

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007

The past year was relatively uneventful as far as the National Executive was concerned with the main focus being to keep members informed through regular newsletters and the website. There were no incoming or outgoing 41 tours, but the recent YAP tour did provide an excellent opportunity for some clubs to enjoy international fellowship with an enthusiastic group of young people.

The Perth 41 Club has now officially affiliated to 41 Club New Zealand following approval of their application at the 2006 AGM. Unfortunately Perth is not represented at Convention but I am sure after the visit of 17 of our members in August we will see them at future conventions.

Membership has remained relatively buoyant and currently stands at just over 400. Keeping track of membership changes continues to be a challenge with some Clubs very slow to provide annual returns. However, a request to Clubs and individual members to advise changes as they occur has met with some success and should be continued.

We are again honoured with a visit from the International President; this year it is Dieter Straka and his wife Lydia who are in New Zealand for some 2-3 weeks. Also with us for convention are Bernard and Ulrike Bien from France who are becoming regular visitors to New Zealand. I know you will make them all feel most welcome.

Lynne and I are disappointed that we were not able to attend the International AGM which was held in Graz, Austria, just 2 weeks ago. NZ did however appoint a Consul to represent us at the meeting and vote on our behalf. International President Dieter will be able to provide a brief report on the meeting at our AGM.

As always behind every President is a keen group of 41 members and their wives or partners and I am especially grateful to Secretary/Treasurer Peter Thompson who has done a great job this year. Our convention committee has been working very hard for 2 years to organise this event in a way that everyone can enjoy and I thank them and the many others behind the scenes that have all contributed to what I am sure will be a fantastic weekend.

In conclusion, I would like to wish Allan Parkhill and his team all the best for the coming year.

Les Mockford