



## Message from the Chairman

The NZ Branch of the AusIMM currently comprises a record number of 254 members, including a strong student contingent. The Branch is fiercely independent, strives to stand on its own financial resources and guards our unique Kiwi “brand” within the overall Institute. It is a Branch which you as the Members should be proud of, and which requires your active involvement. Your involvement is increasingly important as the mining debate enters a new phase in New Zealand.

Membership of the AusIMM comes with an inherent commitment to serve the mining industry in an ethical and professional manner. Recent public polls suggest that there is a burgeoning acceptance of mining in New Zealand. It is critical that as a group we respond in a positive, open and professional manner to earn public trust and enable the development of our industry in this country.

One of the aims of the current Committee is to increase the effective cover across the organisation, and to improve communication with Members. The Committee has organised into Working Groups with a nominated Group Leader. If you are interested in helping out, or are passionate about an issue, please contact one of the people listed on the last page of this newsletter and get involved.

This is the second newsletter for the current year, and we want to make it a regular feature. The intent is to provide you with information so that you can involve yourself in Branch activities and help drive events that affect your lives and professional standing. We also have plans to upgrade the web site as a primary communication tool, but that is proving a bit harder to get going. Hugh Davies has done a great job to get us this far and we need to thank him for that.

As a closing note, the NZ Branch Committee drives what happens with the AusIMM in NZ. The Branch is entirely home grown and run, and the Committee is purely voluntary. The availability of committee members is sometimes very limited and the delivery of services we would like to develop can suffer accordingly. We know that we need to “do more” for our members, but frankly it is very hard to get the time. By and large we are all “old farts” on the committee with families and businesses to run! We need and encourage “new blood” into the running of the NZ Branch and we think membership in Working Groups is a good way to start. Please get involved for a rewarding experience in what is an excellent and historical organisation of real professional relevance.

Kind Regards,  
Cam

## Special points of interest:

### Record Membership

The NZ Branch has reached a record number of members at a total of 254. This is made up of: **34 Fellows, 9 Associates, 163 Members, 21 Graduates and 27 Students.**

### Discount NZresources.com Subscription

AusIMM NZ Branch members are eligible for a 10% discount on subscriptions to the New Zealand mining industry news website [NZresources.com](http://NZresources.com)

For further information on the discount, please contact [Anna](#). For editorial enquiries, contact [Ross Louthean](#).

### Free AusIMM Membership for Students

Student membership is funded by the Branch so any students wishing to join should contact [Graeme Fulton](#) for more information/ payment. A refund is also available upon proof of payment for students that are already members.

### School Trips to Mine Sites

The Branch has \$1,500 available for funding school trips or visits to mining and mineral related sites (to cover both travel and relief teacher costs). The aim is to encourage schools to visit mining sites as part of the curriculum studies on non-renewable resources, but any school interested in exposing their children to mining or minerals related sites will be considered. For more information or to apply, please contact [Graeme Fulton](#).

### Sponsorship of ROCKSOC

The Branch is pleased to be a sponsor of the very well organised University of Canterbury Geological Society (ROCKSOC) through their 2010 Calendar. We wish them all the best for the year ahead.

### New Members

If you have any colleagues or friends who are not members then encourage them to sign-up as for each new member the branch receives \$50. For application forms, contact [Graeme Fulton](#).

## Visiting Lecturer Schedule - May 2010

Day	Location	Presentations
10 Mon	Visit <b>Waihi</b> mines	Lecture A at the Waihi mine
11 Tue	University of <b>Auckland</b>	Short course (2-day, day 1)
12 Wed	University of <b>Auckland</b>	Short course (2-day, day 2)
13 Thur	University of <b>Auckland</b>	Day-time lecture B
14 Fri	Visit Globe-Progress mine ( <b>Reefton</b> )	Lecture A at the mine
17 Mon	Victoria University of <b>Wellington</b>	Short course (2-day, day 1)
18 Tue	Victoria University of <b>Wellington</b>	Short course (2-day, day 2)
19 Wed	Visit <b>Macraes</b> mine	Lecture A at Macraes mine
20 Thur	University of Otago, <b>Dunedin</b>	Short course (2-day, day 1)
21 Fri	University of Otago, <b>Dunedin</b>	Short course (2-day, day 2)

- Please refer to the full description of the lecture series later in this newsletter.



## Australian Mining History Association 16th Annual Conference 7th - 10th July 2010, Kingsgate Hotel, Greymouth, New Zealand

This is the 16th annual conference of the Australian Mining History Association, and the first the Association has held out of Australia.

The conference is creating considerable interest in New Zealand and there will be a preponderance of papers to do with New Zealand mining history presented, including some by members of the NZ branch of the AusIMM. It is expected that eminent mining historian Prof. Geoffrey Blainey AC, who is Patron of the AMHA, will attend the conference as well as other historians and mining enthusiasts from USA, Canada and UK as well as Australia and New Zealand.

Conference attendees will see not only the rich mining history of the West Coast but also some of the resurgence of mining in this South Island region on a two-day preconference tour (5 - 6 July, overnight in Reefton). A mining history tour follows the conference on Sunday, 11 July.

Those staying at the Kingsgate Hotel should quote the 'AMHA conference booking registration number' 24000272306 to the hotel when booking.

For more information on the conference see the conference [website](#), or contact [Dr Brian Hill](#).

For accommodation advice or to make a booking in Greymouth or Reefton, contact the [Greymouth Information Centre](#).

### Donations to the Education Endowment Trust

The AusIMM provides a facility for members to contribute to the AusIMM NZ Branch Education Endowment Trust through the subscription process. We encourage all members to consider making a contribution to the Trust. A number of people top up their subscription amount with a donation. The EET Trustees are also happy to receive any direct donations at any time.

All members who donate will receive a "donation receipt" which can be used to claim a rebate through your IR526 rebate form from IRD. To learn more about the donation process or if you wish to make a donation please contact [Graeme Fulton](#) or [Vivienne Bull](#).

During the 2010 subscription process the following people made a donation to the Trust for a total of \$6,649.19. All donors are warmly thanked by the Trustees for their donations.

Eugene Dombrose, Charles Bolin, Wendy Hampton, Bruce Smith, Richard Barker, Kerry Stanaway, John St. George, Edward Nealon, Graeme Fulton, Murray Stevens, John McCallum, Vivienne Bull & Geoff Loudon. The NZ Branch and EET Trustees wishes to recognise and thank Geoff Loudon for his particularly large and welcome donation

The New Zealand Branch makes a donation to the Trust from the proceeds of our annual conferences. A total of \$20,500 was donated by the Branch from the proceeds of the 2009 Conference. A total of \$59,000 in donations was made in 2007 and 2008.

### AusIMM NZ Branch Conference

*"Driving the Economy – Investment, Productivity and Research in the Minerals Industry"*

24th to 26th November 2010

Auckland, New Zealand

See the call for [Abstracts](#) (Due by 31 May 2010)

For further information on presenting a paper or attending the conference contact [Helen Cocker](#).

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### University Student Scholarships for 2010

The AusIMM NZ Branch Education Endowment Trust (EET) provides scholarships to students in New Zealand studying in courses related to the minerals industry.

Two scholarships are available annually:

\$5,000 MSc. Scholarship (APPLY BY 31 JULY)

\$2,000 BSc. (Hons) Project Scholarship.

In 2009 a total of 6 MSc. and 1 BSc. scholarships were awarded (total value of \$32,000).

To apply for either of these scholarships, please see the [EET website](#) or for more information contact [Graeme Fulton](#) or [Vivienne Bull](#).



## AusIMM New Leaders' Conference and International Mining Games

The annual AusIMM New Leaders' Conference and International Mining Games were held in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, between the 6th and 10th of April. This year the AusIMM New Zealand Branch sponsored Hayden Mackenzie, Sophie Bainbridge (both from the University of Canterbury), Richard Bayley (Solid Energy), Sam Hemmings-Sykes (Victoria University), and I (Campbell Ryland, Otago University) to attend these events.

This year the theme of the New Leaders Conference was 'Success in a New Financial World'. Over two days there were a variety of fascinating presentations and it was made clear that, with the worst of the global financial crisis behind us the world is going to continue to develop at an exponential rate; and with it, the demand for mineral resources will grow. In order to succeed in such an environment, mining needs to be sustainable. Crucial to sustainability are research and development and effective management. As the next generation of mining professionals, it will be up to us to lead the minerals industry into a rapidly changing future.

In addition to the conference, we also had the opportunity to socialise and network with other delegates at the welcome function, experience large scale mining on the KCGM Super Pit tour, and be spectators at the highly competitive international mining games where teams from across Australia, USA, and UK battled it out at various mining themed sporting events (e.g. air-link drilling, gold panning, railway construction, etc). We made the most of these opportunities and had a great time while learning more about the industry we have chosen to be a part of.

As a whole, the New Leaders Conference and International Mining Games was a valuable and enjoyable experience. On behalf of those who were sponsored to attend, I would like to thank the AusIMM New Zealand Branch for providing such a fantastic opportunity.

Campbell Ryland



Sophie, Richard, Sam, Campbell and Hayden at the KCGM Super Pit

### Minerals Industry Scholarship

In addition to the EET Scholarships, a Mineral Industry Scholarship is available through the Branch. This scholarship is aimed at students who wish to study minerals related courses not available in NZ (Mining Engineering, Metallurgy or Mineral Processing).

While the scholarship has been primarily aimed at courses in Australia, any other recognised program of study will be assessed on a case-by-case basis as applications are received.

For more information or to apply, please contact [Graeme Fulton](mailto:graeme.fulton@xtra.co.nz).

## AusIMM NZ Branch Working Groups

The AusIMM New Zealand Branch working groups are made up of at least four members that communicate regularly on issues that affect the group of the New Zealand membership. All of the working groups would welcome the addition of new members from the Branch that wish to contribute to the group in any way. To express your interest, please contact the leader of the working group directly by email using the links below.

Working Group	Leader	Contact email address
Finance and Member Services	<a href="mailto:graeme.fulton@xtra.co.nz">Graeme Fulton</a>	graeme.fulton@xtra.co.nz
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Environment, Health and Safety	<a href="mailto:mccrackenl@xtra.co.nz">Les McCracken</a>	mccrackenl@xtra.co.nz
Advocacy	<a href="mailto:peter.nicolson@xtra.co.nz">Peter Nicholson</a>	peter.nicolson@xtra.co.nz
Marketing and Communications	<a href="mailto:hdavies@golder.co.nz">Hugh Davies</a>	hdavies@golder.co.nz
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