Ltd (Auckland); Anna Wilkins - Waikato, Traffic Design Group (Hamilton); Paul Burton - Bay of Plenty, Geotechnics (Tauranga); David Hutchinson - Taranaki, Chapman Oulsnam Spiers (New Plymouth); Daniel Muller - Wellington, Aurecon (Wellington); Trent Downing - Gisborne/Hawke’s Bay, Opus International Consultants Ltd (Napier); Richard Evans - Nelson/Blenheim, Smart Alliances (Blenheim); Jan Kupec - Canterbury/West Coast, Aurecon (Christchurch); Aaron Drake - Otago/Southland, MWH New Zealand (Dunedin)
GOVERNANCE

The ACENZ board is responsible for governance of the association and, in addition to governance responsibilities, board members are allocated a portfolio responsibility for various projects. They are assisted by area representatives in regions throughout the country. Area representatives are the first point of contact for local members, and assist in welcoming new and potential members.

Board portfolios:
Lyall Green (President) – Finance/Construction/Marketing/SMEs
Keryn Kilskey (Vice-President) – Infrastructure/Transport
Graham Chapman (Past President) – Contracts
Mike Kerr – Local Government/Health & Safety
Craig Davidson – 3 Waters/Resource Management Act
Derek McCoy – Energy/Mining
Ashley Wilson – Construction/Christchurch Rebuild
Rachel Wright – Diversity/Young Professionals
Shamus Wallace – Developing Leader Award/Young Professionals

Under ACENZ Practice Note 11 which defines ACENZ rules, governance is covered as below:

10.01 The control, governance and conduct of the affairs of the association shall be vested in the board, which shall have and may exercise all the powers of the association which are not, by an enactment or by these rules, required to be exercised by the association in general meeting.

10.02 The board shall comprise:
   a) the president
   b) the vice-president or immediate past president
   c) three regional board members
   d) two non-regional board members
   e) An option for up to two co-opted members to be seconded for a one-year term

10.03 The three regional board members shall represent the following regions:
   a) Northern: Northland/North Auckland, Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty
   b) Central: Taranaki, Wanganui, Manawatu, Gisborne, Hawke’s Bay, Wairarapa, Wellington, Nelson and Marlborough
   c) Southern: Canterbury, West Coast, Otago and Southland

10.04 At any meeting of the board, the quorum necessary for the conduct of any business shall be four members, one of whom shall be either the president or the vice-president or immediate past president.
GOVERNANCE (CONTINUED)

The 55th AGM was held in July 2013 in Tauranga at which Lyall Green of Design Management Consultants (Hamilton) completed his first year as president. He now serves in his second year before handing over to Keryn Kliskey of Opus International Consultants Ltd at conference in 2014.

Thanks were expressed to board members Graham Chapman from URS and Phil Gormack of Babbage Consultants Ltd, who completed their terms of office. Area representatives Aaran McPherson from Cook Costello, Chris Grainger & Robert van Bentum both from MWH New Zealand and Chris Purchase from Jacobs were thanked for their service in the role.

In 2013 Derek McCoy from Parsons Brinckerhoff began his role on the board along with 2012 Future Leader Award Winner Shamus Wallace from Tonkin & Taylor. Starting roles as Area representatives for 2013 are Gareth Harding from Cook Costello for Northland, Daniel Muller from Aurecon for Wellington and Aaron Drake from MWH New Zealand for Otago/Southland regions.

Each year the ACENZ strategic outlook is reviewed by the board and area representatives. Although the fundamental objective of strategic focus is to support members’ business interests, there is a more lateral and assertive move to promote the industry to major client groups and the government in order to encourage and influence a better business operating environment for consulting engineers. There is also a major focus on building up a wider industry, client group and public sector networks together with expanding influential contacts to help achieve that outcome. ACENZ strives to be well informed on upcoming issues or matters of importance, to provide proactive input into the relevant processes, and to alert and advise members where they may be affected by outcomes.

ACENZ WOULD LIKE TO THANK BOARD, AREA REPRESENTATIVES, AND ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS THAT HELP ACENZ REMAIN THE TRUSTED ADVISOR
2013 INNOVATE NZ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE JUDGING PANEL:
Andrew Read (Convenor), Steve Abley, Geoff Banks, David Bridges, Alistair Cattanach, Win Clark, Steve Gentry, Brett Harries, Allan Leahy, Alec McCulloch, Bob Nelligan, Ray Patton, Ernst Sansom, Derek Smith, Murray Spicer, Gavin Still, Adam Thornton, David Brunsdon, Jim Dobbie, Herb Farrant, Steve Jenkins, Trevor Matuschka, Brent Meekan, Michael Simpson, David Voss, Ash Wilson and Cam Wylie

STRUCTURAL FOCUS GROUP:
Adam Thornton, Arthur Park, Ash Wilson, Lyall Green

DEVELOPING LEADERS GROUP:
Rachel Wright, Jan Kupec, Shamus Wallace, Samir Govind

PRACTICE NOTES:
Nominated Board members and volunteers

REMUNERATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES:
Strategic Pay

TRANSPORT FOCUS GROUP:
Alan Lees, Alastair MacRitchie, Angie Crafer, Brent Meekan, Chris Grainger, David Proctor, Derek McCoy, Don McKenzie, Graeme Doherty, Graham Chapman, Martin Leak, Mike O’Halloran, Richard Hancy, Scott Bready, Steve Abley, Tony Innes, Andrew Metherell, Andrew Watt, Andrew Whaley, Bryce Carter, Cathy Forrest, Darren Fidler, Grant Lovell, Jamie Poval, Melanie Muirson, Mike Tottman, Shelley Perfect, Keryn Kliskey

THREE WATERS GROUP:
Craig Davidson, Colin Cranfield, Robert White

HEALTH & SAFETY GROUP:
Holly Morchat, Chloe Stewart-Tyson, Doug Johnson, Gary Clark, Don McKenzie, Ian Williams, Lyall Green, Alan Handrickan, Tony Innes, Lisa Wills

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:
Rachel Wright, Shamus Wallace, Ida Dowling, Holly Morchat

ACENZ CONTRIBUTORS & LIAISON TO OFFICIAL BODIES AND INDUSTRY TASK FORCES

STANDARDS NZ REVIEW:
Andrew Brickell (NZS 3910) - now completed

ELECTRICAL WORKERS’ REGISTRATION BOARD:
Stuart Gordon

TRANSPORT ENGINEERING POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME:
Dave Petrie - now completed

MBIE ADVISORY GROUP:
Adam Thornton, Kieran Shaw

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL (CIC):
Kieran Shaw

NZCIC PROCUREMENT BEST PRACTICE WORKING PARTY:
Kieran Shaw

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
Kieran Shaw

ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP FORUM (ELF):
Kieran Shaw

PRODUCER STATEMENTS REVIEW:
Adam Thornton, Arthur Park, Kieran Shaw, Ross Meijer, and individuals from other professions

NZ TRANSPORT AGENCY MoU LIASION GROUP:
Keryn Kliskey, Derek McCoy, Kieran Shaw

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS (FIDIC):
Adam Thornton, Graham Chapman, Kieran Shaw
MEMBER STATISTICS

NUMBER OF MEMBER FIRMS 1995 - 2014

NUMBER OF TOTAL PERSONNEL IN MEMBER FIRMS: 1995-2014
## MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS
### INNOVATE NZ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2013 WINNERS:

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2013 TELECOM & ACENZ FUTURE LEADER AWARD  
*Winner: Jamie Lester, Opus International Consultants Ltd*

Jamie Lester is a structural engineer, working for Opus International Consultants for the past eight years. A graduate from the University of Canterbury in 2004 with a Bachelor in Civil Engineering, Jamie remains living and working in Christchurch with his wife and three young children.

Jamie has been heavily involved in the response to the Canterbury earthquakes, being instrumental in evaluations of some key buildings including the severely damaged Catholic Cathedral. Recently involved in the design of the innovative Trimble Building using Pres-Lam construction, he has contributed to the development of Pres-Lam as a feasible construction form. He has been successful in raising the profile of the structural engineering profession through a TV documentary, news stories and radio/print interviews. Jamie enjoys volunteer work, by offering services for a local church, helping them with initial post-earthquake inspections and engineering advice. In addition to enjoying family time, Jamie is an avid tramper.

Jamie’s application was supported by outstanding references from Sulo Shanmuganathan, Opus’ Chief Technical Officer, Stefano Pampanin, Chair of the Structures/Geotechnical Cluster of the University of Canterbury, and Paddy Beban, the Diocesan Financial Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch.

2013 PRESIDENTS AWARD  
*Winner: Colin Crampton, Capacity Infrastructure Services*

Colin was a Group Manager with the New Zealand Transport Agency responsible for the operation and improvement of the state highway network at the time of the award. He currently is Chief Executive of Capacity Infrastructure Services.

As a Civil Engineer with some 25 years experience in the transport sector, Colin is interested in the practice of general management and the leadership of people and when allowed likes to maintain currency around procurement practice.

Colin is further involved in the engineering industry, serving as a board member for the Stronger Christchurch Infrastructure Rebuild Team (SCIRT). He graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering, Civil from the University of Canterbury and Deakin University with a Diploma of Business Administration.

In his free time, Colin enjoys yoga, kayaking, and other challenge sports. He has been involved and completed the Speight’s Coast to Coast multisport race for many years. He is supported by his family, a daughter who is a promising netball player, 11 year old son and wife.
2013 TONKIN & TAYLOR ACENZ
BEST PRACTICAL WORK REPORT AWARD
Winners: Charlotte Davis, Ben MacLaren and Lara Bussen (all from University of Auckland)

The student awards were introduced by ACENZ in 1996. Tonkin & Taylor is pleased to sponsor this award jointly with ACENZ since 2010. This award highlights the importance of written communication skills that are essential for report writing in the business of engineering, and promotes career opportunities within the consulting engineering industry.

Fourth year engineering students are invited to submit their practical work report as part of the Bachelor of Engineering Degree prescriptions. The entries are judged on report writing and the student’s ability to describe the work they carried out and their experience gained, rather than on the duties undertaken.

Tonkin & Taylor and ACENZ would like to thank all the tertiary institutes and their students who submitted their practical work report this year. The judges acknowledge that all reports received were of a high standard.
Gold winners are the premier award of the INNOVATE NZ Awards of Excellence. This award acknowledges a superior project or innovative achievement that rises above and beyond what is considered to be standard service quality or engineering technology. The process is vigorous and thorough with no less than four judges to evaluate each project concluded with a summary evaluation by all 20-25 members of the judging panel. Physical site visits and client interviews are conducted for finalist projects to determine which projects are Gold, Silver or Merit worthy. This rigorous process is what contributes to the reputation of the INNOVATE NZ Awards of Excellence as the ‘crème of the crop’ in the engineering industry.
The 2013 year was again a challenge for organisations to secure adequate sponsorship for conference and events. However, following a great staff effort for the 2013 ACENZ conference at the Trinity Wharf (Sebel) Hotel in Tauranga, the result was a net surplus over $30k. This conference was a great success and, after conference budget deficits in recent years, was able to cover budget deficits for the INNOVATE NZ Awards judging process. Over 130 attendees including an increased number of young professionals and a large number of accompanying partners made this a very lively and successful industry event.

Themed ‘Leadership in Engineering’ the conference was opened by the Mayor of Tauranga, Stuart Crosby, and the MC was again Greg Ward, ensuring the event was seamless in its orchestration. Industry leaders such as Phil O’Reilly (CEO Business NZ), Duncan Gibb (GM SCIRT), Malcolm Alexander (CEO Local Government NZ) and Dr. Patrick Strange (CEO Transpower) delivered thought provoking presentations. Dr Roger Blakeley (Auckland Council), Colin Crampton (NZTA), Anthony Wilson (Wellington CC) and Rick van Barneveld (KiwiRail) rounded off with presentations from public sector leaders.

Keynote addresses included psychologist and TV personality Nigel Latta, Nick Tuffley (Chief Economist ASB) Debbie Mayo-Smith (Productivity Advisor and media identity) and Eduardo Niebles (MD BST Global). Pre-conference workshops covering construction contracts, risk & liability and natural resource management were presented by Andrew Brickell (MWH), Stephen Jenkins (Aurecon) and Jim Bradley (MWH). Something for everybody and described by many as one of the best conferences to date.

It was great to see more young professionals from our member firms gain from the sessions and networking at conference (which qualifies for professional development), and we remind firms that there is a special ‘at cost’ conference rate for those 35 and under.
NETWORKING

MEMBER MEETINGS

The quarterly main centre breakfasts have been well attended, and have featured guest speakers who are influential in the built and natural environment. Speakers during 2013/14 have included leading industry CEO’s and senior politicians.

The 2013 Presidents Roadshow incorporated comprehensive presentations from President Lyall Green that created discussion and feedback in fifteen centres. The presentation included updates about the national economy, matters affecting the engineering and wider industry, and business issues in general. There was feedback about the local business environment in each centre that indicated improving market conditions, and optimism for the market in 2014.

Unreasonable contract/certification conditions in the public and private sectors, together with increasing and excessive PI cover requirements, continued to be an issue reported in many locations. In some cases issues resurfaced after having been resolved due to a change of client staff or their legal advisors. There was concern in some regions on the roadshow that local councils are curtailing their investment in infrastructure due to funding constraints, and that some authorities are looking at recruiting in-house engineering services.

Firms in most regions reported that they had an acceptable workload in 2013 and were reasonably optimistic about continuing at these levels for the balance of that year, and on into 2014. Many small and medium firms have diversified into different work to what they did in the past so as to meet and adapt to the available markets. Earthquake assessment and strengthening work has created significant new work in some regions.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING

ACENZ has had a long and active involvement with FIDIC and has had past ACENZ Presidents (Steve Gentry, Adam Thornton, Andrew Read and Steve Jenkins) involved with committee and elected representative levels of FIDIC executive governance.

The ACENZ CE, Kieran Shaw, continues to work closely with his overseas counterpart association CEOs to identify and monitor developing global trends and issues. A number of his international colleagues regularly attend the ACENZ Conference, including FIDIC Past President Dick Kell & CEO Enrico Vink, as well as fellow association CEO’s from U.K., Canada and Australia.

ACENZ is pleased to be entering the 2013 Future Leader Award winner, Jamie Lester (Opus), as a New Zealand participant in the 2014 FIDIC Young Professionals Programme to be completed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil during FIDIC conference in September 2014. This initiative is open to young professionals (35 and under) from around the world who undertake a series of management studies, culminating in a joint study which is reported back to, at the FIDIC Conference. Previous participants sponsored by the ACENZ and Telecom scheme tell us that they have benefited greatly both personally and professionally from the programme, and have taken back ideas to develop within their firms.

Shamus Wallace, the 2012 Future Leader Award winner, attended the 2013 FIDIC Young Professionals Programme in Barcelona, Spain, and was then co-opted onto the ACENZ Board for one year as has been the practice in recent years for winners of this award.
Advocating, promoting and implementing the ACENZ/IPENZ producer statement suite, and encouraging clients (in particular central & local government) to engage member services through a fair and reasonable contract form (CCCS) has been a major part of ACENZ’s work in 2013/14. ACENZ has also had a series of legislative and statutory reviews and proposed amendments to comment upon.

A SUMMARY OF ACENZ ACTIVITIES IN THE PAST YEAR:

- Successfully had a design guarantee removed from the draft of Building Act Amendment 3
- Caused unacceptable wording in a Government Design Certificate to be amended and re-issued
- Negotiated amendments to Kiwi Rail and other major client (e.g. DHB’s) contract conditions for professional services
- Signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with NZTA and liaised with the Minister
- Persuaded a number of inconsistent BCAs to adopt ACENZ Producer Statement documentation (e.g. Auckland, Hamilton and Waikato Cluster of councils)
- Issued Producer Statement Guidelines that were endorsed by insurers and DBH (MBIE)
- Negotiated changes to contract forms in use by Canterbury entities (e.g. CERA, SCIRT, CDHB)
- Worked with Ministry of Education (MoE) to produce revised Conditions of Engagement and Continuity Schedules
- Progressed a relationship with Auckland Council in order to advocate robust and fair Conditions of Contract
- Resolved numerous issues between member firms and local authorities
- Circulated real-time member advisories and cautions regarding contracts/certificates
- Updated Short Form Agreement and Sub-contract Agreement
- Worked with Standards NZ on review and update for release of revised NZS 3910
- Developed and contributed to many submissions into government and Royal Commission consultation processes
- Well received presentation to Government select committee relevant to the Construction Contracts Act Amendment
- Advised government ministries and agencies on matters of contract models and procurement practice
- Promoted Proportionate Liability with Government Ministers and the Labour Cabinet
- Issued a significantly greater number of media releases and editorials
- Launched a Facebook page, YouTube Channel and Flickr Stream
- A very successful ACENZ Annual Conference, Awards and a workshop for SME’s
- Dramatic increase of Young Professionals attending conference and other events
- Annual Roadshow to 14 regional centres and increased networking meetings in main centres
- Developing Leader awards and launched a young professionals programme
- Increased frequency of meeting and agenda content for our Large Firm Forums
- Promoted more activities within Regions coordinated by ACENZ Area Representatives
- Represented NZ in Barcelona at committee meetings and Centenary conference of FIDIC (International Federation of Consulting Engineers)
- Notable meetings with relevant ministers and regular senior level interface with government bodies – who now often come to us for consultation before we have to go to them.
- Monthly liaison meetings and joint undertakings with leaders in the wider industry
- Much better subscribed Personnel, Remuneration and Business surveys
- Significant sponsorship achieved
BUSINESS SERVICES (CONTINUED)

THE ACENZ ADVISOR e-NEWSLETTER

Formerly known as Accents, The ACENZ Advisor is the official bimonthly e-newsletter. This was renamed and remodelled in 2013, and provides an extended range of business and topical industry information. Regular communication and updates in these risk adverse times of sometimes unreasonable contract and certification conditions is important to keep member firms informed of current issues and developments. The e-newsletter has been supplemented with ‘real time’ advisories to alert member firms when it is required to urgently address individual issues.

THE ACENZ WEBSITE AND MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

The website has been progressively upgraded during the past year to provide more accessible and comprehensive information for the benefit of members, clients and the public. The redesigned website is due to be finalised and ‘go live’ at the time of the 2014 Conference.

THE ACENZ REMUNERATION SURVEY

The survey is well supported by those firms who are employers and keen to ensure they are offering appropriate market-rate packages to their staff. The ACENZ remuneration survey, conducted on our behalf by Strategic Pay gives statistically sound information to members on the range of salaries offered within the industry, at different professional levels, and for different disciplines and specialist disciplines. This report is a member-only service, offered complimentary to participating firms which submit data. The survey also gives members an indication of the overall increases in salaries in the industry and turnover of staff. The past relatively high staff turnover rate appears to have eased, and there has been a significant reduction in the number of professionals going overseas. The cost to ACENZ of this service is $25,000.

2013 PRESIDENT’S ROADSHOW

It was apparent from the 2013 ACENZ President’s Roadshow and from regular networking with members that there has been a significant amount of recruitment undertaken by small and medium firms during the past year. We are also aware of an increased number of professional engineer immigrants, particularly from Europe, and more returning New Zealand professional migrants. However, despite this positive resource flow there is a critical and growing shortage of some professional and skilled resources in the industry. Member firm staff resource numbers have increased by more than 15% over 2010 numbers to now total over 10,000 staff in 2014.
PROMOTING THE CONSULTING ENGINEERING INDUSTRY

ACENZ has continued its success in setting up a variety of important networking opportunities and contacts both within and outside of the construction industry. Regular meetings and MOU’s with large clients such as NZTA and interfaces with metro BCA’s maintain strong relationships, and promote an environment to address issues collaboratively. We regularly meet with government ministries such as MBIE and a MoU is pending with the Ministry of Education. We also meet with relevant government ministers as required.

We are regularly involved with policy formation and review by government departments and agencies including Standards NZ, MBIE, NZTA, CERA and District Health Boards. We’ve found that we are frequently consulted by other industry organisations for advice and advocacy assistance. Several submissions to government have been completed during 2013/14 year, including joint input together with IPENZ. ACENZ made a well received presentation in late 2013 to the parliamentary select committee considering amendments to the Construction Contracts Act.

ACENZ was a founding member of the Engineering Leadership Forum (ELF) in 2010, and that group has been successful in establishing important high-level networking opportunities, and undertaking strong advocacy and well prepared submissions. The forum is comprised of ACENZ, IPENZ, New Zealand Contractors’ Federation (NZCF), Water NZ, Ingenium (now IPWEA), Electrical Engineers Association, Roading NZ and CCA (NZ Concrete Association).

MARKETING

2013 saw the beginning of a new strategy of internal (with members) and external marketing efforts. The new website, updated e-newsletter and Young Professionals campaign are a few examples of what has already begun. An informative document was created containing general information on ACENZ, our services and resources, as well as ways to get connected. A member campaign including the aforementioned document for our members to distribute to clients was mailed out also including our INNOVATE NZ Awards Magazine, the 2012/2013 Annual Report, new membership certificate, updated ACENZ Advisor newsletter and other informative flyers. 2014 will further develop the members campaign with informative material to industry clients, organisations and leaders to promote ACENZ resources and members.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -
STATEMENTS OF
ACCOUNTING POLICIES

REPORTING ENTITY
The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand
Incorporated is an association of members who are
involved in the engineering consulting profession, to
coordinate consulting business matters for the benefit
of members and the profession as a whole. The associ-
ation is an incorporated society, and is an exempt entity

These financial statements are special purpose state-
ments, which have been prepared in accordance with
generally accepted accounting practices. Differential
reporting is applicable and all exemptions have been
applied on the basis that it is not publicly accountable
and does not qualify as large.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING
PRACTICES
The measurement base adopted is that of historical
cost. Reliance is placed on the fact that the association
is a going concern. Accrual accounting is used to match
expenses and revenue.

PARTICULAR ACCOUNTING
PRACTICES
The following particular account policies, which ma-
terially affect the measurement of profit and financial
position, have been applied:

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
Accounts receivable have been stated at net realisable
value.

DEPRECIATION
Depreciation on fixed assets have been provided at an
annual rate as follows:

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<th>Asset</th>
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<tr>
<td>Computer Equipment</td>
<td>60% diminishing value</td>
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<td>Alterations to lease premise</td>
<td>12% diminishing value</td>
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<td>Furniture</td>
<td>18% diminishing value</td>
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FIXED ASSETS
Fixed assets are stated at cost less aggregate.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX
The association is registered for GST and these finan-
cial statements have been prepared exclusive of GST.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING
POLICIES
There have been no changes in accounting policies for
this financial period.

TAXATION
Provision for taxation has been made after taking full
advantage of all deductions and concessions.

COMMITMENTS
The association leases premises on the 8th floor at 276
Lambton Quay, Wellington and expired on January
2014 with a three year renewal signed. The commit-
ments are as follows:

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<td>Current</td>
<td>$ 53,430</td>
<td>$ 52,899</td>
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<td>(within 12 months)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Current</td>
<td>$ 106,861</td>
<td>$ 44,082</td>
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<td>(beyond 12 months)</td>
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CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
There are no known contingent liabilities known to the
association.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Members of The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand Incorporated

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand Incorporated on pages 1 to 5, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2014, the Statements of Financial Performance and Movements in Equity for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Board’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion. Other than in our capacity as auditor we have also assisted with the presentation of the annual accounts. We have no other relationship with, or interests in, The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand Incorporated.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements on pages 1 to 5 present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand Incorporated as at 31 March 2014 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

Dent and Heath
12 June 2014
Lower Hutt

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Website: www.dentandheath.co.nz
## STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

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<td>596,368</td>
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<td>Conference and workshop</td>
<td>165,063</td>
<td>160,692</td>
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<td>Rental and cost recoveries</td>
<td>35,307</td>
<td>35,406</td>
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<td>Interest (gross)</td>
<td>5,678</td>
<td>3,996</td>
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<td>Awards</td>
<td>32,551</td>
<td>37,900</td>
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<td>Future Leader sponsorship</td>
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<td>13,499</td>
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<td>Functions sponsorship</td>
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<td>Student sponsorship</td>
<td>11,000</td>
<td>14,770</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>6,344</td>
<td>1,808</td>
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<td>Document sales</td>
<td>1,852</td>
<td>2,480</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Expenditure</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Office Administration</strong></td>
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<td>Personnel &amp; Recruitment</td>
<td>366,655</td>
<td>329,416</td>
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<td><strong>Legal &amp; Financial</strong></td>
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<td>Legal</td>
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<td>Audit</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>5,210</td>
<td>5,572</td>
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<td>Bank fees</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>5,693</td>
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<td>Taxation</td>
<td>950</td>
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<td><strong>Total Office Administration &amp; Expenditure</strong></td>
<td>512,785</td>
<td>473,190</td>
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### Association Expenses

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<td>FIDIC Subscription</td>
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<td>FIDIC Representation</td>
<td>30,589</td>
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<td>Board expenses</td>
<td>18,740</td>
<td>19,351</td>
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<td>Future Leader programme</td>
<td>835</td>
<td>6,570</td>
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<td>Official expenses</td>
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<td>President’s Roadshow</td>
<td>20,531</td>
<td>16,898</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other member meetings</td>
<td>34,990</td>
<td>23,996</td>
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<td>Surveys</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>25,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Association Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>170,474</strong></td>
<td><strong>154,020</strong></td>
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### Promotion and Projects

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<td>4,690</td>
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<td>Memberships</td>
<td>4,979</td>
<td>8,645</td>
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<td><strong>Total Promotion and Projects</strong></td>
<td><strong>185,401</strong></td>
<td><strong>231,076</strong></td>
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### TOTAL EXPENDITURE

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<td>868,660</td>
<td>858,286</td>
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<td>Surplus (Deficit)</td>
<td>48,064</td>
<td>8,633</td>
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Transferred to accumulated funds

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## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
### AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

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<td>Opening balance for the period</td>
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<td>142,614</td>
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<td>Less deficit/surplus for year</td>
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<td>8,633</td>
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<td>Total members funds at 31 March 2014</td>
<td>199,311</td>
<td>151,247</td>
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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
### AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

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<td><strong>Current Assets</strong></td>
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<td>Current accounts</td>
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<td>65,329</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>Expenses paid in advance</td>
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<td>Total Current Assets</td>
<td>294,988</td>
<td>216,311</td>
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<td><strong>Fixed Assets (as per schedule)</strong></td>
<td>16543</td>
<td>16,061</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>311,531</td>
<td>232,372</td>
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**Current Liabilities**

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<td>Accounts payable &amp; accruals</td>
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<td>Advance income</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>81,125</td>
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**Net Assets**

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10 June 2014

President    Chief Executive    Date

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# FIXED ASSETS SCHEDULE

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2014**

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<td>42,209</td>
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<td><em>Less accumulated depreciation</em></td>
<td>36,885</td>
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<td>5,324</td>
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<td><strong>Leasehold Improvements</strong></td>
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<td></td>
<td>11,060</td>
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<td><em>Less accumulated depreciation</em></td>
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<td>4,116</td>
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<td><strong>Computer Equipment</strong></td>
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<td>75,912</td>
<td>69,737</td>
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<td><em>Less accumulated depreciation</em></td>
<td>68,809</td>
<td>64,846</td>
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<td>7,103</td>
<td>4,891</td>
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<td><strong>Total Fixed Assets</strong></td>
<td>16,543</td>
<td>16,061</td>
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THE TRUSTED ADVISOR IN...

...PUBLIC POLICY

It is a mission of ACENZ to be a trusted source of sound advice for decision-makers on relevant public policy initiatives, regulation and legislation, and to provide input that considers benefits to the wider construction industry and contributes to the national good.

The association works with ministers, government bodies and local authorities to assist with expertise relating to both technical and business related matters. Members work with a variety of clients every day and can provide real examples of where appropriate regulation and forward-looking policies can make a difference to the quality of life, safety and economic well-being of New Zealanders.

This advice extends over a wide range of issues, and during the past 2013/14 year has included input into The Construction Contracts Act, the Canterbury Royal Commission, the Productivity Commission and NZ Standards (NZS 3910). There have also been submissions to government concerning various legislation concerning matters relevant to engineering and to infrastructure and the environment. ACENZ has also worked with local authorities towards effective and manageable processes and documentation with particular regard to the acceptability and uniformity of producer statements and implementing robust and reasonable terms of engagement for professional services.

ACENZ works closely with many pertinent government bodies and agencies such as CERA and NZTA with whom we have a MOU leading to regular and positive communication in addressing sector issues and work programming. We also have regular interface with pertinent ministries at senior level and provide input into their policy processes.

...IN BUSINESS

ACENZ aspires to add value to the business of member firms and their clients through use of the association’s collective experience and resources.

ACENZ continues to work with other professionals and the wider construction industry towards implementing reasonable conditions and robust practice in contracts and procurement, and has achieved significant progress in developing relevant guidelines and documentation. Producer Statement Guidelines were released in December 2013. Updated Conditions of Contract for Consulting Services (CCCS) were completed in 2012 together with a revised Short Form Agreement (SFA) and Sub Consultants Agreement. These contract forms are widely accepted by public and private sector clients as providing a mutually straightforward, fair and reasonable contract for engaging professional services. ACENZ has been involved in a now completed review of the NZS 3910 contract terms & conditions. The revised Standard was completed in late 2013.

During 2013/14 ACENZ has continued working with MBIE, and various other public sector bodies towards targeting consistent forms of documentation and processes in central and local government. We continue to seek the introduction of proportionate liability for the industry against the current joint and several regimes that create unfair apportionment of liability, and encourage risk adverse client/service provider relationships. We have discussed this matter with the Law Commission in 2013.

ACENZ practice notes, that are particularly valuable for business and operational guidance in the small and medium firms, are being progressively reviewed and updated to make them contemporary for firms in meeting current legislation, activities and business/statutory requirements. A draft update of the Practice Note relevant to fee guidelines has recently been completed and is on the ACENZ website in the members section.
The versatility, innovation, and broad experience within the ACENZ membership supports consulting engineering firms in offering a complete and quality consulting service to their clients.

All member firms of ACENZ must be independent, and their principals are required to be people who are full members of a recognised professional body in order to ensure a consistently high standard of quality and service is maintained. All ACENZ members are subject to a code of conduct, and under the present rules:

- must have a primary business activity of consulting engineering
- must have processes in place regarding quality management
- must display focus upon ongoing development of business and technical education
- must not work in conflict with fellow members
- must hold professional indemnity insurance to a minimum level of $500,000

ACENZ members serve a range of consulting engineering disciplines including structural, civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. Many also provide services from related professional disciplines such as architecture, surveying, planning, and the sciences. They undertake work ranging from geophysical site analysis, design and construction of roads and buildings, to forensic analysis of fire and structural failures. Members operate throughout New Zealand, and some operate worldwide.

The ACENZ board has been undertaking a review of ACENZ membership criteria with a view to seeking a mandate from members to open membership of ACENZ to other professionals working in the built and natural environment. It is noted that less than half of staff working in our current member firms are professional engineers, and ACENZ wants to reflect its recognition of other professionals such as architects, planners and surveyors. Subject to the view of members at the 2014 AGM, ACENZ Membership may be extended to firms engaged in such professional fields as those mentioned.

ACENZ members provide technical and applied experience to advising government and local authorities on matters of public good such as earthquake assessment, and recovery of infrastructure after a disaster. Many member firm's staff undertakes voluntary work overseas and assist in the aftermath of disaster events, particularly in third world countries. As the public sector and international agencies focus on concepts such as sustainable (‘green’) design, carbon emission footprints and environmentally friendly buildings, ACENZ members work progresses at the forefront of innovative design. An increasing number of clients, especially public sector clients and those with a global presence are seeking designs that achieve long term benefits in energy use and maintenance operating costs.

The annual ACENZ INNOVATE NZ Awards of Excellence attract very competitive entries for gold, silver or merit awards, which are recognised as a supreme accomplishment in achieving successful peer selection from recently completed consulting engineering projects. ACENZ produces practice notes for the guidance of design professionals working in member firms. These documents are cyclically subject to a process of review and update. ACENZ promotes the designer’s responsibilities under the Health and Safety in Employment Act, and has been working together with NZTA on a safety in design review during the past year. An ACENZ member firm Health & Safety Working Group was formed in 2013 to collectively look at H & S issues and to promote best practice. ACENZ produces client information sheets that are intended to assist client organisations in recognising robust and reasonable practice. Such information sheets include best practice in use of contracts and applying sound processes for producer statements.
A TRUSTED ADVISOR...

...TO THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY

**ACENZ members have worldwide exposure to engineering related matters through being a member, and active participant, in the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC).**

FIDIC represents the consulting engineering interests for over 90 countries. ACENZ is proud to have contributed in tangible ways to FIDIC by sharing documentation and best practice guidelines with international colleagues, and providing representation for working parties and committees. FIDIC produces contracts for services that are standard for development aid work and also for some specialist work in the energy industry.

ACENZ subscribes to FIDIC international policies on promoting anti-corruption, the environment, and quality based selection procedures (QBS). ACENZ has often been described as ‘punching above its weight’ in international activities, and is frequently called upon to contribute to the FIDIC International Conference. ACENZ Past President Steve Gentry was President of FIDIC, and ACENZ Past President Adam Thornton was on the Executive Committee of FIDIC in recent years holding the post of Treasurer. ACENZ Past Presidents, Andrew Read and Steve Jenkins, are currently involved in FIDIC activities, and ACENZ CE Kieran Shaw is an active member of the FIDIC Directors & General Secretaries Committee.

New Zealand expertise is in demand around the world. Members undertake aid work, but also are increasingly expanding into overseas commercially competitive work. Currently ACENZ is assisting FIDIC in compiling a guideline document that will outline response and recovery activities and essential processes to implement following a natural disaster.

...TO THE PUBLIC

**ACENZ and its members are committed to achieving outcomes for the public good.**

The governing board of ACENZ has made a commitment to represent ‘public good’ as a priority in its determinations and recommendations. ACENZ is a founding member of the New Zealand Construction Industry Council, which is comprised of all the organisations that represent members involved in the nation’s construction industry. ACENZ is a contributor to the policy, recommendations and output of the council, and advocates that all participants work together to achieve the best possible outcome for the end users – which is most often the public.

ACENZ works with central and local government to assist in making sure that relevant legislation, standards and infrastructure proposals are workable, robust, safe, and in the national interest. The association has forged strong links for advocacy and best practice in being a founding member of the Engineering Leadership Forum (ELF) that in addition to consulting engineering includes representation covering contracting, local government and technology interests. ACENZ is committed to implementing lessons learnt from the Canterbury earthquake events, and encouraging ‘safety in design’ to achieve the best possible result for the public and the built environment.

A new ACENZ website and membership database is due to be released in August 2014 to provide a greater spectrum of information and guidance for the public, member firms, and clients in an easy to use dynamic format.
ACENZ STRATEGIC FOCUS 2010 TO 2015

MEMBERSHIP
• Continuing work to raise the profile of the profession, the industry and ACENZ as an organisation
• Strong advocacy on matters that are relevant to members and the industry
• Real time communications on key issues as they emerge or develop

PROCUREMENT
• Increased focus on member firm and client education
• Promotion of proportional liability
• Engage in the development and review of relevant procurement practices

CONSTRUCTION
• Greater local member firm and wider industry sector communication in the regions
• Expand liaison and proactive undertakings with other industry groups
• Show leadership in safety and pertinent matters of consequence to the industry and public

INFRASTRUCTURE
• Relevant advocacy and advisory services to the public sector
• A focus upon services within the energy sector
• Maintain and enhance existing relationships, and develop new contacts.
VISION
ACENZ is the trusted advisor providing business leadership in matters relating to the built and natural environment.

MISSION
To raise the profile and expand the influence of the industry and to assist members improve their business performance and the quality of service.

CORE BUSINESS
• Policy advisory services/counsel to key influences and decision-makers
• Business advice and services to members

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
ACENZ pursues two core goals:

1. To influence decision-makers on relevant public policy initiatives, regulation and legislation, by being a trusted source of sound advice that considers benefits to related industry and the national good.
   • Focus on “public good” outcomes
   • Engage in public policy and legislative research and development process
   • Promote awareness of the consulting industry in the built and natural environment amongst influences/decision-makers
   • Establish and maintain effective networks and relationships
   • Prepare and make submissions on matters that affect members
   • To become a trusted source of sound advice on matters affecting or likely to affect business
   • Establish a framework for early identification and assessment of significant issues
   • Use members’ collective expertise, networks and relationships to positively influence the decision-making process
   • Provide valid industry input into the decision-making process

2. To add value to members businesses through use of collective experience and resources.
   • Develop ACENZ understanding of members business and operating requirements
   • Provide the means for sharing expertise and knowledge
   • Showcase, celebrate and promote excellence
   • Effectively manage resources to deliver services to members
   • Enter into partnerships/alliances with other bodies to advance collective interests
   • Identify, develop and promote practical solutions to member issues and to safe practice
   • Identify, assess and debate impact of key public policy initiatives, regulatory controls and legislation on members’ business interests