

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF NZUAG 2006/2007

### Membership Update

- Transit NZ is now represented by Ian Cox

### Seminars and workshops

- **Third Party Interference, 21 November 2007.** This workshop, attended by over 60 delegates, highlighted a number of issues for the various sectors represented at the workshop. Key issues included:
  - ensuring road opening notices are obtained prior to all works,
  - all utility operators having plans with accurate locations of their utilities,
  - monitoring and audit of all works essential,
  - training and competence issues leading to pre-tender requirements,
  - maintaining excellent personal relationships
- **Utilities Access to the transportation corridors, 19 February 2007.** This workshop, sponsored jointly by LGNZ and NZUAG, was attended by some 150 delegates. Delegates discussed the issues relating to the current legislative regime, and how these could best be resolved. The Ministry of Economic Development presented its latest thinking on possible legislative regimes.

### National Code on access to the road and rail corridors

Following the February workshop, NZUAG agreed to sponsor a new project to develop a new national code of practice, consistent with the proposed new legislative regime. The team established to undertake the work on behalf of NZUAG comprises two representatives each from utilities and local government, and one each from Transit NZ and ONTRACK. Details of the project are available on the NZUAG website:

[www.nzuag.org.nz](http://www.nzuag.org.nz)

### Administration

- **First Annual Report.** NZUAG released its first formal report to constituent members, covering its activities for the previous five years.
- **Sponsorship of the Utilities and Networks Award at the 2006 Engineering Excellence Awards.** NZUAG sponsored this award for the second year.