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Obituary for Les Watkins

Les Watkins, co-founder of Auckland Steel, passed away on June 3. He was 84. Born in Australia, Les came to Wellington at the age of seven. During World War II he served with the Engineers Corps in Egypt, Italy and Japan. By the mid 60's he had moved to Auckland where he ran Consteel Industries until it was closed by industrial action. He moved on to Weldlock Structural and in turn Sparwelder Pipes. Launching Auckland Steel at age 60, Les went into partial retirement only in 1994 when Tim bought his share of the business.

Les was well known throughout the steel construction industry as a mentor and trainer. The funeral service, held at St Lukes, Manurewa, the day after the Queen's Birthday holiday, was concluded with Taps. Our condolences are extended to the Watkins family.

Successful Steel Structures Nation-wide Seminars

The Earthquake, Wind and Fire series of seminars was well received, our team travelling to no fewer than seven venues: North Shore, Manukau City, Taupo, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin. A total of 139 people attended and the feedback was very positive.

SCNZ Incorporated

On 6 June 2006, Steel Construction New Zealand was officially incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. Thanks to all who have contributed to the development of SCNZ to this stage over the last twelve years. Our desire and prayer is that SCNZ Inc. continue to develop as a positive contributor to the healthy growth of steel construction in New Zealand. Please note that our postal address has changed.

NC Construction Supervision (Steel): BCITO

A working group will be formed in the next month to work with the BCITO, on updating the National Certificate of Construction Supervision to include steel construction options. Achievement of this qualification is expected to be a basis for gaining the Steel Construction Supervisor Licence requirements of the Building Act 2004. SCNZ is working with the Dept of Building and Housing on Building Act issues related to steel construction supervision requirements of the Building Act.

SCNZ Executive Council Election

Nominations for the election of members to the SCNZ Executive Council close with the SCNZ Secretary at the above address on 21st July, with voting closing on 4th August, 2006. Under the SCNZ Rules the elected Council will then nominate a Chairman and Vice-chairman for election by the members at the Annual General Meeting on 19th August.

Annual General Meeting & Members' Event

The inaugural Annual General Meeting of SCNZ Inc. will be held on 19 August 2006 at the Alexandra Park Function Centre in Auckland, starting at 1.30pm. Members who wish to put items on the Agenda should forward them to the SCNZ Secretary at the above address by Friday 28th July.

The AGM will be preceded by a meeting of the SCNZ Executive Council, starting at 10.15am. All members and their guests are invited to a BBQ lunch at noon. This will be held at the Sports Bar & Café, Alexandra Park Function Centre, Greenlane West. Following our AGM, we have plans to secure some tickets for the Bledisloe Cup, which kicks off at Eden Park at 5.00pm. A video-cast of the match will also be available at the Function Centre. We have 10 rooms held temporarily at the Parklane Motor Lodge, 222 Greenlane Rd (just off the Southern Motorway) for those wishing to attend the meeting and game, and overnight in Auckland. Please contact us to let us know if you are coming and wish to book a place.

Steel Futures

SCNZ Executive Council Election

Nominations close
Friday, 21 July 2006

Voting closes
Friday, 4 August 2006

SCNZ AGM & Members' Event

Saturday, 19 August 2006

SCNZ Executive Meeting
10.15am
Alexandra Park Function Centre

Members BBQ Lunch
Noon
Sports Bar & Café
Alexandra Park Function Centre

SCNZ Annual General Meeting
1.30pm
Alexandra Park Function Centre

TEST MATCH

ALL BLACKS vs WALLABIES

Kick Off 5.00pm
Eden Park

Those with tickets take taxis.
Alternatively view at Sports Bar