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Symposium 2010 Programme is attached to this comment. Also available on the SPANZ Website. Delegates will receive a copy at the Registration desk.

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Dear Colleagues

Next week we will be holding our annual symposium in Queenstown and I look forward to welcoming you and spending time discussing various issues – some important, many not so. I acknowledge here and thank Ros Robson (Executive Committee Manager) and Elizabeth Forgie, who leads our professional development committee, for putting together another excellent programme for the Symposium and I am sure you will appreciate the quality of keynote speakers they have sourced.

My term as President of the association comes to an end next week and I would like to thank you all for your feedback, ideas and support over the past three years. Serving on the SPANZ Executive as Vice-President and President has certainly been a wonderful learning experience that has provided its share of challenges and plenty of opportunity for personal and professional growth. The challenges have been offset to a large degree by the camaraderie, fellowship and fun times spent with colleagues, executive members, various officials and heads of other sector groups, and of course Ros.

I shall not miss most of the media contact, especially that which has focussed on relatively unimportant issues but which they believe will create a headline – school ball season is a case in point!

I encourage people to strongly consider standing for executive in the years ahead as having an input into systemic change is an important leadership progression.

Finally I need to acknowledge my PA, Robyn Muldrew, who has converted my scribbling to text and organised my diary and flights as well as doing all the other regular Principal's PA stuff.

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President