

AOTEAROA WAVE AND TIDAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION NON-MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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The date for this newsletter is an auspicious one. It was on 10 February 2006 that the first meeting of AWATEA was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Wellington. Fifteen of its future members were prepared to put their signatures on paper to establish AWATEA as an Incorporated Society.

Two years on, we have 59 members with a wide range of interests in the potential marine energy industry in New Zealand. AWATEA has become a focal point for activity in marine energy in New Zealand and it acts as New Zealand's representative in international forums, such as the International Energy Agency and International Electrotechnical Commission. It works with Government departments, particularly EECA and the Ministry of Economic Development on operational and policy issues with respect to marine energy. It was influential in getting four action items listed in the Energy Strategy and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy, not to mention a picture of a tidal-stream device on the back cover of the latter. The four initiatives are:

1. The Marine Energy Deployment Fund (read on!)
2. A marine energy atlas
3. Commitment to standards for marine energy devices
4. Ongoing funding for AWATEA

This last is important. Whilst AWATEA benefits from membership subscriptions, which will be due for renewal on 1 April, these contribute only about a third of the income AWATEA needs to operate pro-actively and effectively on members' behalf. Contracts for services with EECA and sponsorship for conference and other initiatives from our corporate members and sponsors are what keep us going. Without this mix of income, AWATEA would not be able to provide you with this newsletter, the website – which is now being updated – and the conferences and meetings that enable us all to keep up-to-date with activity in the nascent marine energy industry.

Newsletter

This newsletter is published with support from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), whose ongoing support for AWATEA is gratefully acknowledged.

You are receiving the abridged non-members' newsletter, because you are not a paid member of the Association. As a member you will receive the full content newsletter. Members who join in the first quarter of the year receive membership until 31 March of the following year.

A membership application form is available on the AWATEA website – www.awatea.org.nz or e-mail to mail@awatea.org.nz.



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AWATEA News

AWATEA 2nd Annual Conference – date and call for papers

The date and venue for AWATEA's 2nd Annual Conference has been confirmed:

AWATEA's 2nd Annual Conference

Let's Get Wet! Deploying devices in New Zealand Waters

Thursday 29 May 2008: 08:30 to 18:00

Icon Room at Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

More details will be published in a separate newsletter shortly. The Minister of Energy, Hon. David Parker, has accepted an invitation to speak and we will have two other keynote speakers, at least one from overseas. The AWATEA Executive is looking for papers to be presented on this theme of deployment. Topics could cover everything from policy-related issues, RMA investigations and consent applications, operational problems and specific projects. Potential presenters are welcome to call the Executive Officer to discuss presentations.

Given that the announcements of the awards of the Marine Energy Deployment Fund will be made around the time of the conference, the Executive is trying to arrange for the announcements to be made at the conference. An announcement on whether this will be possible will be made in coming weeks.

AWATEA has already secured foundation sponsorship from EECA and Meridian Energy and UK Trade and Investment has indicated that it will sponsor a keynote speaker from the UK (as it did last year). There will be other sponsorship opportunities and these will be published and available within the next month.

AWATEA is keen to hear from potential sponsors and speakers at the conference – contact us at mail@awatea.org.nz

Marine Energy Deployment Fund – Final Reminder!

Round 1 of the Marine Energy Deployment Fund closes on 29 February 2008. Get your application in soon, if you have a device that you can get in the water in the next year or two!

The Minister is currently considering recommendations for the positions on the Fund Evaluation Panel. EECA reports a very good response, from both local and overseas applicants. The appointments should be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Marine Energy Supply Chain Study

The Supply Chain Study (see last newsletter) will kick off in the first week of March and the Executive Officer will be calling members and non-members to gather information for the directory.

AWATEA is seeking input from its members and interested parties, who wish to contribute information to the study and who may wish to have their names and details listed in the directory. The directory will be a relatively simple listing of names, addresses, contact details and facilities/services, based upon a template.

Please contact the Executive Officer – mail@awatea.org.nz.



AWATEA Administrative Vacancy and Office Space

Rachel Levy has unexpectedly returned to NZ and will be working with the Executive Officer on membership renewals over the next few weeks. However, Rachel has returned to NZ to undertake a full-time design course and AWATEA is still looking for a long-term, part-time administrator to assist the Executive Officer with conference organization, membership issues and other related AWATEA work.

Power Projects Limited, which provides Executive Officer services to AWATEA, still has an office space available from end-March for one year. The office is currently occupied by two people but will become vacant by end-March. Earlier occupation is possible by negotiation. The office will be let unfurnished. The rent is competitive and facilities include full kitchen, meeting room and boardroom access. Car parking is available by negotiation with the building managers and bike parking and showers are available. The office has lift access to both the Terrace and Lambton Quay. The building has high-speed Internet facilities.

If you are interested in the administrative position or taking up the vacant office, or know someone who might be interested in either, please contact the Executive Officer on 04 499 0060 or 0274 946 581.

Membership Fees from 1 April 2008

AWATEA operates an annual fee system with members paying their membership subscriptions from 1 April each year, regardless of when they join the Association. At its last meeting the Executive reviewed its membership fees for the coming year and determined the following fees for the 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009 year.

Membership Class	New Fee	Comment
Corporate Member	\$3,000 + GST	Unchanged
Professional Member	\$500 + GST	\$50 increase from last year but still \$100 discount from full fee (\$600 + GST)
Non-profit Member	\$200 + GST	100% increase in fee to recognize the difference in size of organizations from individual members
Individual Member	\$100 + GST	Unchanged

Members who join between 1 October and 31 December each year will be charged only 75% of the annual fee. Members who join between 1 January and 31 March each year will receive membership to 1 April the following year.

In setting fees each year AWATEA tries to ensure that the fees represent value for money members get from their membership. It also takes into account fees charged by equivalent organizations. A comparison with other organizations shows that AWATEA's fees are very competitive for the services provided.

NEW ZEALAND News

Electricity Prices Hit New Peak

On Friday 25 January electricity prices hit a new peak of \$641/MWhr...



OVERSEAS News

Renewables Advisory Board Review of Marine Renewables

The UK marine energy industry leads the world in terms of developments ...

Welsh Tidal Project

Marine Current Turbines and npower renewables have announced a scheme ...

New Tidal Device to be built in Scotland

A Dutch firm, Torcado Tidal Energy Limited, will build tidal-stream turbines...

Oceanlinx to List on AIM

Oceanlinx, formerly Energetech, has announced its intention of floating...

Norway Misses an Opportunity

The Norwegian Government has produced a report...

Bay of Fundy – tidal test site

The Government of Nova Scotia has announced the three candidate devices...

Minerals Management Service Receives Nominations for Assessments

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is the US federal agency...

More on AquBuOY and FERC

In the last newsletter there were articles about the disappearance...

Thanks

Members of AWATEA brought some of the articles above to the attention of the newsletter editor. 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
21 February 2008	Wellington	Carbon Neutral Electricity in New Zealand – a Symposium (Victoria University/NERI)
22 February 2008	Wellington	Renewable Electricity in New Zealand – a Masterclass (Vic/NERI/EFNZ)
26-28 February	Auckland	National Power Conference
28 February 2008	Edinburgh	BWEA's Marine 08 Conference
4 - 6 March 2008	Washington, DC	Washington International Renewable Energy Conference
10 - 12 March 2008	Auckland	NZ Petroleum Conference 2008, Sky City Convention Centre
26 - 27 March 2008	Wellington	Emissions Trading and Policy Conference
11 - 13 March 2008	London	2008 IMAREST Oceanology International Conference – Technology, Sustainability and the Oceans
8 - 9 April 2008	Te Papa, Wellington	NZWEA annual conference 'From Gusts to Gale – Building a Sustainable Wind Industry for NZ'
8 - 11 April 2008	Kobe, Japan	Oceans '08 Conference
17 - 18 April 2008	New York	Global Marine Renewable Energy Conference
21 - 22 April 2008	Quebec City	OREG 2008 Spring Symposium Canada's Ocean Energy Future: New Partnerships and Wider Opportunities
1-2 May 2008	Wellington	New Zealand's Non-living Ocean Resources (NIWA/GNS)
14-15 May 2008	Ottawa	IEC TC114 meeting on standards for marine energy converters
21 - 22 May 2008	Aberdeen, Scotland	All-Energy 2008
29 May 2008	Te Papa, Wellington	AWATEA's 2nd Annual Marine Energy Conference; details later this month
15 - 20 June 2008	Estoril, Portugal	OMAE 2008 Conference
20 - 21 June 2008	Christchurch	EEA Trade Exhibition and Conference: a Climate for Change
24-26 June 2008	Galveston, Texas	EnergyOcean 2008
6 - 11 July 2008	Vancouver, BC	ISOPE-2008 Conference
19 - 25 July 2008	Glasgow	World Renewable Energy Congress (X)
July	Brest, France	Marine Energy Conference (details to follow)
20-21 August 2008	Auckland	4 th Annual Australia-New Zealand Climate Change & Business 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.

