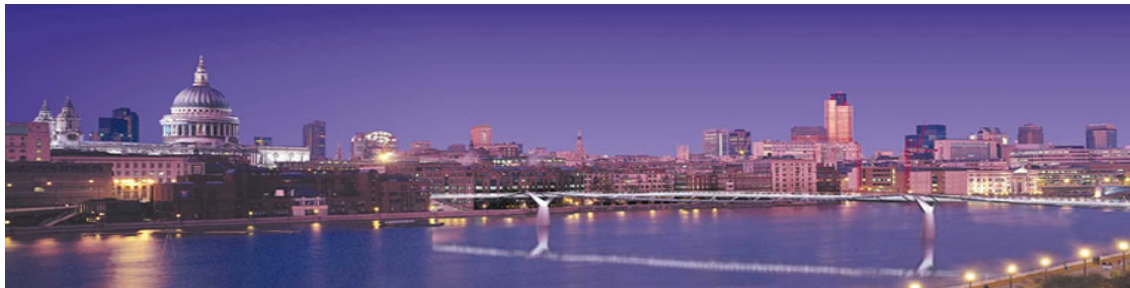




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New British High Commissioner to New Zealand

The British Government has appointed the next British High Commissioner to New Zealand. Vicki Treadell will arrive next month.



Ms Treadell is currently British Deputy High Commissioner in Mumbai and is a career diplomat with experience spanning 30 years. She has previously had overseas postings in Pakistan and Malaysia and worked in a wide range of roles in the UK. Immediately before her

posting to Mumbai, she was Director for the North West of England operations of UK Trade & Investment, the British counterpart of NZ Trade and Enterprise. In Mumbai, Ms Treadell had to direct the consular response for British Nationals caught up in the terrorist attacks of 26 November 2008. When she arrives in New Zealand, she will become the first female British High Commissioner to this country.

Wine Amongst the Vines at Coopers Creek

BNZBA members and friends had a lovely evening at Coopers Creek in February. After a long ride out to the venue, due to the vagaries of the Auckland

traffic, we were warmly welcomed with a wide array of tastings. A selection of 12 wines over the two hours, and a lovely selection of cheeses were experienced with descriptions and tasting notes provided by the resident wine connoisseur. The sunny surroundings on a perfect summer's night just added to the occasion. Coopers Creek is a wonderful venue that we hope to use again for a summer networking event.

Colin Wilson CBE

The Association noted Colin's passing on 17 March with sadness and fond memories. Colin was a Life Member of the BNZBA, a former National Director and Consul General.

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An Evening of Gracious Motoring

Thank you once again to Richard Langridge for opening up his home and garage to host the BNZBA and the Pakuranga Rotary Club in February.



Richard is believed to own the largest collection of Rolls Royces and other English engineered cars in the southern hemisphere, and what an amazing selection he has, housed in a purpose designed garaging and display complex. A very pleasant evening at his estate was enjoyed by all. We thank Richard immensely for his hospitality and intriguing commentary on the history and stories behind some of the world's most special vehicles. A special thanks also to the Rotary Club for manning the BBQ.

John Allen at the Langham

We were pleased to host MFAT CEO, John Allen at a Langham breakfast last month.



The event coincided with St Patrick's Day, which did not deter a small but

appreciative group of BNZBA members and guests. John is a compelling, visionary speaker with an absolute commitment to maximising New Zealand's international potential. He addressed priorities in trade and foreign affairs, touching on current treaties and focuses for the Government stimulating a number of perceptive questions and expansive answers.

HSBC Hosts High Tech, & Resources Kick Start with BNZBA and Member CIMA

Long time BNZBA member HSBC sponsored a business kick-start gathering in Wellington on February 4. Co-sponsors were BNZBA and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. CIMA is a member of the Wellington branch.



Mike Cherrett UK deputy High Commissioner with Paul Frampton of CIMA and Richard Cook of Crown Minerals

Emceed by the head of HSBC in Wellington, John Forster, and held in the bank's boardroom, the event featured brief outlines from BNZBA and CIMA followed by quick sketches of their business and prospects for the year by attendees.



HSBC's John Forster emceed

Guest Richard Cook, chief petroleum geologist of Crown Minerals noted that oil was now New Zealand's third biggest export and he outlined the prospects in the short to medium term of exploration and development.

Murray Gibb, CEO of Water New Zealand stressed the nation's unique advantage contained in its abundant fresh water supply, an advantage that was often submerged in uninformed debate on water issues, he noted.

Charles Willmot, director of engineering for the Institute of Professional Engineers spoke on IPENZ's work and the extent of the professional engineering skills base [here](#)



Opus' Ed Rafferty with Andrew Criglington of Miers Laboratories.

Opus International Consultants' Ed Rafferty, another long time BNZBA member, described the work of the NZ-based global civil engineer in applying around the world these same New Zealand technology skills. BNZBA committee member in Wellington, Andrew Criglington proprietor of what is often considered the nation's leading pharmaceutical manufacturer, Miers Laboratories, forecast

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prospects for the nation in the health manufacturing sphere.



Phil Shepherd of Harmonic with Consul-General John Waugh and Lou Parun of Knossos

A number of companies enlisted on BNZBA Wellington's Expansion UK scheme also spoke at the session. They included Lou Parun of Knossos a specialist in software for the hospitality sector, Phil Shepherd of Harmonic which produces productivity systems for agribusiness, and Dennis Hills of Ventech, a manufacturer of digital and telecommunications metal casings convection cooling systems.



Charles Willmot of IPENZ with Murray Gibb of Water NZ, BNZBA Wellington chairman Don Walker, and BNZBA Wellington committee member Ian Holland of CIMA



Barry Giles of Enzegenol with John Forster

Barry Giles of Enzegenol, another Expansion UK company spoke of his own company's work and prospects in the emerging processing industry of

extracting compounds from pinus radiata.

Operated by BNZBA Wellington for the past four years, the Expansion UK project has involved branch members in identifying, visiting nationwide, and evaluating hundreds of New Zealand companies in advanced technology sectors.

The objective has been in pursuit of candidates partnering with UK firms to achieve global scale or moving all or part of their productive capacity there to achieve similar economies as well as access to the EU zone.

The project was carried out as agent for UK Trade & Investment via the UK Consul- General in Auckland.

New National Director for BNZBA



Tony Andrew was appointed as National Director of the BNZBA at the beginning of the year. Tony has wide business experience with a background in marketing communications. He coordinated New Zealand private sector involvement in the Universal Expo in Europe in 1992 and advises a number of companies involved in the development and export

of environmental technologies. 'There's a solid foundation for the BNZBA, established over a long history,' he says, 'and I'm looking forward to helping build on that working with members and the range of associations and organisations with which the association cooperates.'

Priorities for the BNZBA include delivery of enhanced information access, effective networking opportunities and successful events that contribute value for members and their associates.

Tony can be contacted at info@bnzba.co.nz or on Auckland 2928083.

Upcoming Events

This week we host David Carter, Minister of Agriculture at the AGM luncheon.

Please join us in the coming months as we host a number of other events to assist you to meet like minded individuals and have some fun doing it.

19 May - Farewell luncheon for George Fergusson, British High Commissioner to New Zealand.

August TBC - Mid Winter Christmas function with traditional English fare.

September TBC - Meet UK Trade and Investment CEO, Sir Andrew Cahn.

Watch for details on the website.

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