

IEEE Region 10 Meeting Report  
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IEEE New Zealand South Section  
New Zealand

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## **Part A Section Summary**

### **A-1 Executive Summary**

The New Zealand South Section continues to function successfully, building on the strategies proven in the past to provide local members with a varied programme of activities throughout the year.

### **A-2 Financial Report**

The financial position of the section is sound with funds not needed for day-to-day activities being invested and producing additional income for the section. As of 11 February 2002 the balances were:

Cheque Account	NZ\$1972
Term Investment	NZ\$16,964

(Note: NZ\$1.00 = US\$0.41)

### **A-3 Section Committee**

The 2002 section committee is as follows:

Chairman:	Robin Harrington
Vice-chairman:	Simon Round
Secretary:	Trevor Ingham
Treasurer:	Hasha Sirisena
Membership Development:	Reg Dunlop
Professional Activities:	Richard Duke
Educational Activities:	Krys Pawlikowsky
Newsletter Editor:	Richard Newstead
Student Activities:	Richard Duke
Awards:	Reg Dunlop
Massey University Rep:	Robert Hodgson

## **Part B Organisational Activities**

### **B-1 Membership Development Programs**

Our membership development program follows the strategy of previous years, i.e. encourage an active student branch, recruit student members and let them sample the benefits of IEEE membership and the adult membership will look after itself. This is continuing to be successful with a section membership at the end of 2001 being 446 members (including 3 fellows) with 192 being student members.

The section has no specific GOLD activities.

### **B-2 Professional and Continuing Education Activities**

We have no plans for professional and continuing education programmes.

### **B-3 Recognised Educational Programs**

We have no recognised educational programs.

### **B-4 Student Activities**

The student branch at the University of Canterbury conducts a useful programme to complement the local Engineering Society. The effort put in by the student leaders and the support of the staff of the Electrical Engineering Department is appreciated.

### **B-5 Email and Newsletter Activities**

Email is now being used as the principal communications mechanism between the section and the local membership. The section WWW page is also being used to publicise activities.

See <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/nzs/>

### **B-6 Awards**

No awards were presented in 2001.

### **B-7 Chapter Activities**

The joint Communications Society chapter with New Zealand North section has run successful workshops in Wellington since its inception in 1999.

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## **Part C Goals and Plans**

### **C-1 Goals**

The primary goal of the section committee is to maintain a good local technical programme within the resources available. With the increasing pressure on time (both within the business and academic communities), this needs to be done sensitively and we have been successful in reducing the pressures by working co-operatively with other local organisations with similar interests (IEE, ETG etc).

### **C-2 Detailed Implementation Plans**

With the strong links the section committee has within the University community, the Section has contributed to the technical programme using visiting academics as well as using local talent.

### **C-3 Proposed Budget**

As the above are either local or brought to the city by the University, there is little or no cost involved in having them contribute to our programme.

## **Part D Others**

### **D-1 Relationship with national Societies**

The New Zealand IEEE Council has established a joint membership agreement with the national engineering society, the Institute of Professional Engineers of New Zealand. We also enjoy excellent relationships with other similar bodies.

### **D-2 Special Events**

No special events are planned for 2002.

### **D-3 Problems**

Volunteer organisations are subject to the availability of willing volunteers. This, combined with increasing pressures on time, makes keeping the section committee vibrant and motivated a challenge. In recent years we have sought to increase the involvement of members in the business community with limited success. I am pleased that in the past couple of years new members have joined the section committee and fresh leadership is developing.