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**CANTERBURY BRANCH**

**ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2011**



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Another momentous and emotional year has passed in Christchurch – one that will undoubtedly be remembered for the February earthquake and the impact that has had, and will continue to have, on us all both personally and professionally. This major event, coupled with a continuation of a subdued economy has led to a challenging year, which I think we will all be glad to leave behind and enjoy a well earned summer holiday.

At a branch level, as a result of the earthquake and the impact on the city and business community, it has been a somewhat disjointed year with most of us pre-occupied with recovery matters both at home and at work. We have also seen some exodus of professional people from the city, however our membership continues to remain relatively stable. Thanks to all of our members for their support.

At a local level, Andrew Simpson took on the Chairmanship of the local branch at the start of the year and saw us through the turmoil of the earthquake and trying to get the branch back to some form of operation in the months that passed. In the last month or so Andrew has decided to return to his homeland in the UK with his family and hence I am temporarily back in the Chairman's seat.

Following the events of family we have started to resume our local networking sessions as best we can given the restraints on venues and people's time in particular. Where possible we continue to co-host and share events with the local ISACA chapter. Topics this year hosted by both IIA and ISACA have included:

- July 2011 – Post earthquake – looking forward to the new normal;
- October 2011 – our annual presentation around Privacy week and related matters;

In respect to these events, I should note that all of our speakers do present to us free of charge, so that is much appreciated and emphasizes the wonderful effort put in by the committee in twisting the arms of people to present to us.

At a National level during 2011, under the new presidency of Souella Cumming, there has been a continued focus of the 3 year strategic plan put in place last year. In respect to the 2011 year, the following key areas deserve mention:

- We would like to thank the National Board on their support for our local members to attend training courses in other centres if they wish. The subsidies they have offered to assist with this are very much appreciated;
- Following the sad passing of Judy Third, the administration office in Wellington has appointed a new executive director who has commenced work in the last week or so. This appointment was following a review of the resourcing required to provide the appropriate level of service to the member group;
- The annual education forum was held in November in Auckland last week, and once again numbers held up well from prior years from what I understand. Feedback has been positive and it remains a key objective to keep the quality of the conference as high as possible.

To finish I must touch on the sad passing of Judy Third who lost her battle with cancer recently. Judy had been a key part of the back office of the IIA and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts go out to her family.

Finally a big thanks to all of my fellow committee members for the time they give up on a voluntary basis to help keep the local branch alive. Thanks also to EY and Deloitte for support in providing venues for meetings and functions.

Tim May  
Acting Chairman, Canterbury Branch.