



Estate and Taxation Planning Council New Zealand Inc

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Dear Member

Committee Meeting

The committee held their last meeting of the year in December to discuss the 25th Anniversary Dinner, and the future direction of the Council. The 25th Anniversary Dinner was discussed in detail, and it was suggested that we plan on having the dinner in late April early May, to give the committee sufficient time to arrange a suitable speaker, and a date for when they were available.

The second issue that was discussed was the direction of the Council, and the composition of next year's committee. As the council currently has about 110 members, it was felt that perhaps a smaller more efficient committee would be appropriate, even if not every discipline were represented on the committee. No doubt this will be discussed in more detail before our AGM in April.

Our thanks to Hugh McGuiness, and Simpson Grierson for their wonderful Christmas lunch and bubbly.

25th Anniversary Dinner

We had a few problems late last year trying to get the speakers we wanted, on the days we wanted, but we are now happy to confirm that the Council's 25th Anniversary Dinner will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 1st May 2002, at Romfords on Tamaki Drive, so please mark this in your diary.

Our guest speaker will be Dr Rod Carr who is Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank. Dr Carr joined the Reserve Bank of NZ in July 1998 as Deputy Governor. He is responsible for the Reserve Bank's operations, payment systems operation, financial system oversight, and is a member of the Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee and Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Overseas Investment Commission.

Prior to joining the Reserve Bank, Dr Carr held senior management positions with the National Australia Bank in Melbourne, and between 1982 and 1993, Dr Carr was with the Bank of New Zealand where he was Chief Manager of Retail Financial Services and General Manager of BNZ Life Insurance Ltd. Dr Carr has extensive practical experience in banking, life insurance, and investment management. He has also established successful small business ventures in viticulture, forestry and electronic publishing.

Dr Carr holds a PhD in Insurance and Risk Management, and a MA in Applied Economics and Managerial Science from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; an MBA from Columbia University's Graduate School of Business in New York; and an LLB (Hons) and BCom (Hons) from the University of Otago. His research and publication record includes labour law, urban economics, firm efficiency, retirement income policy, and management behaviour.

We are fortunate to have such a high quality guest speaker for our Anniversary Dinner, and so it is important that members support this event. The committee does not want to see either the speaker, or the council embarrassed by

poor support for the Dinner, otherwise we will have no hesitation in cancelling the event.

We should be looking for numbers between 60 and 100 to make the Dinner a success, so bring a colleague or another professional that has an interest in Estate work, but is not a member of the Council. The committee intends to invite a number of former Presidents to attend the Dinner. The cost to members is \$25 a person, and for non-members the cost is \$55. Apart from this newsletter, formal invites will be mailed shortly.

2002 Programme

April	AGM
May	25 th Anniversary Dinner
July	Seminar Activity / Speaker
September	Seminar Activity / Speaker
November	Seminar Activity / 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.

One area we have started work on is communication. The sub-committee recently met to begin costing a Council web page, and to look at the kind of content that we could carry on it without getting into major expense, and on-going servicing. We envisaged a fairly static web page that could carry details of who we are, and what we have to offer. We would have previous newsletters on the site, together with a full membership list, and who the executive is.

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

AGM

The date for this year's AGM is tentatively set for Thursday 11 April, and will be subject to the audited accounts being available. The date and venue will be confirmed by e-mail.

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 would like to thank each and every Committee Member namely Gary Fitzpatrick, Hugh McGuinness, Gary Morgan, Jeff Matthews, Catherine Atchison, Robert Knox, Marcus Bosch and Rod Giles.

Our belated thanks to Catherine Atchison and Martelli McKegg for their kind sponsorship last year of David Tierney's Presentation on "Property Investment on the Gold Coast". We are also very appreciative of the continued support the Council receives from Simpson & Grierson.