



Media release

Commitment to structural steel industry earns coveted award

Structural steel industry advocate wins prestigious award

28 October, 2023 – Queenstown – Mike Klemick, Technical Specification Manager for Dimond Steel, is the 2023 recipient of the prominent Steel Construction NZ (SCNZ) Chair's Award. The annual award recognises individuals who have made a significant and lasting contribution to New Zealand's structural steel industry.

SCNZ Chair and Grayson Engineering Managing Director David Moore presented Klemick with the award at a gala dinner in Queenstown on 27 October.

Moore notes Klemick's selfless service to SCNZ over many years. "Mike has served on the executive council for three separate terms. He hasn't done so for personal gain or for the benefit of the organisation he works for; Mike is purely focused on playing his part to help advance the industry as a whole. He is a true ambassador for steel."

Moore says that Klemick is well regarded by all his peers. "Mike is very approachable, generously shares his knowledge and insights, and has a reputation for going the extra mile."

Notably, Klemick has been instrumental in helping SCNZ to mature as an organisation.

As SCNZ Treasurer, a role he occupied many times, Klemick assisted the organisation to become more self-sufficient and to automate its financial systems, and he introduced some sound fiscal disciplines. "He also helped to successfully navigate SCNZ through some volatile periods during his tenure," says Moore.

SCNZ General Manager Darren O'Riley says Klemick was a powerful driver behind the implementation of the organisation's inaugural five-year strategy. The aim was to focus SCNZ's energy on ensuring the future sustainability of New Zealand's structural steel industry and on promoting the material as the best solution for local vertical and horizontal construction projects.

O'Riley notes Klemick's influence with the industry-led Steel Fabrication Certification (SFC) scheme, which is a cornerstone of the industry's quality and compliance activities. It debuted in 2014 and, initially, was largely only discussed in structural steel industry circles. "Mike has

encouraged SCNZ to promote SFC to a wider audience, including the all-important engineer fraternity. As a result, SFC is increasingly being specified by engineers.”

O’Riley says that Klemick has been a passionate representative for SCNZ’s associate members, including deckers, erectors, detailers and non-certified fabricators. “Mike’s given them a voice.”

Consequently, Klemick has helped SCNZ to extend its reach beyond its typical membership. “With Mike’s support, we are now attracting groups that haven’t traditionally been part of our membership. Alongside our staple of fabricators and engineers, we are now engaging with and adding value to complementary groups such as the decking industry.”

SCNZ and the structural steel industry are better for Klemick’s invaluable contribution.

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Steel Construction New Zealand Inc. (SCNZ) aims to advance the interests of New Zealand’s diverse steel construction industry by promoting the benefits of steel solutions in building and infrastructure projects. Members include manufacturers of structural steel and steel products, distributors, fabricators, designers, detailers, galvanisers, and paint and building supply companies. SCNZ provides its members with technical advice on the latest in steel design trends and standards, networking opportunities and a representative voice with key industry and government decision-makers. For more information please visit www.scnz.org.

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