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AOTEAROA WAVE AND TIDAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION NON-MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Association's August newsletter, which contains much-anticipated confirmation of the 'contestable fund for marine energy deployments' and news of two resource consent applications for marine energy projects. No doubt the contestable fund, when it becomes available, is going to increase activity here and overseas interest in marine energy in New Zealand.

The Annual General Meeting and 'Developers' Day'

The Annual General Meeting of AWATEA was held on Thursday 16 August 2007 in the Lion Harbourview Lounge at the Michael Fowler Centre, Wakefield Street, Wellington. Members elected a new Executive and voted to amend the Rules of the Association to include Honorary and Life membership categories.

The minutes of the AGM are available on the AWATEA website. The presentations from the Developers' Day mini-conference are also available on the website. The presentations are password-protected and are available to paid members of the Association and to non-members, who paid to attend the Developers' Day mini-conference.

Newsletter

You are receiving the non-members' newsletter, because you are not a paid member of AWATEA. If you would like to receive the members' newsletter, you can join the Association: an updated application form can be downloaded from the AWATEA website or supplied on request by sending an e-mail to admin@awatea.org.nz.

We welcome your feedback on or input to the newsletter. Please send your comments to mail@awatea.org.nz.



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AWATEA News

Annual General Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on **Thursday 16 August 2007** in the Lion Harbourview Lounge of the Michael Fowler Centre, Wakefield Street, Wellington. About 2/3rds of the membership either attended or cast their votes by proxy at the meeting. Forty-nine people attended the meeting.

The members voted on two issues:

1. Election of the Executive until the next AGM
2. Changes to the Rules to include Life and Honorary membership categories

Four members of the existing Executive were re-elected to serve until the next AGM:

*Mr. Peter Apperley, Dr. Andrew Laing, Mr. Reece McVinnie and
Mr. Tara Ross-Watt*

Three new members were elected:

Mr. Anthony R. Bellvè, Mr. Frank Lewis and Mr. Buddy Mikaere

The new Executive will meet for the first time on 4 September.

The membership also approved two rule changes – the establishment of two new categories of membership – Life Membership and Honorary Membership.

The Rules of the Association are currently in the process of being amended with the Incorporated Societies Office and an amended set of Rules will be available on the website, when the ISO has approved the rule changes.

The minutes of the AGM are available for download from the website. These minutes are password-protected and you should have received a username and password in the cover e-mail with this newsletter. The username and password will also give access to the Members' page and the 2007 Conference page. If you are having problems, please contact mail@awatea.org.nz.

Developers' Day Mini-Conference

Following the AGM, the Developers' Day mini-conference began with an additional presentation by Dr. Craig Stevens.

The mini-conference had the following presentations:

Craig Stevens	Resource Consent Issues for Marine Energy
Selwyn Blackmore	Sources of Government Funding for Marine Energy
Matt Adams	Strategies for Intellectual Property Protection
Mark Hargreaves	Strategies for Intellectual Property Commercialization
Don Clucas	New Technology Development–PMT: People, Market, Technology
John Riding	Experience of Renewable Energy Impact Assessments
Sean Cooper	Hector's Dolphin Threat Management Plan

All the presentations were relevant to device or project developers, a number of whom were in the audience. Perhaps the most attentively watched presentation



was that by Selwyn Blackmore from EECA, which gave details of the proposed \$ 8 million contestable fund for marine energy, foreshadowed in the draft Energy Strategy. All of the presentations are available for download from the website. The presentations are password-protected and you should have received a username and password in the cover e-mail with this newsletter. If you are having problems, please contact mail@awatea.org.nz.

AWATEA Website Upgrade

As noted material from the AGM and Developers' Day has been added under the 'News & Events'/'Overview' tab. Paid members of the Association can now use a single username and password to access all password-protected pages and material.

Non-members who paid to attend the AGM and Developers' Day have been sent a username and password for access to material presented at that meeting.

9th New Zealand Energy Summit (13-14 August 2007)

The Executive Officer made a brief cameo appearance during a discussion session on new energy forms at this annual conference. Hopefully the organizers of this conference will allot more time to marine energy next year!

NEW ZEALAND News

CREST Energy adds another Resource Consent Application

CREST Energy submitted a resource consent application for a tidal energy project...

Cook Strait Consent Application

As anticipated in the July newsletter, Neptune Power has now submitted a resource consent application...

EDS Update to RMA Community Guide

The Environmental Defence Society has updated its "Community Guide to the Resource Management Act 1991.

OVERSEAS News

Spain: First Commercial Wave Energy Installation for Wavegen

Wavegen, a wholly owned subsidiary of Voith Siemens Hydro Power Generation, will supply the technology...

Spain: Basque Marine Energy Centre

Still in Spain, the Basque Energy Board is proposing to create an "Operation and Test Facility for Wave Energy Converters"...

Northern Ireland: Marine Current Turbines Installation

The magazine 'Professional Engineering' has reported that the deployment of Marine Current Turbines 'Seagen'...



Scotland: OPD awarded Grant

Ocean Power Delivery (OPD) has secured a £260,000 Regional Selective Assistance grant...

United Kingdom: E.On to Invest €3 Billion in Renewables by 2010

Major power and gas company E.On, is planning to expand its renewable energy activities...

UK Tidal Energy Study Nears Completion

The Sustainable Development Commission in the UK has announced that the Tidal Power Project study is nearing completion...

Florida: Muscle in the Water

SRI International deployed an unusual wave energy device off the Florida...

US House Passes Energy Bill Requiring 15% Renewables

On 4 August 2007 the US House of Representatives passed a bill that will require most utilities to produce 15% of their electricity from renewable sources...

Worldwide Renewable Energy Investment US\$90 bn This Year

According to a London-based research firm, New Carbon Finance, investment in the renewable energy sector will exceed \$90 billion this year...

Matt Simmons Speaks Again

You may remember that in newsletter 7 we reported a presentation by Houston-based investment banker...

Thanks

Members of AWATEA brought some of the articles above to the attention of the newsletter editor. Thanks to:

Gerry Carrington, Paul Tuckley and Rob Urselmann

for forwarding articles in this newsletter. If you find a news item of note or have something you think would be appropriate to circulate, please forward it to mail@awatea.org.nz.



DIARY

If you are aware of an event that might interest AWATEA's membership, please e-mail details to: mail@awatea.org.nz.

Date	Location	Event
29-31 August 2007	Hamilton	NZ Marine Sciences Society Conference
30-31 August 2007	Brisbane	3 rd Australia-NZ Climate Change & Business Conference
September 2007?		Publication of the New Zealand Energy Strategy
4 September 2007	Isle of Wight, UK	WATTS 2007: Wave and Tidal Technology Symposium
6 – 7 September 2007	Wellington	Conference: "Climate Change and the Law"
11-14 September 2007	Porto, Portugal	7 th European Wave and Tidal Energy Conference
20 September 2007	Wellington	Energy Law Association seminar: Sue Powell, Ministry of Economic Development "Call-ins"
24 – 25 September 2007	London	Renewable Energy Finance Forum
29 September – 4 October 2007	Vancouver	Oceans07 Conference
30 September 2007	<i>Closing date for submissions</i>	<i>"Improving Regulation of Environmental Effects in New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone"</i>
2 – 4 October 2007	Scarborough, England	Conference: "Towards a Coherent Network of Marine Protected Areas".
October 2007?		Publication of the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy
Week of 15 October, 2007	Messina, Italy	13 th IEA: Ocean Energy Systems Implementing Agreement Executive Committee meeting
9 November 2007	Dundee, Scotland	Scottish Renewables Marine Energy Seminar
11-15 November 2007	Rome, Italy	20 th World Energy Congress
19-21 November 2007	Valencia, Spain	Expo Energetica Conference
22-23 November 2007	Auckland	NERI Energy Research Conference, Institute of Earth Sciences and Engineering, Auckland Uni.
4-6 March 2008	Washington, DC	Washington International Renewable Energy Conference
10-12 March 2008	Auckland	NZ Petroleum Conference 2008, Sky City Convention Centre
11 – 13 March 2008	London	IMAREST Oceanology International 2008 Conference
8 – 11 April 2008	Kobe, Japan	Oceans '08 Conference

AWATEA publishes dates of marine-energy themed conferences and closing dates for submissions to draft Government documents. AWATEA relies on conference organizers and other event organizers to advise it of dates for meetings and submissions.



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The **Aotearoa Wave and Tidal Energy Association (AWATEA)** is a registered Incorporated Society. Its aim is to:

"AWATEA will promote, aid and foster a vibrant and viable marine energy sector in New Zealand"

Role: AWATEA will be the national association for the representation of industry and research interests in marine energy and its uses.

Objectives: AWATEA has the following objectives:

1. to **promote the marine energy industry** in New Zealand, including research, energy generation, marine fabrication and marine services;
2. to **increase recognition and utilization of marine energy** as another energy source in New Zealand's supply portfolio;
3. to act as a **centre for advocacy of marine energy**, including lobbying, drafting and making submissions to the Government and representing the views of the marine energy industry;
4. to assist in the **exchange of information about the marine energy sector** and to provide and publish statistics and informed commentary on issues affecting the uptake of marine energy in New Zealand;
5. to be a meeting place for marine energy industry participants; and
6. to **represent the New Zealand marine energy industry** to national bodies, including Government agencies, non-governmental organisations and other industry bodies as well as liaising with any relevant international bodies.

