



# SPANZ

SECONDARY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INC.



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**President's Comment 8**

Dear Colleagues

We received very positive feedback on our annual Symposium held in Nelson this week. The keynote speakers were well received and challenged us – copies of their presentations will be available on the SPANZ website in the near future and I am sure that those members who were unable to attend the Symposium will find this material to be of interest.

At the 21<sup>st</sup> AGM of the Association the members adopted the rule changes that were circulated enabling SPANZ to register as a union. This followed on from the motion at the 2007 AGM “to move forward with the process of registering as a union.....” and from sentiments expressed by members over several years. The meeting also adopted the membership model developed by the Executive. At the issues session that preceded the AGM and during discussion at the AGM some members expressed concerns about the union move. Your new Executive will take full consideration of these concerns and other questions that were raised as we move forward.

The response for SPANZ to have a union involvement is a consequence of The Employment Relations Act and the requirement for collective bargaining. There is now the potential for all Secondary School Principals to be directly represented in the full bargaining process irrespective of any allegiance. Rather than being seen as a divisive move I believe that the model of SPANZ Membership that has been adopted does not detract from our professional focus or our core business.

At the conclusion of the Symposium the delegates paid tribute to Professor Viviane Robinson and David Eddy for their outstanding contribution to secondary principals awarding them the SPANZ Leadership in Education Certificate and Stole.

The AGM confirmed my position as President and Paul Daley and Linda Tame as Vice-Presidents for a further 12 months. As a result of the ballot the following members were elected to the SPANZ Executive:

Jan Anderson  
John Rodgers  
Patrick Walsh

Elizabeth Forgie  
Mike Tribe

Following the AGM the new Executive met and voted to co-opt Kelvin Whiting. The next meeting of the Executive will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Regards

**Peter Gall**  
SPANZ President