



## Estate and Taxation Planning Council New Zealand Inc

6 December 2002

Dear Member

### Annual General Meeting

The Council's 2001 Annual General Meeting was sponsored and held at the offices of Simpson Grierson on Thursday 21 November 2002. Our acting President (Marcus Bosch) welcomed the Executive and the two members who attended. Eleven apologies were received and accepted.

The Executive Report and the audited accounts for the year ending 31 December 2001 had been distributed to members as they arrived. These were reviewed and accepted by those present. The Committee were able to confirm membership standing at 113 members, and that the Council was in a sound financial position.

Gary Morgan was elected President, Jeff Matthews was elected Vice-President, and Gary Fitzpatrick was elected Secretary/Treasurer. As acting President, Marcus Bosch becomes immediate Past President. All members of the Executive Committee; Hugh McGuinness, Catherine Atchison, Robert Knox, and Rod Giles were available for re-election and, there being no other candidates, all Committee members were duly re-elected.

Discussions were held regarding the setting of subscriptions for 2002, and it was decided that they should remain at \$100 plus GST. Under General Business it was resolved that Council funds should be used to obtain good quality speakers for seminars, secretarial support for the Secretary/ Treasurer, and to manage and update the Council website.

### Executive Report 2001-2002

The end of the 2001 year brought to a close yet another chapter in the development and history of your Council. It was envisaged by the Executive that it would also be a turning point, that would lead us onto new challenges, and areas of development and expansion for the years to come.

Early this year saw the unexpected resignation of our President, Steve Murray. He will be greatly missed, as he has been a stalwart contributor to the Council for many years. Marcus Bosch has taken the reigns as President Pro-tem, with Hugh McGuinness, our "elder statesmen" stepping into the breach where and when required also.

We celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and an appropriate dinner to commemorate the event was enjoyed by all that attended.

We have continued working towards creating a Council Website, which we believe will be of use and benefit to members. This is at the stage of readiness for launching in the very near future.

As always, we encourage all members to put forward their views either by talking to a Committee member, writing, emailing or faxing, as the Council is there to assist your needs, and can only survive with your interest and commitment.

### 2001 Events

## Is it time to fire your Financial Adviser?

A stunning panel consisting of Mary Holm, Gabrielle Wilson and Greg Moyle, who battled with the age old questions of Adviser's, and their appropriateness, especially in the markets of the time, and their recent lack luster performances.

## Can you still make gold on the Gold Coast?

A seminar kindly sponsored by Martelli McKegg Wells & Cormack covering the subjects of investment in the Gold Coast. David Tierney, a partner from Primrose Cooper Cronin Rudkin spoke on property investment opportunities, risks and pitfalls.

## 2002 Events

### 25 Year Anniversary Dinner

A very special event in history, marking 25 years of the Council's existence. Dr Rod Carr was our guest speaker, which turned out timing wise to be a very opportune coup, with Dr Brash resigning from his position as Governor a few days before the dinner. Dr Carr's talk was off the record, but very thought provoking.

### Topical Issues in the Tax, Financial Planning & Financial Fields

A panel consisting of John Brown (Insurance), Craig Stobo (Financial Planning), and Ian Craig (Accounting), spoke on some very topical themes and issues, covering business insurance needs, through to tax planning for New Zealanders leaving New Zealand. Our special thanks to Catherine Atchison and Martelli McKegg for their kind sponsorship of this event.

### Closing Comments

Like most voluntary organisations, your Executive Committee, all freely provide their time and talents whilst constantly battling with their own professions in an ever-increasing commercial environment. The Executive appreciates your support and the confidence you place in them, and pledges to continue with the Council's work.

Finally, we wish to thank our many sponsors, and supporters, but most importantly, Simpson Grierson who provide the fuel known as food to keep the Executive running.

We look forward to the future with confidence.

### The Executive Committee

21 November 2002

## 2003 Programme

The new committee has set aside the following dates for Seminar or Council activities. There maybe occasions when we can't get a speaker on specific dates, but it is our intention to stick as closely as possible to the following dates.

26 February	Breakfast Seminar at Romfords, Mission Bay at 7.30am
10 April	Annual General Meeting
25 June	Seminar Activity / Speaker
24 September	Seminar Activity / Speaker
3 December	Christmas Dinner & Speaker

The committee is not the font of all knowledge, so if there are activities and topics you would like to see covered, or suggestions for how we can deliver better value to the membership, we would love to hear from you.

Again ideas from members would be appreciated. [Click here to send ideas to Gary Fitzpatrick.](#)

## Council Webpage

The Council's new Webpage is almost ready to launch and the hope is that this new resource will facilitate better communication with members. Watch this space!

## New Members

**Aaron Hing** is a Financial Adviser with Spicers Portfolio Management in Havelock North. Aaron joined Spicers in 1992 as a research analyst, before becoming Head of Financial Advice. Aaron has been a frequent economic commentator in the press and on the radio. He has also featured as one of the "Money Doctors" in the TV series of the same name.

**John Ballard** is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. John has been practising for over 30 years as a Chartered Accountant, and is currently a Director with Butts Bainbridge & Weir. John is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and a member of the NZ Trustees Association.

**Owen Williams** is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. Owen worked for 17 years with Nestle NZ, and now sits on the board of the Nestle Taxation & Pension Fund in NZ & Australia. Still leaving Nestle Owen now works in a consultancy role.

**Claire Jones** is a Certified Financial Planner and has been practising for over twelve years. Clair has been an adviser and director of Akarana Investment Management for the past fifteen months, having previously worked with Harts Portfolio Management, and Reeves Moses Investor Care. Clair is a member of Independent Financial Advisers, and speaks regularly at Community Education classes on financial planning and estate and tax planning.

## Acknowledgements

We are fortunate to have an experienced and hard working Executive Committee, all of whom freely provide their time and talents on a voluntary basis in an ever-increasing commercial environment. Our President Gary Morgan would like to thank each and every Committee Member namely Gary Fitzpatrick, Hugh McGuinness, Jeff Matthews, Catherine Atchison, Robert Knox, Marcus Bosch and Rod Giles.