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Presidents Report

Hi All

Is it all doom and gloom out there or can we see light at the end of the tunnel.

The NZ economy continues to face significant headwinds with only incremental improvements in economic growth over the forecast period. The BusinessNZ Economic Conditions Index (a measure of NZ's major economic indicators) sits at 8 for the September 2024 quarter, up 13 on the previous quarter, and up 30 on a year ago. Improvements in business and consumer sentiment, and declining interest rates, have been offset somewhat by weaker labour market conditions

Both the BNZ - BusinessNZ Performance of Manufacturing Index (PMI) and its sister survey, the Performance of Services Index (PSI) have shown incremental improvements of late, but both are still tracking well below par. Other sectors continue to struggle, with construction activity subdued while retailers and hospitality battle to keep their heads above water as households keep their wallets firmly shut. Tourism, while improving, is still performing at sub pre-covid levels.

The agricultural sector is showing signs of improvement on the back of improving international commodity prices (particularly dairy), although this has been offset by continued high input prices which are impacting on profitability.

Internationally, significant challenges remain with geopolitical tensions still a significant issue while greater moves towards protectionism are creating barriers to trade. Risks continue to remain around shipping routes with elevated costs and delays

Concerns remain about the world's largest economy, the US, with the US election shaping up as a cliffhanger while concerns remain over the future direction of US trade policy.

Time for a Spring Clean and look at what we can do in our own plants for improvements/sustainability and future proofing our businesses. Lets look forward to a profitable Summer.

Tricia Rogers



Sad Loss & Tribute to Rod Ramsbottom

It is with a heavy heart that we would like to inform all our members of the passing of Rod Ramsbottom (Ritex), a valued and respected member of the DLANZ and a hugely popular figure in the industry as a whole.

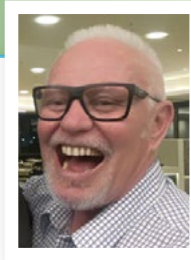
We (Secretarial Team) first met Rod in Wellington at the first conference we organised in 2016. Below are some of the photos with Rod thoroughly enjoying himself, bringing his usual big smile and upbeat vibe.

Below is Rod accepting his award as one of the winners of the DLANZ Wearable Arts Awards for best garment, made from a laundry/drycleaning related material at the 2016 conference.



Rod will be very much missed by those whom used Ritex as a supplier and he will be very much missed from our conferences going forward.

RIP Rod - we are greatly saddened by your passing and send our condolences to your close colleagues, friends and family.



DIA Farewells Howard Duffy

Howard Duffy has recently retired from his position as Technical Officer with the DIA which he held for seven years. A position in which he patiently answered many hundreds of complaints from members of the public and technical questions from drycleaners.

His wealth of knowledge and experience will be a major loss to the industry and to the DIA in particular.

Howard has had 50 plus years in the industry, using all solvents available. He is a leather and suede specialist cleaner and was an advisor on dry cleaning complaints to the Australian Capital Territory Consumer Affairs Bureau. Howard has been a representative on tripartite committees that wrote levels of competency for national training modules for dry cleaning and conducted hands-on training courses and seminars for the industry around Australia. Howard was an advisor and dry cleaner for the Australian War Memorial and National Gallery conservation departments and has worked in the United Kingdom and the USA. He ran his own chain of drycleaning stores along with Nick Mouffarige - Bell's Dry Cleaners.

Howard's affable personality and ability to straight talk without offending is a gift. On more than one occasion he has had to tell a drycleaner that they stuffed up but he always managed to say it in a way that did not offend but rather became a lesson on how to do better and avoid repeating the drycleaning mistake.

Tribute from Scott Stringer

Dear friends

It is with great sadness that we let you know of the passing of our valued friend and colleague Rod Ramsbottom.



He passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 6th of November.

Rod was a stalwart of the linen industry over many decades, and a real character who touched a lot of people with his warm, infectious personality.

He counted many in the industry as close friends and consistently went out of his way to help others, including loading up his car with stock to drive across the country.

Rod only worked with BL Stringer for a short time, but our friendship went back many years. He fitted in seamlessly and was beloved by our team.

Regards Scott Stringer

Young at Heart!

Neville Bowen, former President of the Textile Care Federations & Life Member of the DLANZ (TCF) shows he is still going strong well into retirement. Photo credit: Chris Burr.

International Day of Older People:

Neville Bowen, Chris Burr win photo competition.

Bowen and Tauranga photographer Chris Burr are the winners of a photo competition supported by the council aimed at "kicking ageism to the kerb".

Neville who organised the free woodchopping event at the Mount Maunganui RSA - said people had been giving him "a hard time lately about getting old and should be retiring".

"My statement to them always has been, 'Nah, I'm not going to let the old man in yet'."



Neville has competed in woodchopping for 54 years and has no plans to stop. "Once the sawdust gets in your veins, it stays in your veins."

He said woodchopping was "part of my life" - he represented New Zealand in the 1990s and still competes regularly. "There aren't many guys older than me still competing in New Zealand."

Read the full story at:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/bay-of-plenty-times/news/international-day-of-older-people-neville-bowen-chris-burr-win-photo-competition>



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Admin Team Update

Most members should have their members certificates by now. If you haven't received it yet and have paid your subs for the year then please email us, it may be missing in action.

There are still a few outstanding accounts, so please get these paid before the end of the year, so we can complete this task and put our focus on more pressing things.

The admin team, is always here to help and although we are very part-time we will always endeavour to respond to any communications promptly, however please do not hesitate to following-up if your inquiry is urgent or you think it may have gone missing.

The regular work that keeps us busy includes onboarding new members, communication with members and forwarding important topics to the committee. Regular mailchimps, newsletters, website updates, member updates, reconciliations, member invoicing, certificates, standards. As well as organising, events like committee meetings, AGMs and of course the conference.

Conference 2025 "Into the Future"

Hot off the press are the new sponsorship packages for our 2025 conference. The theme is recognising industry advances in technology and AI.

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Allied Laundry Upscales it's Ironing Line!

After much shuffling around of other work areas Allied Laundry has managed to shoehorn a new Kannegiesser ironing line into the Allied Laundry plant. The ironing line is configured to process large and small pieces to provide redundancy to the other two ironing lines.



CEO Mark Mabbett reports that the laundry has seen an increase of 17% in volumes of hospital linen over the last 8 years and needed to ensure processing capacity to maintain ongoing supply. They are now averaging 100 tonnes a week and are seeing an ongoing increase in demand as bed numbers and acuity increases. Patrick and the team from Bowe reportedly did a great job installing the machine into a fairly tight space.

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Congratulations are in order to the first participant to complete the DIA's online training module - **Inspection Perfection.**

Jaqlyn Cunningham, from JA McCallum & Son, was the very first to undertake the new online training that is now available to all DLANZ members.

<https://www.drycleanersweb.com.au/resources/shop/courses/>

Perchloroethylene (Tetrachloroethylene) Trivia:

- Not just for drycleaning... some things you might not have known about perc!
- Discovered when French chemist Henri Victor Regnault first synthesized tetrachloroethylene in 1839.
- Tetrachloroethylene is an excellent nonpolar solvent for organic materials. Additionally, it is volatile, highly stable (easily recycled) and nonflammable, and has low toxicity. For these reasons, it has been widely used in dry cleaning worldwide since the 1930s replacing highly flammable dry cleaning solvents such as naphtha.
- It is also used to degrease metal parts in the automotive and other metalworking industries, usually as a mixture with other chlorocarbons. It appears in a few consumer products including paint strippers, aerosol preparations and spot removers
- Tetrachloroethylene was once extensively used as an intermediate in the manufacture of HFC-134a and related refrigerants.
- In the early 20th century, tetrachloroethene was used for the treatment of hookworm infestation. Tetrachloroethylene treatment has played a vital role in eradicating hookworms in the United States and abroad.

In New Zealand:

- In New Zealand it has been used for specialist drycleaning of wools and yarns; for example, by GL Bowron to clean sheepskins for the supersoft cosy lining in UGG boots.
- Canterbury Scientific uses analytical grade tetrachloroethylene to separate blood products for manufacturing the test standards used to calibrate instruments for monitoring diabetes blood glucose levels, these are exported to the USA.
- Archives New Zealand used Perchloroethylene in their Film Preservation Laboratory to clean and preserve old cellulose films. The film was passed over rollers through a small bath apparatus containing perc. The perc would not only clean the dust and smudges off the film but would cause the cellulose to swell slightly eliminating scratches, thereby restoring our nations precious history on film ready for digitising.
- And of course, all this Perc is recovered by Puramundo at Solvent Rescue, purified by distillation, then after passing our quality control checks is ready to be reused in the drycleaning and metal degreasing industries.
- Oils extracted have a similar calorific energy value as waste engine oil and are blended to provide industrial process heat with a green tick.
- Residual sludges are treated and deposited at Kate Valley Landfill where anaerobic microbes feed and create landfill methane which is converted into electricity to power homes and business.



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darrell@puramundo.co.nz

Your DLANZ Standards

Thanks to all those members who have completed the self-evaluation for their DLANZ Minimum Standards.

The committee encourages those members who may have issues or obstacles in the way of completing these to please reach out to your regional rep for advice or support.

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