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2017 Secretary's Report

General

The world of electronics continues to expand and provide benefit to more and more of the world's population. One only needs to think of 5G mobile, artificial intelligence and internet of things to get some idea of how integral to our lives electronics is. The challenge for our Institute is transform itself to be relevant to the electronics community today. Declining membership and an increasing age profile strongly suggests we are not on the right path yet.

What part can **you** play in moving the Institute forward so it has a future?

Christchurch Branch has maintained its elite status as the only Branch to run an active program of events. At the national level, the Institute continued its sponsorship program by awarding a further two grants to promising electronics students.

The scholarship program was initiated by Ross Muir and he continues to be the driving force behind it. On the surface you think it would be easy to give away money but someone with Ross's knowledge, contacts, determination and persistence is needed to bring it all together each year. The two recipients of the 2017 \$500 sponsorships are Moana Uesile (Auckland) and Callum Thompson (Christchurch). Both students have demonstrated significant improvements in their performance, over the past year by dint of hard work.

The Institute extends its appreciation to the Spark Foundation for making the video conference facilities available free of charge.

Once more, my thanks to Ross Muir and Ralph Boshier for their continuing assistance and wisdom throughout the course of the year.

Financial

For the third straight year the Institute managed to show an operating surplus. Principally this was on the back of substantially improved collection rates for both current and in arrears subscriptions and despite the \$1 000 of sponsorship awards falling in period. An improvement in interest rates also helped the cause. Thank you all.

Donations were made to the Auckland VHF Group and the Spark Foundation to acknowledge their support over 2017. All other expenditure is consistent with past years.

Looking forward, the Institute is sailing closer and closer to the wind and with a declining membership we are going to start dipping into our reserves in the near future.

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E-mail	247	263
Post	21	4

Membership

	2015	2016	2017
Members as at 01 January	98	99	97
New	1	2	0
Gone No Address	0	-4	-1
Resignations	0	0	-4
Deceased	0	0	-1
Members as 31 December	99	97	91

Comprising:

Life Fellow	2
Fellow	3
Senior Member	66
Member	11
Associate Member	9

Auckland	38
Waikato/BoP	7
Palmerston North	8
Wellington	8
Christchurch	14
Dunedin	11
Overseas	5

Website

The Institute's website remains the principle way of communicating with the members. All electronically themed meetings I am advised of are posted along with articles of interest that cross my desk.

Members are always welcome to submit relevant items for uploading to the site for the benefit of the wider membership.