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BOARD BUSINESS

The Board met on Thursday 17 July to discuss a full agenda. Some of the Stop Press items are:-

- At the end of this year, the busiest in the Bureau's history, there had been \$137,400 expended on research contracts which had been funded by LTNZ.
- Membership activities paid from the annual service fee represented \$86,600. This includes work on growing the membership, expanding the Database, minor research and the Bureau administration.
- Next years Annual plan was approved including activities to increase the Database and getting the TRICS database established in New Zealand and Australia.
- There will be greater emphasis on multimodal surveys in future through new practice notes supporting Integrated Transportation Assessments.
- The Annual meeting will be held at New Plymouth on the morning of Tuesday 4th November. This will include some minor rule changes.

RE-BRANDING

For some time there has been gentle discussion about how difficult it is to get your tongue around NZTPDB. The Board has scanned the horizon for alternatives and selected Trips Database Bureau (**TDB**). After a trial run this has now been confirmed and the letterhead is now as shown on this page. New contact details are included in the footer below. Above all, the new letter head is international and, in addition to complementing the UK TRICS, is very acceptable to our ANZACS on both sides of the Tasman.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year up to June there have been 5 New Zealand and 10 Australian additions. The ARRB has been made a reciprocal member and Peter Croft is the contact person. Donald Veal of Perth has been co-opted to the Board as the Australian co-Administrator. The programme to encourage councils in the 20,000 to 99,000 size range has not taken off and yet they are a size of Council which benefit greatly from membership. Rotorua District Council is commended for being the only one joining in that programme.

The **TDB** is a cooperative non profit organisation and encourages technical dialogue between members and access to the knowledge of the wider group. We look forward to hearing from you.



WEBSITE

Re-branding leads to website upgrading and www.tdbonline.org is now launched and running well. We regret that only half of our members have used the website over the previous two years and we now look forward to universal use of the new site by ALL and will be monitoring usage. Background information and an explanation of our purpose to both members and visitors to the site has been greatly increased. The members section includes a list of members and email addresses and a range of papers and documents of interest to practitioners in this specialist field will continue to be increased. Your views of the nature of the website and suggestions for including more relevant information are sought.

TRICS LICENSES

As reported last newsletter, we are in close negotiation with our UK counterpart TRICS. **TDB** has purchased a Corporate Research License from TRICS and this will shortly be in place in Christchurch (c/- Steve Abley), Wellington (c/- Tim Kelly), Tauranga (c/- Ian Carlisle), Auckland (c/- Ian Clark), and Perth (c/- Donald Veal). The Board has asked these five members to host our 'subsequent sites' and be the nucleus of the Data Advisory Group. They will also act in their regions as a focus for our work of collection of more surveys and inquiry into our expanding databases. This programme is a recent and exciting break through which will give New Zealand and Australian practitioners reliable access to trip generation, parking demand and modal split information which is invaluable as comparisons when undertaking traffic assessments. The one day Workshops in October/November provide an excellent opportunity to introduce all members to these new facilities.

WORKSHOPS

These one day workshops are arranged by **TDB** jointly on behalf of IPENZ, NZPI, LGNZ, MfE University of Auckland, University of Canterbury and TRICS-UK. The workshops are designed for Practising Engineers and Planners working as Consultants, Council and Government officers. IPENZ and NZPI include this as an approved

Professional Development Course. The workshops are aimed to meet the needs of Engineers and Planners who are arranging surveys and interpreting trip databases. They have direct relevance to those involved in Integrated Transportation Assessments and also those reporting and providing evidence on trips, parking and network effects arising from both appeals and also the reviews of District Plans.

The Locations and prices are:

- University of Auckland
Wednesday 29 October - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- Victoria University, Wellington
Tuesday 11 November - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- University of Canterbury
Thursday 13 November - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

- For engineers and planners who are members of TDB: \$320+GST = \$360
- For NZPI, IPENZ (including Transportation Group) members: \$360+GST = \$405
- For Non members of IPENZ or NZPI: \$400+GST = \$450

To Register Visit www.ipenz.org.nz, keyword "engineering calendar" or email cpd@ipenz.org.nz.
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Nick Rabbets, Chairman of TRICS, (Transportation Engineer Dorset County England) has confirmed his attendance at the Workshops as well as the Annual Transportation Conference in new Plymouth.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The NZ Land Transport funded Transportation Research for 2008-2009 was \$137,000 and this was allocated to the three major research projects which

were completed in June including:-

1. Comparison of UK/NZ Trips and Parking.

Contract LTR 0079

This major 110 page report covering 10 land uses including extensive analysis of Retail Shopping Centres has just been returned from the Peer Reviewers and will shortly be with the LTNZ editors. This is a must for people wishing to understand the comparison of average trip rates surveyed in UK and NZ.

2. The Travel Profile (Part A).

Contract LTR 0115

This analysis of the MOT NZ Household Travel Surveys is 130 pages and describes the daily journeys of 12,000 households surveyed between 2003 and 2006. It includes travel as 'trip legs' by different modes on both weekdays and weekends. There is also analysis of rural, urban and metropolitan council areas. The report is on its way to the printers.

3. Integrated Transportation Assessments.

Contract LTR 0090

Drawing on the most recent international, Australian and New Zealand experience this report traverses the context, statutory, institutional, planning, traffic engineering and environmental issues affecting ITA. The report provides a framework for considering transportation and planning significance assisted by a few practice notes with a promise of many more to come. It will be essential as a reference for those involved in preparing integrated transportation assessments at both local or regional levels. The report will be available for the Assessment Workshops in October/November.

CONFERENCES

AITPM Perth 3-5 September. We will be in Australia at Perth and **TDB** will have a display booth as we try to increase our membership and persuade consultants, councils and state agencies to join and share their knowledge of surveys and to grow the database.

IPENZ Transportation Conference New Plymouth. 3-5 November. The **TDB** Annual Meeting will be held during this conference. There will be a booth in the trade area where we will be encouraging new members and also displaying our video promotion which was used at Perth.

NZ-MUGS Conference Wellington 30-31 October. This conference will be of interest to some members. Some propose to go to both the **TDB** Workshops in their region as well as MUGS Conference in Wellington. What a surfeit of good things.

Malcolm Douglass – Administrator.

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