



# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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### MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Hello all, It's the middle of the year already! Your Board has been very busy, and so we've got a ton of stuff to update you on! Below is an update from your President, Gavin Edwards.

#### BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL MEETING

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council released a proposal to alter the airplan, which advocates a full ban on wood fires in the region, effective immediately the plan gains approval.

Your President, Gavin Edwards and I met with Karen Parcell, Senior Policy Analyst and writer of the document, and her Manager, Stephen Lamb, Natural Resources Policy Manager at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council offices to raise concerns that there had been no consultation with the Association, manufacturers, retailers or installers in that region prior to the release of the draft

document. Karen and Stephen were very apologetic, adamant that nothing has been decided and they are very happy to engage in conversation. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that NZHHA would put forward some representatives to assist with the development of a final plan for submission to the District Council.

Karen and Stephen also attended the Regional Meeting and took questions and feedback from Members. They advised they would accept late submissions *after* 17 June 2016.

You will find information about the draft plan, and NZHHA's submissions on our website at:

<http://www.nzhha.co.nz/>

Our submission is attached for your reference.

We encourage you to make a submission (or fill in the Comment Form) stating you strongly disagree with the draft plan and believe it requires more consultation.

The closing date for comments is **4pm on Friday 17 June 2016**. However, the Council has advised they will accept late submissions.

Comments can be sent by email to [air@boprc.govt.nz](mailto:air@boprc.govt.nz) or posted to:

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Thanks to all members who attended the Regional Meeting and contributed meaningfully to the discussion.

### REGIONAL MEETING ROADSHOW

I am currently scheduling other Regional Meetings to be held before the end of the year.

If you have a particular need in your region and you think the Association can help, please don't hesitate to contact Nikki at the Office and request a meeting be scheduled.

### TRAINING MATERIAL

I am pleased to announce that the training material is currently undergoing an overhaul. New presentations are being prepared, with clearer diagrams and updated content.

When the material is ready, we will be holding a 'train the trainer' session and then relaunching the new and improved training programme.

Until then though, please continue with the current requirements and attend your SFAIT refresher within the required timeframes!

### BOINZ/NZHHA TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

NZHHA has a partnership relationship with the Building Officials Institute of NZ to provide Solid Fuel Heating training seminars for Building Consent Officers.

This year there has been in house courses with Wellington City Council and the Hamilton City Council.

BOINZ have scheduled training for Auckland, Wairarapa, including Upper and Lower Hutt; New

Plymouth, Whakatane and upper North, and Invercargill.

If you are approached by Council wanting this training, please refer them to [training@boinz.org.nz](mailto:training@boinz.org.nz)

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

Your Board has engaged in some strategy planning, and this should remain a focus for the coming year. The Board has been learning about Governance and the importance of understanding its members. It's very easy for the Board to become engaged in operational matters. A lot of their time is spent dealing with general enquiries, council enquires and resolving complaints. It is important for a voluntary membership organisation to be involved in planning the strategic direction.

The Board and I are after information from you, about the direction you want your Association to take. This is why we are extending the Regional Meeting Roadshow, and we'll be discussing this with you at conference, as noted below.

Its exciting times for this Association. There is a bright, clean future ahead for us.

### CONFERENCE

Our Conference this year is being held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Peppers Clearwater Resort in Christchurch.



Registrations will be open in July.

#### ACCOMMODATION

We are pleased to advise there is accommodation for our 2016 Annual Conference on site at the Peppers Clearwater Resort in Christchurch.

When you book accommodation, please advise the reservations staff that you are with the NZ Home Heating Association group. No other booking code is required.

Please book through the website <http://www.peppers.co.nz/clearwater/> or phone 0800 275 373.

*Just seven minutes from Christchurch airport, **Peppers Clearwater Resort** is for those who desire a classic New Zealand outdoor landscape with the convenience of a vibrant city nearby. This Christchurch accommodation epitomises the Canterbury region, and is set within beautiful grounds overlooking the clear, shimmering Lake Kaikainui. Should you choose to stay with us, you have the accommodation options of spacious Lakeside Villas and Terrace Apartments which are beautifully appointed.*

#### SPONSORS

We are looking for sponsors of this year's Conference so please consider whether this is something your business will support. More information about sponsorship options will be sent out shortly.

#### TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

We are currently finalising the technical programme. This year, we aim to involve you more.

Your Board is aware that not all members are happy with the direction the Association sometimes takes.

It's acknowledged that it can sometimes be difficult to satisfy all members particularly given you are sometimes working with, or against each other. Your Board wants to find out more about what's going on out there, for you.

Our facilitator will be running a session on the Association vision and mission, and then we will be breaking into our membership categories to find out more about you. Your Board wants to know more about your vision for the future, your long term plans, your short term goals and how the Association could be supporting you better.

Based on that information, your Board will formulate a business plan that ensures you get the support you need.

#### AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please get your thinking caps on. We will shortly be calling for nominations.

Our awards this year will be presented at the Gala Dinner at Conference.

#### AGM

The AGM is to be held on 30 September 2016 at the Peppers Clearwater Resort.

The purpose of our Annual General Meeting is for Members to:

- Receive the President and Board reports;
- Receive the Treasurers annual statement of income and expenditure and the balance sheet;
- Receive a report from the auditor for the ensuing Financial Year;
- To elect the Executive and Auditor; and
- To consider and conduct other such business that may be properly brought forward to the meeting.

If you have other business to raise in the meeting it should be notified to the Secretary well in advance of the meeting.

Nomination forms for the Executive must be submitted 21 days prior to the AGM.

Nomination forms will be available in July.

More details about the AGM, including nominations forms and an agenda will be available later in July.

### CHANGES TO THE INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT

The aim of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 is to give guidance to the many New Zealanders who volunteer to run societies. The Act is now more than 100 years old and needs updating to help volunteers govern and administer a society in today's conditions.

The Government has agreed to implement modern legislation that will help guide the sector into the future. The Incorporated Societies Bill, which the Ministry is now consulting on, aims to make societies more robust, help them govern themselves, and provide more constructive options when things go wrong.

The Ministry is seeking submission on the Exposure Draft of the Incorporated Societies Bill. Submissions close at 5pm on 30 June 2016.

The Bill, once implemented will result in significant change for the Association. We encourage you to

read the documentation before conference so these matters can be factored in prior to our discussions, and implemented into our forward planning.

More information about the Bill can be found at:

<http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/business/business-law/incorporated-societies/incorporated-societies-bill-exposure-draft>

### MEDIA

Please see the latest media articles received in June which are attached.