



Estate and Taxation Planning Council New Zealand Inc

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Dear Member

Committee Meeting

Rather than pass up the opportunity of a free lunch, we held a committee meeting yesterday today to discuss the 25th Anniversary Dinner, and some other issues that were "germane" to the committee. Our thanks to Hugh McGuinness, and Simpson Grierson for their wonderful Christmas lunch and bubbly.

Those that attended were: Hugh McGuinness, Gary Fitzpatrick, Jeff Matthews, Gary Morgan, Russell Brighthouse and Rod Giles.

Apologies: Steve Murray, Robert Knox, Cathy Atchison and Marcus Bosch.

The 25th Anniversary Dinner was discussed in detail, and it was suggested that we plan on having the dinner on 12th, 13th or 14th of March. Provided we can get early acceptance of a speaker we should be able to give at least two months notice to members. Having it in early March would avoid the Christmas/ New Year period, and the short weeks of February, but still allow us to hold the function before Easter in late March. An early March function would help kick start the year's functions for the Council.

Despite our late cancellation Romfords have not charged us a fee, on the assumption that we hold the dinner there at a later date. We discussed the options of speakers, and have compiled the following list of preferred speakers and who has responsibility for contacting the speaker.

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| 1. | Stephen Tindall | Robert Knox |
| 2. | Jim Bolger | Gary Fitzpatrick |
| 3. | Dick Hubbard | Gary Morgan |
| 4. | Rod Carr | Gary Morgan |
| 5. | Peter Briggs | Cathy Atchison |
| 6. | Donal Curtain | Gary Morgan |

Hugh McGuinness was to liase with Robert Knox so we can get the ball rolling for our first choice. Committee members can share most of the other dinner arrangements, once we have a confirmed speaker and date.

The second and more sensitive issue that was discussed was Steve Murray, and our leadership going forward into 2002. Steve is no longer working at Wadsworth Ray, and has currently more pressing issues to resolve and is considering his future, and under these circumstances he has indicated that he can't continue as President. After some debate it was decided that the committee should manage the 25th Anniversary Dinner, and any other issues that arise, until April when we have our AGM.

Marcus has indicated that while he is happy to serve on the committee, he is not available to stand for President or Vice-President in the near future. If Steve were to resign now, it could mean a special general meeting to find a replacement, and we only have a few months to go before the next AGM, when these issues can be debated and voted upon. This scenario would allow Steve to be President at the Dinner, and allow him a graceful exit.

Gary Fitzpatrick indicated that he was happy to continue with his dual role of Secretary / Treasurer, but was not available for President or Vice President at the current time. Hugh McGuinness and Rod Giles were not available, and

as Past President, neither was Russell Brighthouse available. This leaves Jeff Matthews, Gary Morgan, Cathy Atchison and Robert Knox as possible nominees.

Prior to the AGM we need to know who is willing to stand, so that we can get back on track and start the year with some drive and momentum. These issues will be top of the agenda for our first committee meeting of the New Year.