



IPENZ – past, present and future

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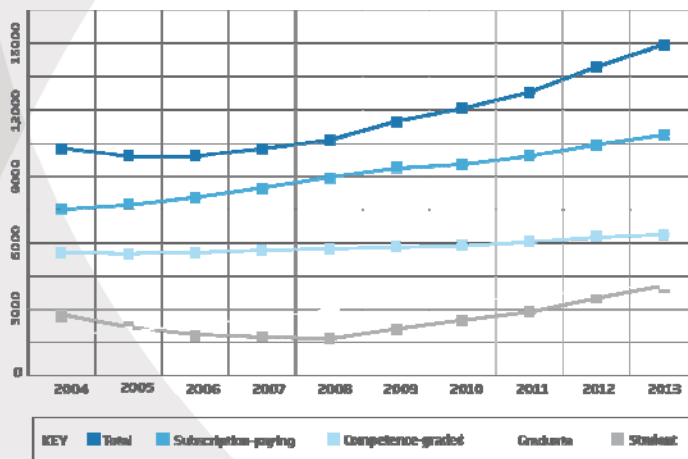
The centenary year

- Fellows' and Achievers' Dinner – Christchurch 21 March
- Launching *An Evolving Order – The Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand 1914–2014*
- Pickering Lecture series (sponsored by Meridian) – with the Director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab – 4 lectures, 24 to 27 March
- Centenary Lecture series (sponsored by Beca) – the designers of the America's Cup yachts – 6 lectures in May
- IEA Dinner – Wellington 11 June
- Australasian Engineering Heritage Conference – Christchurch 24–26 November
- NZEE Awards Dinner – Auckland 28 November
- Branch, Technical Interest Group and Collaborating Technical Society Celebrations

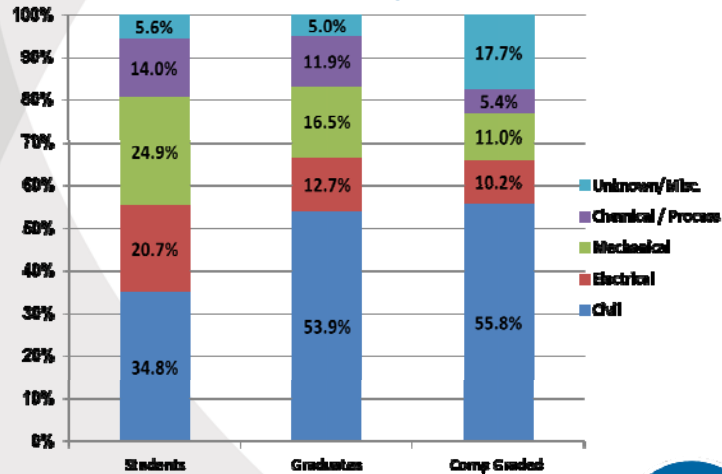
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Membership trends



Membership by discipline



IPENZ – future relevance

In a world of:

- Emerging new engineering disciplines
- Increasingly diverse fields of employment
- Increasing diversity in the engineering workforce

IPENZ needs to appeal to the broad engineering profession by:

- Having as its core the ethos of “professionalism” (that which unites us)
- Maintaining internationally benchmarked education and competence standards
- Providing tailored services to Membership segments
- Providing access to specialist engineering knowledge
- Being the voice of the profession

Professional standards – today's challenges

In the light of the Canterbury Royal Commission recommendations:

- The political desire for holding to account engineers who fail to meet professional standards
- The weakness of the current statutory occupational regulation of engineers for doing so
- A need to lift the game in the profession around the duty to report



Our responses

- Reviewing our code of ethics with emphasis on culture around reporting
- Supporting a move to licensing tasks where there is a demonstrated public benefit
- Consulting on reshaping the Membership structure to highlight those positively affirming their commitment to professionalism
- Consulting on an optional pledge to the ideals of professionalism and an accompanying symbol of that commitment (a ring)



Our public image and perception

- Considering a change to “Engineers New Zealand” to engage more with audiences beyond the engineering sector
- Considering changing the Institution’s name to the “Institution of Professional Engineering New Zealand” to embrace the breadth and depth of the engineering sector.

