



New Zealand Society for Viticulture & Oenology

Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2006

It is with pleasure [that](#) I, on behalf of the Committee, present the Annual Report for the year ended the 30th of June 2006.

ICCS 2006

It has been a most successful and rewarding year for the Society. The highlight of the year was running the 6th International Cool Climate Symposium for Viticulture and Oenology in Christchurch in February 2006. This was the culmination of two years intense work by the organising committee and subcommittees. NZSVO is indebted to those people of the committee and other people co-opted to help with the organisation for their commitment and hard work. Brian Bicknell and Roland Harrison were co-opted onto the committee to help with the organisation of the symposium.

The format of keynote sessions in the mornings and focus sessions in the afternoons [suggested by Dave Jordan](#) was very successful and appreciated by participants. I wish to thank Dr Glen Creasy and his subcommittee members for undertaking the arduous task of formulating and coordinating an excellent technical programme and for the ensuing proceedings.

The quality of the keynote addresses and the level of debate and discussion in the focus sessions coupled with the very high standard of the poster presentations ensured that participants received a very stimulating experience.

The NZSVO is grateful to all the Trade Sponsors and Exhibitors for their support in making the ICCS 2006 a success. In this regard I wish to thank Monica Barrowman for heading the sponsorship sub committee and for delivering on a challenging task of securing sponsors in a competitive environment.

A special thanks to Dr Roland Harrison for chairing the Local Organising Committee and his subcommittee members for doing an excellent job in managing the day to day needs and programmes for all the delegates.

I wish to acknowledge Nick Sage's role as the financial committee chairperson. Nick did a great job in preparing budgets and monitoring expenditure against budget. His astute management of finances helped run the Symposium within budget.

I also wish to thank in particular Jan Latham and Helen Shrewsbury from the Professional Development Group at Lincoln University. As [Conference organisers](#) they were very professional in managing the event from the beginning and for running the day to day affairs very smoothly. Their dedication to the success of the Symposium is acknowledged and thanked very much.

Last but not least I wish to thank the NZSVO committee in providing [their](#) wholehearted support in steering the organisation of the ICCS 2006 and making certain it was a great success.

Following the symposium many very favourable e-mails were received from participants and speakers.

Now the symposium has been completed Sam Weaver, Stephan Jelicich and Andy Frost have decided not to seek re-election to the committee. Sam and Stephan have given many years service to the NZSVO committee and their contributions to the organisation will be sorely missed. Sam, Stephan and Andy have brought much knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise to the committee. We looked forward to them contributing to future events of the NZSVO as members of the satellite committees.

Membership

During the year there was a small increase in membership both from individuals and companies. The web page and newsletters have seen a steady increase in visits from members and visitors. Currently there are 190 members and 232 newsletter subscribers listed. The New Zealand winegrowing community is reasonably large with more than 1000 people involved from winemaking and grape growing, yet the membership is relatively small. There is a need to increase the membership to make the society sustainable for the long term.

Following the symposium considerable attention has been focused on ensuring that the momentum generated by the conference is not lost. The committee is currently pursuing a number of options and these will be advised via the newsletter when they come to fruition. If you have any suggestions we would be very receptive as we aim to provide the maximum benefit to our members.

I wish to thank Nick Sage for doing a commendable job as the Executive Officer of the NZSVO and in attending to the day to day affairs of membership, newsletters and promotions. I would like to thank the members of the committee for their time and tireless effort put into the Society to keep it viable and to achieve its mission. Without their charitable time, effort, expertise and commitment the society would not have progressed to its current stage.

I look forward to the NZSVO performing well to meet its mission in the next financial year

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Chairman

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