

## MAY 2008 - NEWSLETTER #17

Welcome to the May 2008 NZTPDB newsletter.

### IPENZ AWARDS AND ELECTIONS 2008

The Board extended its congratulations to the Bureau working team, Malcolm Douglass for receiving the IPENZ Turner Award for 'Professional Commitment'. His citation referred to his role as a local government officer and a wide ranging career, over 54 years, while emphasising his primary interest in 'facilitating the integration of planning for transportation with regional, community and land-use planning'. The Board also congratulated Steve Abley on being re-elected for his second 2 year term as an IPENZ Board member.



Malcolm Douglass receiving the Turner Award

### TRICS DATABASE in NZ

The TRICS consortium has agreed to a partnership with the Bureau with a view to greater exchange of information between both parties. The agreement also enables the introduction of a limited number of TRICS licenses for use by the Bureau and some of its members at a special rate in the first few years. This new Database facility should broaden the use of these valuable tools by practitioners in both New Zealand and Australia.

### THREE RESEARCH UPDATES

1. *Correlation Research: Project LTR 0079* – Andy Milne (now with ATE), Ian Clark (Flow), Tim Kelly (TKC) have all been working on ten land uses undertaking the correlations of UK and NZ trip and parking surveys. This analysis has shown many similarities between NZ and UK travel environments (outside the UK central

metropolitan areas). However it has also pointed to several inconsistencies which we have to be aware of for the future. Overall the analysis confirms the urgent need to get more survey results of trips, parking and modal split in both NZ, Australia and the UK. The project again confirms that the differences between premises relate to very specific issues including the description of the activities taking place at individual sites and the location relative to population catchments, network accessibility and modal split etc. In future, more stress must be placed on these parameters. This project is due for completion in June.

2. *Transportation Assessment Framework Research: LTR 0090* – This project is now well advanced. It has concluded a further survey of local authorities which concludes that traffic engineers and town planners are looking forward to receiving copies of this research and there is wide support for the development of a series of practice notes on specific issues in the future. The final report is now scheduled to be completed in June 2008.

3. *National Travel Profiles: LTR 0115* – Part A of this project has provided a description of daily travel on a national basis. It is derived from the MOT national Household Travel Surveys which groups local government areas under Major Urban Areas, Secondary Urban Areas and Rural Areas. This grouping does not closely match transport catchments. Also the trips are broken up into trip & leg segments. Part A of this project is now completed and forwarded to LTNZ for publication. An application has been made to LTNZ for a Research Grant for Part B to further explain the trends and regional differences to overcome some of these travel alignment issues.

### AUSTRALASIAN MEMBERSHIP

Last year our rules were changed to allow overseas membership and following the visit of Ian Clark and Malcolm Douglass to Canberra in October we began recruiting our Australian colleagues to join the Bureau. We expect the 10<sup>th</sup> organisation to join shortly. These new members pay the same fees and enjoy the same services available to the existing 60 members. With the Australian AITPM conference being held in Perth in September we expect the momentum and directions required by our new Australian members to have increasing influence.

## **AUSTRALIAN CO-ADMINISTRATOR**

Donald Veal (Consultant, Perth) has been appointed as the Bureau's Australian Co-Administrator and this will greatly assist the gathering of momentum including access to an increasing number of sites from Australian surveys.

## **CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS**

The AITPM Conference is being held in Perth from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. NZTPDB proposes a presence there with Board members and this may include a display.

The IPENZ Transportation Conference (facilitated by Wellington Branch) will be held in New Plymouth from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. The Bureau has invited a guest speaker from TRICS/UK to attend and address the conference. The Bureau's Annual meeting will also be held at conference.

Three Workshops covering surveys, databases and transportation assessments are proposed by the Bureau to be held in Auckland on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, Wellington on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November and Christchurch on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. They will focus on technical aspects of our work and designed for practising engineers and planners. This will be an opportunity to showcase the results of the three major research programmes undertaken by the Bureau this year.

## **MEMBERS NOT USING WEBSITE**

The NZTPDB website has enjoyed some use over the past two years since opening in April 2006. Many of the hits are from non members' obviously seeking general information. Regrettably however, only half of our members have accessed the website. Should you require your log on details, please request these by emailing [admin@nztpdb.org.nz](mailto:admin@nztpdb.org.nz).

Steve Abley is currently arranging to add a lot more material to the members only section including all presentations and power point information presented to last years workshop, the Technical notes, copies of papers presented on behalf of NZTPDB, the old RRU 15 Volumes 1, 2 and 3 and other relevant material. In the public access section we propose to include a general summary of the principles underlying trips and parking related to land use and information with a more general and educational value.

When this upgrade has been completed members, especially those who have not yet

visited the site, will again be asked to 'log on' and take advantage of what is becoming a substantial and beneficial body of knowledge reflecting this specialised area of engineering and planning.

## **ADMINISTRATION CHANGES**

There are new faces assisting the Bureau around the ATE office. Michelle Abley has 'retired' now she is a full time mother. Michelle has been replaced by several people including Kathryn Staitte who now sorts your members' emails, is the members secretary and shortly will be the website manager.

On the professional and technical side Paul Durden joined ATE in late 2007 and Andy Milne also joined in April. Both are contributing to the current NZTPDB research projects.

The Bureau has negotiated a contract with Andy Carr and Ryan Rolston of TDG (Christchurch) to manage, maintain and enhance the NZTPDB Database. This will include the inputting summary survey forms and arranging the annual upgrade of the CD Spread Sheet. Summary survey sheets should still be sent to NZTPDB as in the past.

## **BUREAU NAME**

This will be the last Newsletter carrying the present NZTPDB logo. It has served as a useful 'flag-name' over the past six years but an abbreviated name that better reflects the breadth of our work and the international nature of our membership is due. The Board has resolved to retain the Database Bureau part of the title and is contemplating either Trips, Travel or Transportation as the prefix. Members' comments have been sought.

As part of this re-branding we will change the logo, gain a new PO Box, new Email and Website address.

## ***MALCOLM DOUGLASS – NZTPDB ADMINISTRATOR***