

NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011 - 2012

CEFPI MEMBERSHIP

As our first year draws to a close, it's provided an opportunity to reflect on how things have gone. It's been a really good year with a core group of about 10 folk making up the committee. This committee team is both the chapter committee and the organising committee for the 2013 Australasian CEFPI conference. We have a good team who get on well and are working together in a very positive way. We always look forward to the meetings and of course it's an added bonus when our Australian CEFPI colleagues attend.

Increasing the membership base does need to be our focus for the next few months in the build up to the conference. However we are continually heartened by the increasing awareness of the CEFPI name in the industry here in New Zealand. 18 months ago no one had even heard of CEFPI.....including myself! Now the name pops up quite often.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair – Hamish Boyd, Architect (Jasmax Ltd)

Treasurer – Malcolm Bowes, Architect (Architectus)

Secretary – Chris Bradbeer, Deputy Principal (Stonefields School)

Conference committee chair – Helen Anderson, (Director Bay of Plenty Polytech)

Committee – John Sofo, Architect (ASC Architects)

Committee – Daniel Birch, Principal, (Hobsonville Point Primary School)

Committee – Lisa Oldham, Librarian (National Library NZ)

Committee – Jacque Allen, Educator (St Kentigern College)

Committee – Brian Clohessy, Architect (BVN Architects)

REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Hamish Boyd

CHAPTER ACTIVITY

The conference continues to be our big 'project', there's no going back now, possibly we would have preferred a year's 'grace' to focus initially on building our membership numbers in our first years establishment. But at a pragmatic level there are some quite good new education projects in Auckland which will be worth visiting right now, rather than waiting another year or two to see them. Come and have a look while they are fresh! We have an excellent line up of speakers and are looking forward to having them share their insights and learning's with all of us.

In addition to visiting Auckland for the conference we have organised an optional preliminary session in Christchurch, this will be quite eye opening for some. The central city particularly has been decimated. Two thirds of the central city buildings are gone or in the process of coming down. It's my home town, it's been an incredibly emotional experience to see the destruction of the place where you grew up. Even more horrifying for the folk living there every day. I was in the 6.1 shake last Christmas. The all consuming power is immense as you feel and hear every connection in the building struggling to keep it all together.

Imagine the difficulty of your school being wrecked and shut down and having to move down the road and share a school campus with another whole school. Two schools on one site. Perhaps it's very efficient from a property perspective but culturally and practically it's not easy for the educators, or the students. How would you cope with that situation?

I strongly urge you to consider doing this preliminary session in Christchurch, it will be sobering and it will also be uplifting seeing how the schools are coping. A disruption of this scale sure helps a community prioritise what is important. If this happened to your school, what would you do first?

We have an office in Christchurch, I am there every week or so at the moment, it is SAFE to visit.

Now that the conference planning is starting to feel 'under control', we are very aware of the need to now start growing our membership. To that end we are having another school visit to finish this year.

So far we have had two school CEFPI visits this year, Stonefields Primary School and Hingaia Primary School, both new projects and worth visiting. For each visit we had around 30 attendees, as after school events. The feedback has been very encouraging.

For this last term we are planning to visit the new Ormiston Senior College, for years 11,12,13, the final three years of high school in NZ. The whole school is one building arranged around a large central courtyard space.

FINANCES

Currently we have NZ \$16,684.00 in the bank account. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the seed funding that came from Australia that allowed us to set up the NZ Chapter. Thank you for your support. Already our account has benefitted from some of the conference sponsors funding being deposited in advance. We have been advised that the NZ Ministry of Education is keen to come on board as a key sponsor for the conference. This is good news because it really speaks of the MoE's high level of interest and support for CEFPI, which will in turn assist with our membership drive.

OPPORTUNITY

Commercially Christchurch will present opportunities and challenges for our members, both designers and educators. Predictions are sitting around a potential education spend alone in the order of \$1Billion. Already we are seeing Australian architects sourcing work in Christchurch, often in association with NZ offices.

This level of construction activity will be unprecedented in our countries history. Hopefully the situation will generate some good architectural and educational outcomes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Can I take this opportunity to thank our Australian CEFPI colleagues for the support and encouragement we have received as we get set up? It's been fantastic; you have all been terrific to interact with. Particular thanks to John Sewell, Andrew Pender and Mark Trotter.

Hamish Boyd
NZ Chapter Chair
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