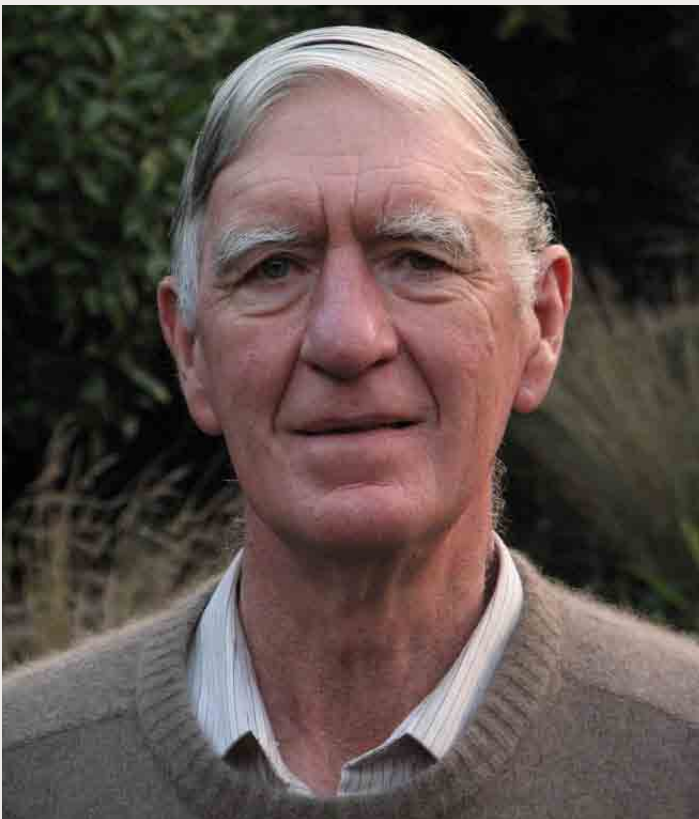


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Dr Richard Fenwick was named an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in the 2010 Queen's Birthday Honours. Richard was recognised for his services to engineering, and SESOC is delighted to have Richard's many years of service to the structural engineering community recognised in this way. Richard has made significant contributions over many years to our structural concrete and earthquake loadings standards as well as other structural engineering publications. He has left his legacy in teaching many structural engineering students at the University of Auckland, where he was Associate Professor, and at the University of Canterbury where he continues as Adjunct Associate Professor. SESOC extends its congratulations and thanks to Richard.



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Strategic Planning Day

Members of the SESOC management committee held a special meeting on 17 March 2010 and from that meeting a draft SESOC Strategic Plan has been prepared. This draft plan has the vision that 'SESOC will be recognised as the authority promoting the highest standards in the science, art and practice of Structural Engineering'. Four strategic goals were identified, being:

- **Competence and Standards**
To foster a culture that ensures the highest standards and competence are practiced and recognised
- **Professional Development Support**
To provide technical professional development opportunities to meet the needs of members at all stages of their careers
- **Structural Engineering Practice Support**
To lead in the development and recognition of good structural engineering practices and provide members with tools to assist them to become more effective professional Structural Engineers
- **Leadership**
To define and facilitate resolution of issues relating to the practice of Structural Engineering



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A new regional structural group has formed in the Nelson-Marlborough region, chaired by Robin Fregley, with 50 members currently. The chapter is composed of members from both SESOC and the Timber Design Society. The chapter had its first site visit to the new 3 storey Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Arts and Media Block. The success of this chapter suggests that SESOC members in other regions may wish to consider forming a local chapter in their region.



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IStructE

SESOC have written to the incoming president of IStructE with a view to continuing dialogue on projects where SESOC and IStructE can collaborate, such as providing advice on aspects of structural seismic design. Several SESOC members have been contacted to contribute articles for a special publication of 'The Structural Engineer', published by IStructE, which will contain articles showcasing New Zealand projects and research.



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The website contains a number of new features including a 'journal and archives' section where all past articles are being listed (we are still in the process of listing these articles however this should be completed by the end of August). The search feature enables articles to be searched using key words from the abstract. Contents from past SESOC Journals and the electronic SESOC News will be available here.

Under 'members resources' we have incorporated a 'discussion forums' page which will gain momentum over time as issues are posted. New forums may be started on any topic relating to structural engineering. To suggest a new forum or thread, please email editor@sesoc.org.nz. Within the 'discussion forums' page we have initiated a forum for each of the main structural design Standards. The intention here is to continually gather and publish comments from users of those Standards for the information of members and Standards New Zealand. We hope you will find the new website more user-friendly and helpful.