The Event
NZIQS 2015 Annual Conference
17 – 19 June, Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton

The NZIQS conference is fast becoming the must attend event on the institute calendar. Our conference theme Motivate, Educate, Activate is reflected in our strong line-up of speakers, site visits and breakout sessions. Hear motivational stories of both personal and professional growth. Be educated on the hot topics within our industry, what legislative changes we need to be aware of and more. Learn tools to activate a better working environment, helping you work and network smarter.

We are excited to this year welcome members of the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors to attend the conference. In the spirit of ANZAC we are offering registration at NZIQS member pricing. We were pleased to have your President and CEO attend our 2014 Conference in Napier and we see this year’s event as an excellent opportunity for AIQS and NZIQS members to build strong relationships and share knowledge.

“Interesting, topical subjects in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Definitely worth AIQS members attending.”

Mark Hampson FAIQS, President AIQS

“The NZIQS conference in 2014 included great content on both local and international construction issues. It would be a valuable and enjoyable experience for all AIQS members”

Michael Manikas, CEO AIQS

The Programme

Welcome Cocktails
Wednesday 17th June: Exhibition Hall, Claudelands
5.30pm – 7.00pm

The Conference Day Sessions
Thursday 18th June: Plenary
8.30am – 3.00pm
Site Visits
3.00pm – 5.00pm
Depart Claudelands, return to Novotel Tainui

Friday 19th June: Plenary
9.00am – 2.30pm
Tour of Hobbiton and Gala Dinner
2.30pm – 12am
Depart Claudelands, return to Novotel Tainui

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The Speakers

Motivational Speaker – 2010 New Zealander of the Year, Sir Ray Avery

After spending his childhood in English orphanages and foster homes, Ray developed an interest in science at the age of 14 while living rough on the streets of London and finding warmth and inspiration in public libraries.

He went on to become an award-winning scientist and successful business man.

Ray’s ground-breaking work in the developing world is his true passion. Working throughout Africa and Asia and exposed to the raw and real shortcomings in healthcare, Ray was determined to use his knowledge of Pharmaceuticals, Science, Project Management and Product Design to tackle big health issues endemic throughout the developing world at a practical sustainable level. Ray has many health related inventions to his name including his latest a low cost infant incubator specifically designed for use in the developing world.

Sir Ray Avery’s presentation will inspire, entertain and motivate you, a true must see!

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Keynote Speaker – Robyn Pearce

Robyn Pearce’s practical and common sense approach to time usage and associated subjects such as work/family balance, delegation, email management, paper and information overload has helped hundreds of thousands of people improve productivity.

Robyn’s presentation “Getting a Grip” on time will activate practical skills that you can immediately implement to improve your time management.

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International Speaker – Fiona Doherty, Rider Levett Bucknall, Canberra

Fiona was not only the Woman in Construction award winner at the recent AIQS Infinite Value Awards, she also took out the overall prize of Professional of the Year. Selected for her proactive approach to cost saving and efficiency crucial in sustainable development. Fiona passionately champions the important role of women in the construction industry and is committed to seeing female participation as the sector grows.

Fiona’s catchphrase of “Get In! Stay focused, have a plan!” is sure to motivate.

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Mike Pohio, former CEO, Tainui Group Holdings
As the largest Iwi in New Zealand, Tainui have many interests in both property and community. Mike will speak on developments in the Waikato Region.

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Andrew Dallas, ConsLab - Risk and opportunity in tenders involving large concrete floors
Alistair Fussell, Steel Construction New Zealand - Best practice charge out rate in pricing steel
Glenn Jowett and Keeley Pomeroy, Aecom - An overview of BIM from Inception to Operation
Paul O’Brien, Commercial Manager, Leighs Construction - Outlook for the Construction Industry in New Zealand
Denise Overend-Clarke, Business Facilitator, The Effect - Quality vs Quantity – Networking Effectively
Society of Construction Law - An update on the Construction Contracts Act

The Site Visits
This year we are excited to offer delegates a choice of three different site visits at the end of day one. You will be asked at time of registration to choose one of the following sessions:

1. Te Piringa - Faculty of Law and Waikato Managements School Building - tour the five storey office tower that features a below ground level and living lawn roof. The building will be 80% complete at time of tour.

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2. Wintec new Trades and Engineering Building - tour this one year old building that incorporates exposed structure and services, with multi-purpose hi tech teaching spaces. The tour will be hosted by Fletcher Construction who will give the contractors perspective and a tutor who will give the users perspective.

3. Avantidrome, Cambridge - visit this world class sports venue, see NZ cycle academy train then attend a presentation by Neville Davy, Project Manager and Errol Newlands, Project Convenor from Livingstones

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The Breakout Sessions

Again more choice for our delegates! We will run two breakout sessions. Choose the breakout session that most interests you:

Breakout One
1. Managing information in a modern office with Robyn Pearce
   OR
2. BIM in detail from a QS perspective with Keeley Pomeroy & Glenn Jowett, Aecom

Breakout Two
1. How to be an Expert Witness with Richard Maiden, Director, Prendos
   OR
2. How to attract and retain quality staff with Johnathan Greening, Hays Recruitment

The Social Events

Thursday 18th June:  Quiz Night
                      6.30pm onwards
                      The Quadrant Pub
                      (2 minutes walk from Novotel Tainui)

Enjoy a two course pub meal for only $25 per person followed by a Pub Quiz. The pub will be closed to the public so we can be as loud as we like!! Note the cost of the meal and beverages are not included in your conference registration, these will be pay as you go on the night.

Friday 19th June:   Gala Dinner
                      The Green Dragon Inn, Hobbiton
                      Matamata

Nowhere else in the world can you experience an evening as unique as this. We will be finishing conference early on the Friday to jump on the bus out to Hobbiton. On arrival you will be served drinks and canapes whilst you enjoy a guided tour of the shire. Then head on over the bridge to the Green Dragon Inn for a pint of their finest ale before enjoying a banquet feast fit for a Hobbit! At the end of the evening you will be bussed back to Novotel Tainui. Note the dress code for this event will be casual with comfortable shoes a must. Heels will not be appropriate as it makes the hobbits feel even shorter!
The Partners

Thursday 18th June
Visit Hamilton Gardens, voted 2014 Garden of the Year by the International Garden Tourism Network. This stunning venue features themed gardens including an Italian Garden with a balcony Romeo and Juliet would be proud to visit.

You will then enjoy a boat cruise and lunch up the Waikato River to Mystery Creek. Followed by a visit and tasting at Mystery Creek Winery before returning to Novotel Tainui.

Friday 19th June
Head out to the beautiful Zealong Tea Estate, the only place tea is grown in New Zealand. Learn the fascinating story behind tea production, see how the tea is made, experience a traditional tea ceremony and enjoy delicious high tea.

Return to Novotel Tainui in the early afternoon with free time to explore Hamilton CBD before joining the delegates for the Gala Dinner at Hobbiton.

The Golf

Wednesday 17th June
Lochiel Golf Course
From 8.30am
Pick up from Novotel Tainui

A favourite event at last year’s conference, this golf tournament will be held the day before the conference plenary begins. Enjoy a day out in the fresh air at this attractive course. Golf registration includes transport to and from Novotel Tainui, green fees, arrival coffee, light lunch and afternoon tea.

The Avantidrome

If you are a keen cyclist or would just like to give velodrome cycling a go then keep Saturday morning free. We have secured a 10am booking at the Avantidrome in Cambridge. Registration will include track bike, helmet and an instructor or you can bring your own gear if you prefer. Shorts, t-shirts and sneakers or cycle shoes must be worn. You will need to arrange your own transport to and from the Avantidrome.

The Transport

We will provide bus transfers to Claudelands at the start of each day. If the weather is fine, and you have the time, Claudelands is a short 15 minute stroll from Novotel Tainui.

The Accommodation

We have secured excellent room rates at the Novotel Tainui and Ibis Hotels, both located one minute’s walk away from each other in Alma Street. For bookings click here
The Mighty Waikato

For those visiting from out of the Waikato region you may like to consider staying on for the weekend. Whether you wish to explore the underground playground that is Waitomo Caves, take a dip in the hot soda springs at Te Aroha or head on out to the Avantidrome for a spin around the track you will not be bored. See our website for a visitor information pack.

The Conference App

Download the NZIQS 2015 Conference App from Google Play or the iTunes store. The app will contain updated information about the programme, social events, speakers, sponsors, delegates, along with local information and maps so you can check what's happening when at a glance.

If you downloaded the app for the 2014 Conference the 2015 information will automatically update.

The Coffee

We are excited to offer a conference first; barista coffee! Enjoy a latte, cappuccino or whichever caffeine fix your heart desires at meal breaks.

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The Registration

Registration is now open! Register online by clicking here

You will be given options for Day only or Full registration and also asked to register for the Partner's Programme, Golf, Site Visits and Breakout Sessions.

Early bird registration for NZIQS members will close Thursday 30th April 2015

The Registration Options

Full Registration, includes Gala Dinner $495  
Partners Programme, includes Gala Dinner $250  
Gala Dinner only $165  
Golf Tournament $80  
Golf Club Hire $20  
Avantidrome Saturday Morning $15

(all prices are in NZ Dollars)
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