

Welcome to the first edition of NASH NEWS for 2009 and the very best wishes for 2009. NASH NEWS is published quarterly.

UPDATE

Wow, what a year 2008 was. One of our activities last year was to increase the profile and awareness of NASH as an effective industry association. For this issue, I thought it might be helpful to list some of the activities NASH has been involved over the past eight months or so.

MASTER BUILDERS CONFERENCE

NASH exhibited at this conference in April and will also be at the 2009 conference to be held in Blenheim in April this year.

One of the highlights of 2008 conference was a presentation by Mai Chen, a very prominent constitutional lawyer. During her talk, she expressed her concerns over the plethora of legislation passed in the last 10 years with relevance to the building, construction and housing industry.

To help simplify matters for all concerned, she suggested that a relook at the Act was necessary.

BUILDING OFFICIALS INSTITUTE OF NZ CONFERENCE (BOINZ).

This conference held at Auckland's Aotea Centre in April last year was a great success. Bringing together building industry participants from around the country. The NASH stand at the conference received a lot of interest with delegates keen to learn more about the steel framing industry.

As a result of the conference, NASH has formed relationships with key personnel in the sector. To enhance their knowledge of the steel-framed housing sector, a number of presentations to TA's are planned for 2009.

At the 2009 BOINZ Conference, NASH will be making a major presentation entitled "Steel Framed Housing – Bells and Whistles" which hopefully will clear up some compliance issues.

The picture below shows Kelvin Goode of North Shore City Council who won the NASH prize draw that we held to attract conference participants to our stand. His prize was a bottle of something good!



METALS INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

NASH was asked to become part of the organising committee for this major conference and held a parallel session for the Steel Framing sector.

Invited speakers from World Steel in Brussels, NASH Australia, and fastener manufacturers from the USA and Australia

also participated. NASH was also pleased to welcome the new CEO of BRANZ to present his view of the future.

At the gala dinner NASH Chairman, Gordon Barratt was presented with a "Service to Industry" Award in recognition of his tireless work for NASH.



Gordon Barratt (left) receives his award from NASH General Manager, Carl Davies



Pictured left to right: Ken Watson (NASH Australia), Carl Davis (General Manager, NASH New Zealand), Gordon Barratt (Chairman, NASH New Zealand), Doug Holmberg (GRABBA, USA), Larry Williams, (World Steel, Brussels).

FUTURE PROOF BUILDING ROADSHOW

NASH was represented at this 18 centre roadshow throughout the country.

These events provided an excellent vehicle to inform the public and the trades about the benefits of steel framing.



PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

New promotional material for NASH was produced toward the end of last year.

Currently consisting of a really dynamic brochure and display banners, they give our association a fresh new look and will be used for all expos and presentations. Copies of the brochure can be obtained from Carl Davies; Give him a call or email for your copy.



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COUNCIL (CIC)

NASH was elected as a member in August of this year. Membership gives NASH a presence on one of the major vehicles that are used to advise Government of matters relating to the construction Industry.

QUALITY STANDARDS

NASH have started work on developing quality standards for the industry. These should prove invaluable in ensuring high and consistent standards for the the design and construction of all steel framed buildings in the future.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NASH are now increasingly involved with the Building & Construction Industry Training Organisation (BCITO) and participated in their two day Strategic Planning Session.

NASH is also a member of the Strategic Industry Advisory Group for the Frame and Truss Manufacturing Sector, which designs qualifications for the sector.

NASH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A new Technical Committee has been formed and met for the first time during the Metals Conference in October. Our main task is to develop standards for the industry. These standards will be included in a Steel Framing Handbook, which is planned for production later this year.

BENCHMARKING OUR INDUSTRY

NASH Australia undertook a benchmarking exercise of their industry with the help of some Government funding. The results were quite illuminating and gave an interesting insight to industry practises in Australia. See www.nash.asn.au at the end of January for more details.

AXXIS™ CONTRIBUTES TO HEALTHY HOMES

Axxis™ steel's contribution to creating healthy homes has been recognised overseas and now in New Zealand. The Asthma and Respiratory Foundation has recognised steel framing material by New Zealand Steel as a "Sensitive Choice" for allergy and asthma sufferers.

The Axxis™ page is listed under the Building Frames, Trusses and Joists product category at: http://www.asthmafoundation.org.nz/building_frames_trusses_and_joists.php



MEMBERSHIP

Membership of NASH has increased significantly over the past year with many members keen to take an active part. Membership enables members to express their views and have some real input into the development of the steel framing industry.

Your input is important as well. If you are involved in an interesting project or have any news stories you would like to share with us please contact Carl Davis. For details about becoming an active participant in NASH, visit our website or give Carl a call.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- BOINZ Conference, Christchurch - April 6th 7th and 8th 2009
- Master Builders Conference, Blenheim - April 16th 17th and 18th 2009
- NASH AGM, Auckland - (Date in April 2009 TBA)

If you require more information on any topic discussed in this brochure, or would like assistance please visit our website. Alternatively you can contact the Association by phoning **09 262 1625**.

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