

New Chair appointed for PowerNet



PowerNet Chair, Ross Smith

Ross Smith became our new PowerNet Chair on July 1, taking over from Maryann Macpherson who had completed her three year term.

Ross is no stranger to the staff at PowerNet. He was appointed to the PowerNet Board 12 years ago in 2003. He is also a Director of Electricity Invercargill Limited and Peak Power Services Limited and was previously Director and Chair of Power Services Limited.

Ross is based in Queenstown. He is looking forward to his three year term, working with the PowerNet team and plans to be involved in a few network projects.

Ross says the PowerNet Group has enjoyed some interesting and very challenging times over the past three years and it is now time to put our learnings from those experiences to work.

"We want to become an electricity industry leader in terms of safety, efficiency and innovation in our fields of focus. The Board is confident we have the right leadership and people to make this happen.....it is now up to you," Ross says.

Good luck!"

Official building opening hailed a success

The Minister of Energy and Resources, Simon Bridges, officially opened PowerNet's office in Invercargill on May 1, after the completion of the five-year building project.

PowerNet chief executive Jason Franklin says it was a great opportunity to mark the opening of the new building while Minister Bridges was visiting Invercargill.

"The official opening day began at 7am with a Māori blessing performed by Murihiku Marae kaumatua (Māori elder) Cyril Gilroy. The blessing included a mihi (greeting) and a waiata (song)," Jason says.

Invited guests included Invercargill MP Sarah Dowie, representatives from Invercargill City Holdings, Invercargill City Council, Gore District Council, Southland Chamber of Commerce, Southland Electric Power Supply Trustees, PowerNet, Electricity Invercargill and The Power Company Directors.

"We also had our staff, contractors, commercial customers, St John members, media and all the contractors who were involved in the project build join us in our celebrations," he says.

Following the official speeches, tours of the building were conducted by PowerNet's senior leaders. The morning concluded with the official planting of a kowhai tree by Minister Bridges and Jason.

"The opening couldn't have run smoother; we have since been in contact with the Minister's press secretary and received excellent feedback on our professional opening, and of course our friendly Southland welcome," he says.



PowerNet Chief Executive Jason Franklin and Minister of Energy and Resources Hon Simon Bridges

PowerNet's new Transformer Storage Yard

Work continues on the transformation of the EIL shed into a new transformer storage yard, banded transformer workshop and vehicle wash.

PowerNet's infrastructure manager Claire Wallis says the transformation of the shed has included installing new drainage sumps, communication cabling and general site works. This has been completed by Fulton Hogan, Arnotts Drainage and Phone Link South.

"The site will be asphalted and security fenced before we begin to use the new facility. This will take place in springtime when the temperatures are warmer," Claire says.

For anyone wondering where the Christmas decorations are, these have been moved into a container at the Onslow Street Depot.



Ground preparation for the laying of bitumen around the new Transformer Storage Yard

PowerNet participates in the 2015 Lean Management programme

PowerNet and another six Southland businesses are participating in the Lean Management programme run by Venture Southland.

The programme is in its third year and has seen a number of local businesses learning valuable tools to increase their productivity.

Ten staff from a variety of roles within PowerNet and Otago Power Services (OPSL) have come together to form the Lean team, spokesperson for the group Tony Corkill said. The six month programme was a learning curve and would involve the input from everyone in the organisation.

The team consists of Tony, Rachel Watt, Rob Tweedie, Ron Faulkner, Craig O'Callaghan, Ray King, Peter Eastwood, Barry Anderson, Justin Peterson, Mark Isaacs, and Paul Barclay.

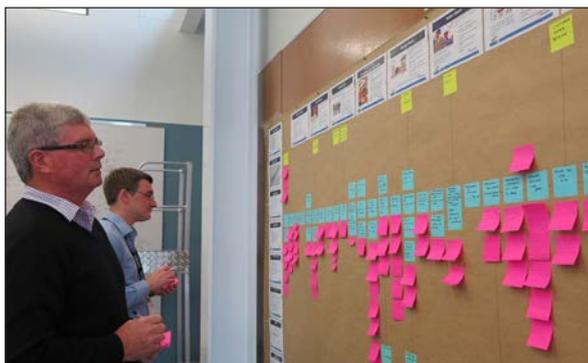
"The aim of Lean Management for us is to identify areas of waste and where efficiency can be improved, from there we can implement management plans to make those changes." Tony says.

The Lean Management team recently presented the pilot project to all PowerNet and OPSL staff in the depots and offices.

"It is critical for us to get staff input for our pilot project which involves the end to end process for the installation of a new 15kVa transformer for Connections and Distribution." he says.

PowerNet chief executive Jason Franklin backed the programme.

"I am absolutely convinced that the time is now right for Lean in our business. Lean will provide a way of operating that will improve all aspects of our business, especially enabling us to consistently deliver on our purpose: Safe/Efficient/Reliable Power to Communities," Jason says.



PowerNet's Neville Kerslake and Steve Wallace adding their input to the Lean Management pilot project



OPSL Staff at Ranfurly Depot adding their input in the Lean Management pilot project

Inter-Depot Darts Competition

The darts were sharpened and teams pumped, ready to compete in the annual darts challenge between PowerNet's Winton and Onslow Street depots. 2014 winners Onslow Street were keen to defend their title with Winton determined to bring the trophy back to the Central Southland town. PowerNet's field safety and training advisor Phil Johnson, who organised the event, said the competition was now in its third year and this year's competition was held at the Colac Bay Hotel on Friday February 27.

"Competition was fierce between the two teams with 30 legs of darts played and both teams sharing the spoils at 15 legs each, but with a countback of games won squeezed Winton ahead seven-five." Phil says.

Congratulations to Murray Hamilton, Ray Cuthbert, Lance Harris, John Maginn, Paul Templeton and Robert Allan from Winton Depot for their fine win. Their opponents from Onslow Street Depot were Phil Johnson, Barrie Duffin, Mort MacIntosh, and Justin Peterson who kindly filled in for Taura Patterson. Thanks to the wives, girlfriends and Sean Christensen (Winton depot) for supporting their teams.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night, and like every competition there could only be one winner. It's going to be great now that PowerNet has become a large organisation as we will be including all the depots and Racecourse Road in the future competitions," Phil says.

Smart Meter roll-out begins



PowerNet has begun the \$24.5 million project to install the new advanced (smart) meters into 52,000 homes and businesses on the Electricity Invercargill and The Power Company networks.

PowerNet project manager Paul McCullagh says after completing the required testing and systems installation, retail electricity companies were contacting Southland and West Otago consumers to arrange installation.

"The installations for Contact, Genesis and Meridian customers have begun in suburbs of Invercargill with installations to commence in Gore in the near future," Paul says.

Electricity meters require recertification every 15 years to meet Electricity Authority standards. This meant it was a good time to replace the existing meters with new advanced meters. The new meters will benefit PowerNet by making network and electricity supply management safer, more efficient, and more reliable in the future. In the future a major benefit for consumers will be the ability to monitor their own electricity consumption.

Paul says an extra bonus of the project is that the old meters are being recycled by Southland disABILITY Enterprises (SDE).

"It's really important to PowerNet and our sustainability goals that the old meters being replaced as part of our renewal programme could be disposed of properly – and SDE has amazed us with their ability to recycle the whole meter."

"The installation of advanced meters onto our managed networks is a four way win for PowerNet, the network consumers, the staff of SDE and our environment," Paul says.

PowerNet presents at Enviroschools workshop

The chance to educate Southland school teachers about where our energy comes from and how it gets to homes and schools was a great opportunity for PowerNet.

A workshop was held in Invercargill on May 21 and hosted by Environment Southland.

Environment Southland education officer Pat Hoffman says there are 27 schools in Southland and Otago-Southland involved in the programme.

"The purpose of these workshops is to provide teachers with information relating to environment and sustainability, to give them ideas to support their teaching and learning, to share tools and resources to help them take action towards sustainability; and to provide them with opportunities to interact with each other and exchange ideas," Pat says.

PowerNet senior network assets engineer Dyson Gentle spoke to the 18 attendees, explaining who PowerNet was and the role the company plays within the electricity industry.

"Our presentation covered electricity distribution, demand and increases in demand, the importance of safety around electricity and the company's involvement with renewable energy," Dyson says.

The workshop also included a presentation from the Invercargill City Council's Eco Design section on energy efficiency.

"We hope that teachers who attend the workshop will be inspired to bring a focus on energy into their teaching, and also be empowered to work toward sustainable energy used in their schools," Pat says.



Dyson Gentle speaking to the Enviroschool attendees

PowerNet staff now HSE passport holders

Our staff are now proud holders of a unique Southland passport. The health, safety and environment (HSE) passport was introduced to PowerNet in February.

PowerNet health, safety, environment and quality manager Graeme Webby says the HSE passport sets a minimum standard of safety awareness amongst our team and contractors.

The purpose of the passport is to provide general information about hazards on Southland industrial sites and the procedures for managing these hazards.

"The system is designed to help enhance HSE practices in Southland businesses while at the same time providing an on-line platform to minimise the compliance workload for us all. All PowerNet staff have now completed the on-line quiz to gain their passport accreditation," Graeme says.

Companies which have adopted the Southland initiative include South Port, New Zealand Aluminium Smelters, Alliance Group, Dongwha Patinna, Ballance Agri-nutrients and SouthRoads. The system is hosted by Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) who will develop the programme into the next phase.

"At this stage the passport is only available to Southland companies but there is interest from further north, particularly from companies that are based in or have branches in Southland," Graeme says.

We are proud to be involved in this innovative development as it will simplify the induction process for contractors and principals. It also guarantees a minimum level of safety awareness across those organisations involved," he says.



Hedgehope Substation brings increased capacity and reliability to the region

An increase over recent years in electricity demand has resulted in the commissioning of a new substation on The Power Company Limited network in March.

The Hedgehope Substation was built to meet this demand and provide greater security of supply for consumers in the Hedgehope area.

PowerNet project manager Nathan Donnelly says electricity demand growth in the area, and expected future demand, is due to the increase of dairy conversions.

The substation took 18 months to construct at a cost of approximately \$3 million.

"The design of the substation allows for future growth. The substation capacity is 5MVA and we have allowed for future expansion of the substation if required. It is currently running at 11kV, but should the network change to 22kV it can operate at that voltage with minimal work required," Nathan says.

Prior to the new substation the power delivery to the region was from Winton, Kennington and Mataura.

"We also needed to build a new 66kV spur line from Winton to Hedgehope to supply the substation," he says.

Building the substation at this location has enabled load to be reduced at the Winton Substation, which had been running close to full capacity.



Hedgehope Substation

Two websites become one

The move to bring the OtagoNet website into alignment with the three PowerNet managed networks (The Power Company, Electricity Invercargill and Electricity Southland) has now been completed.

The transfer of the OtagoNet website onto PowerNet's website happened in March, a move which now sees all the networks we manage sitting comfortably within the one website.

PowerNet communications coordinator Kathryn McCoy said it seemed a great opportunity to tidy-up information on the website during the transfer.

"With the purchase of the OtagoNet network we felt it was important for the company to amalgamate the two websites," Kathryn says.

The transfer and testing of pages went smoothly with only a few minor glitches.

"For regulatory purposes it was important for us to test the website to ensure documents could be found easily."

EIL underground Substation decommissioned

Two of Electricity Invercargill Limited's (EIL) underground substations have recently been decommissioned, with plans to remove all underground substations on the network in the near future.

The Invercargill CBD has 12 underground substations all of which are at least 50 years old.

PowerNet technician Ray King says in May a switchboard fault causing some smoke in the Dee/Spey Street Substation resulted in the decision to decommission the site.

"Once the fault was detected the substation was immediately shutdown reducing the amount of damage to the network. Electricity was restored to the affected customers by 8am," Ray says.

The second substation decommissioning was part of a planned maintenance project on Esk Street.

"All decommissioned substations will be relocating above ground to make them easier to maintain and safer to work on," Ray says.

Spey Street Substation and 33kV cables brings security of supply to CBD

The commissioning of the new Spey Street Substation in March completed a massive project for Electricity Invercargill Limited (EIL), PowerNet network assets manager Mark Zwies says.

The substation was part of an overall \$12.2 million capital programme which included new 33kV underground cables from the Invercargill grid exit point at Tuai Street to the new substation site at Spey Street.

"Spey Street Substation and the associated 33kV cables projects have been the biggest project for EIL since the completion of its 40-year undergrounding of the network. The substation will give greater security and reliability of electricity supply for Invercargill businesses and residents and also allow for future growth," Mark says.



Mark Zwies (PowerNet) and Peter Leith (Decom) in the switchroom at Spey Street Substation

Prior to the commissioning of the substation, PowerNet hosted tours for the residents and businesses in the neighbouring properties.

"We wanted to thank all the upper Spey Street residents and businesses for bearing with us while the substation was built. The substation tour was well received by the residents and business owners who attended," he says.

The Spey Street Substation still has surrounding cabling project work to be completed before the decommissioning of the Doon Street Substation can begin. It is expected the Doon Street site will be cleared by the end of 2015 with all the redundant equipment refurbished and re-used elsewhere on the EIL network.

PowerNet hosts Girls with High-Vis Workshop

Five Invercargill women, including three James Hargest College pupils, were given a glimpse into career opportunities at PowerNet in June.

PowerNet was one of seven infrastructure organisations around New Zealand which opened their doors as part of "Girls with High-Vis Month" – a new initiative from Connexis, the training organisation for New Zealand's infrastructure industry.

PowerNet HR advisor Faye McLeod said presentations were given from PowerNet staff to the attendees about what their role was in the company and the study paths they had taken to achieve their positions. The women were also shown several areas of the company's operations including touring the System Control room and the Racecourse Road Substation. To complete their industry taster each woman enjoyed the experience of getting into the bucket of the PowerNet Elevated Work Platform and using the controls to get up high into the ceiling space of the Onslow Street workshop.



Phil Johnson (PowerNet) with attendee Emma Scobie

"The aim of the initiative was to show the women what careers are available in the electricity industry and encourage them to apply for vacancies or find out more if they were interested," Faye says.

"It is not an obvious career path for women, so the purpose of 'Girls with High-vis Month' was to make the industry more visible for them."

After the success of the day Connexis hopes to hold the campaign annually and grow it to involve more companies.

Annual maintenance patrol on TPCL Subtransmission lines a success

The annual routine maintenance patrol of all subtransmission lines on the TPCL network has now been completed.

The routine inspection was quick and easy with the assistance of Southern Lakes Helicopters.

PowerNet project manager Barrie Duffin said the yearly check covered the full TPCL network and took just 14 hours of helicopter time to complete.

Only one issue has been found that requires reasonable urgent attention – a damaged conductor. A number of minor line and vegetation issues were found which will be rectified when ground access can be obtained to sites. Many of these issues would not have been found until the five yearly inspections.

“The damaged conductor in particular was a good find. If it had come down there would have been considerable effort and resource required to repair it, probably resulting in the line being out for more than a day.” Barrie says.

The inspection team consisted of Richard Liddington (OPSL), Lance Harris and John Maginn (PowerNet's Winton Depot), Taniela Moce and Trevor Stewart (System Control) and with coordination between all parties by Mike Johnson (PowerNet Te Anau Depot). It is quite a demanding job as you have to deal with the constant motion of the helicopter as well as observe the lines. Their efforts are appreciated.



Aerial photo of the subtransmission line on the TPCL network

Welcome System Control

PowerNet's 10 system control staff made the move from the old control room in Tuai Street over to the new PowerNet Racecourse Road building early in July.

PowerNet's operations systems manager Daniel Wijkstra said the plan to move the team to the new building had taken seven months and was focused on ensuring all the operational systems would work.

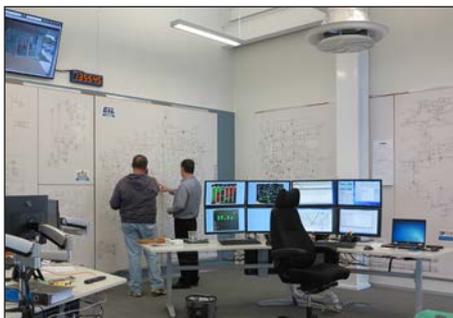
“It was important that the new control room was fully operational from the moment they moved in,” Daniel says.

Part of the planning for the move involved laying new underground fibre from the Racecourse Road building across the paddocks to Transpower. “We also needed to update our radio telephone system to include remote radio signals,” he says.

The move on the day went smoothly with Tuai Street taking the lead. After two hours the changeover was made and Tuai Street provided back-up for a few hours.

“The transition from old to new went extremely well with little or no effect on our field operations and communications,” Daniel says.

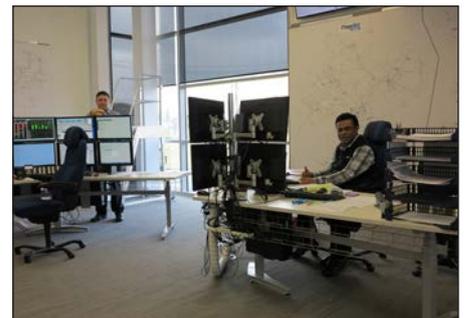
Welcome System control team, it's great to finally have you here!



Tony Snell and Russell Bagrie



John MacDonald



Russell Bagrie and Taniela Moce

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Positive feedback from Orientation workshops

"Excited about what the future holds and how committed I am to putting my purpose to work" was just one of the many positive feedback comments received from the Orientation workshop held at PowerNet in March.

PowerNet's GM human resources Trish Hazlett said 24 new staff attended the two day workshop held in the training room at Invercargill's Onslow Street Depot.

"The staff came from various roles throughout the PowerNet, OtagoNet and OPSL depots," Trish says.

Pat McShane, from Centre of Vision and Leadership led the course facilitation with table facilitators consisting of PowerNet's Trish Hazlett, Justin Peterson, Joseph Reti and Phil Johnson.

"Staff who attended the course gained an insight into their self and life purpose, they also increased their insight into the company's shared vision and direction," Trish says.

"I believe a highlight for the attendees was how they developed their personal manifesto and purpose and how they aligned them with PowerNet's vision and purpose. The course was also about meeting and understanding other colleagues all of whom are at the same stage of their journey with PowerNet."

Over the next few months this very successful two day workshop will be run with the OPSL and some Balclutha team members as part of the integration programme and then will be held approximately every three months depending on the number of new staff joining the company.



PowerNet's newest staff attending the Orientation workshop

Otago Power Services Limited moving forward

With the assistance of the Invercargill distribution maintenance team, PowerNet now has the OPSL Gore estimators Fraser Neil and Steve Galog managing their own distribution maintenance projects for the TPCL east region.

PowerNet's Otago Power Services integration manager Justin Peterson says the process began with integration of the PowerNet IT systems like Maximo, Document Management System, Finance One and job costings. This integration allowed Justin and the OPSL team to learn the processes of collating and managing distribution maintenance projects.

"PowerNet's senior distribution project manager Barrie Duffin has been instrumental in providing direction and support to the Gore team to ensure that the process operates in a structured manner. Following on from this great work we will look to introduce the connections process in the coming months," Justin says.

With the integration of Fraser and Steve's existing design and estimating skills, PowerNet now has the opportunity to introduce new skills and tools so that they develop into multifunctional project managers which can deliver an end to end process.

"These skills enable them both to deliver the needs to the TPCL east network region and the customers in an efficient manner due to their geographic location."

The next step of the integration is to bring OPSL and PowerNet Balclutha Distribution and Administration teams together to achieve a similar outcome.

"We anticipate that by end of the year these teams will be delivering maintenance and connection projects at most levels. This will allow for a seamless integration as we move into 2016." Justin says.

"Thanks must go to Jim Matheson, Richard Lee, Terry Jones and their teams who have been great team players in providing direction to the future Connections, Metering and Distribution teams to allow them to operate in an efficient manner in the future," he says.

What's happening around the networks

With winter now upon us the work around network focuses on line maintenance. This work includes-

OtagoNet network

Ranfurlly Area - The team are working on a 50 pole new 11kV line extension on Maniototo Road. They are also working on various new line extensions to new customers. Other projects underway are the replacement of red tag poles and low wires, customer connections projects, data capture and the pole testing program.

Palmerston Area - Staff are working on a major underground project at Manse Road Waitati. This involves running new 33kV and 11kV cables to build a new Substation and reconfigure network equipment.

Balclutha Area- The team are working (for the next three months) at Kurow assisting Network Waitaki on a 66kV Rebuild. The undergrounding of the Balclutha township project and a new 2km 11kV supply at Ashley Downs.

The Power Company Limited network

Gore Area - Teams are working on the Winton to Centre Bush new 66kV line - Stage 1 and working with the Invercargill teams on line maintenance in the Invercargill Underwood area, Colyer Road Awarua 33kV pole installations plus any live line work in the Winton region as required.

Other projects underway in the Gore region are the replacement of red tag poles and low wires, customer connections projects, data capture and pole testing program, earth testing and upgrade program, and street light maintenance for local councils.

Balclutha staff are also supporting the Gore area and are working in the on the Riversdale/ Lumsden 33kV repoleing project as well as completing 11kV feeder maintenance.

Te Anau Area - Snow and maintenance work are keeping the team at Te Anau busy.

Lumsden Area - General line maintenance.

Winton Area - are concentrating on maintenance around the Pukemaori and Tuatapere area and assisting the OPSL team with the wiring of the new 66kV line between Winton to Centre Bush.

Electricity Southland Limited network

Shotover Country has well and truly grown with approximately 200 connected customer ICP's.

Peak Power Services are working through the preliminary designs for the remaining stages. This also includes the a major project to install and connect the second main 22kV cable feed to increase the security of electricity supply to the development.

Peak Power have also just completed a large light industrial subdivision development at Shotover Park. This sits adjacent to SH 6 at Glenda Drive and includes connections to Mitre 10 Mega store and the new Pak N Save supermarket.

Remarkables Park area is also growing with the new Kart City now open and connected to the network. Peak Power are now working on the reticulation that will supply two new large commercial buildings and a Hotel opposite the Kart City site. This is all centred around the old Red Barn site on the Hawthorne Drive extension road.

Electricity Invercargill network

Over the two networks our field teams are working on new customer connections and line maintenance projects.

Technical have been working on general maintenance and fault repair work. The technical team assisted Bond Contracts with the 11kV reticulation at Flat Hill Wind Farm. Work has started on the replacement of the underground substation at the Kelvin Hotel. The substation will be relocated above ground to a site behind the Southland Times Esk Street building.



Undergrounding of Balclutha main street



Oreti Valley Project Stage 1



Flat Hill Wind Farm

Stewart Island gets new generator

Stewart Island now has a back-up generator soon to be installed outside the Power House on the island. The new Scania D13 generator built in Northern Ireland consists of a Scania D13 engine coupled to a MeccAlte 550kVA alternator.

Once connected to the network, the generator can be used in conjunction with the existing station's existing generators, as well as being physically separated from the other generating plant to run solo.

It is an identical generator to the existing Scania installed last year and will require servicing every 400 running hours with a fuel consumption of 4.4 litres per kWe.

Currently SIESA supplies 441 consumers giving around 4.4kW output.



The Scania generator being lifted onto the Stewart Island freight boat

Congratulations

- Kieran Parker, Daniel Oldham, Grant Mackey, James McGrath (OPSL), Robert Allan (Winton) and Quinton Wicks (Invercargill) who were awarded their NZQA National Certificate Electrical Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) Level 4.
- Michael Eaton (OPSL) who gained his Electrician qualification through the Electrical Workers Board.
- Tony Snell on gaining his NZQA National Certificate Electrical Supply (Field Switcher) Level 4 and NZQA National Certificate Electrical Supply (Operator) Level 3.
- Taniela Moce on gaining his NZQA National Certificate Electrical Supply (Electrical Supply) Level 2.
- Rachael Watt (OPSL) on gaining her National Diploma in Business (Level 5)
- Dan Groen, Paul Davis, Lincoln Deans, Deahan Maloney, Cory Sutton, Brad Rodgers, Jamie Williams (OPSL) who gained their Permit Holders Certificate (PHC).

New Appointments

Congratulations go to the follow staff on their new appointments-

Trish Hazlett on her appointment onto the Senior Leadership Team, Zion Smith (OPSL) to Line Mechanic, Peter Eastwood (Invercargill) to Resource Scheduler, Gene Brookland (Invercargill) to Leading Hand, Tony Clarke (Invercargill) to Substation Maintainer, Murray Cunningham (Invercargill) to Electrical Fitter/Cable Joiner, Neil Douglas (Invercargill) to Network Condition Inspector, Lynley Hall (Invercargill) to Administrator/PA Technical and Network Performance, Joseph Reti (Lumsden) to Field Training Officer and Jacques Vergottini (Invercargill) Maintenance Supervisor.

Motatapu - Congratulations go to Steve Labes, Scott Murch, Justin Peterson and Waric Cross for completing the 47km mountain bike section of the gruelling Motatapu Challenge in early March.

Thanks to the boggy ground conditions, incessant rain, thick mud, and waist-high river crossings, no personal best records were broken by the PowerNet entrants.

Scott, a newcomer to the event says he had never experienced anything like the Motatapu. "I was really pleased to see the finish line as it had been quite a day on my bike."

We must not forget to mention one PowerNet staff member who missed this year's event by arriving at the start line to find her partner had left the key to unlock her bike rack back in Arrowtown. Maybe a checklist is in order for your partner next year, Maree Hallgath!

Tour de Lakes - Congratulations go to Aaron Sinclair winning C Grade stage 4 of the 2015 Tour de Lakes. The popular four day event takes riders through Central Otago and the Lakes District before finishing in Fiordland.

Triple Trouble - Well done Justin Peterson for completing another three gruelling mountain bike events (as well as the Motatapu) over summer. Justin finished completing the Bannockburn Gut Buster (75km) in 4 hours 25minutes, Taieri Coastal Classic (51km) in 3 hours 15minutes and the Hokonui Moonshine Trail (39km) in 2 hours 35minutes.

Westpac Chopper Appeal - Conditions were favourable on Friday May 8 for Jim Phair and James Jubb (contractor) as they joined 60 other cyclists on the 250km charity cycle ride from Frankton to Invercargill. The cyclists raised \$140,000 which will go towards the Southland-based rescue helicopter operators, the Lakes District Air Rescue Trust.

New staff

Welcome to all our new staff at Racecourse Road, Onslow Street and Balclutha.

Racecourse Road



Faye McLeod
HR Advisor



Gillian Wilson
Systems Accountant



Sean O'Connor
Network Assets Engineer



Alex Herring
Office Assistant

Balclutha



Matthew James
Network Assets Manager



Shane Cochrane
Customer and Distribution
Project Manager

Onslow Street



Maria Bell
CMD Administrator



Joe Clarke
Line Mechanic



Robert Pattison
Line Mechanic



Carol Lowe
Distribution Project
Manager

Baby Congratulations

Grant and Allison Finch on the birth of their son Jackson Deahan & Danielle Maloney on the birth of their son Harlyn

Happy Retirement...

... to June McKenzie who retired in February.

June thought she would be here for a mere six month stint which spanned to 17 years of service.

We hope you are enjoying having more time to spend with the grandchildren and of course travelling around NZ and Australia with family and friends.

Welcome

Jarett Contino, a consultant with Edison who has joined us on a six month contract to project manage the Edendale upgrade.

John Bauer, maintenance solution advisor who is on a 12 month contract with PowerNet to assist Tony Corkill in fast tracking the use of Maximo.

Welcome back Andy Holt, GIS Technician (Balclutha), on a part-time basis.

Farewell

Scott Murch, Katie Dooley, Wade Mason, Richard Brown, Garth Brown, Rosemary Johnston, Brian O'Neill, Dirk Gunter, Kieran Lawrence, Birgit Crean, Ben Grank, Sam Gold and Shane Evans-Rautahi.

We wish them all the best for their futures.

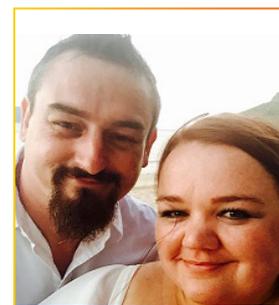
Obituary

John Smith passed away in January.

John's working career began 47 years ago as a Draughting Officer with Southland Electric Power Supply; his role transferred to a Geographical Information System (GIS) Technician with PowerNet.

John was a valued team member and is sadly missed.

Wedding bells ring for Kristy



Congratulations to Kristy Bell (nee Hanlon) on her marriage to Lenny on Saturday 9th May.

The wedding took place on Hamilton Island (Queensland Australia). Kristy says the wedding was perfect with a 24 degree temperature and an ever so slight cool breeze.

All the best for your future together.

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Alaister Marshall bowling at the PowerNet's CMD team outing



Members of the PowerNet Business Support team in the Colyer Road Substation basement



PowerNet's June McKenzie (left) at her farewell



SmartCo General Manager Gavin Lennox (Auckland) enjoys wearing his PowerNet team cycle kit when out on training rides around the Northern region.



PowerNet's Jim Dawson at his farewell



PowerNet's Ray Cuthbert (Winton Depot) with his new Toyota Hilux



PowerNet's Scott Murch at his farewell



Waric Cross (PowerNet IT Manager) and son Regan collecting for St John Annual Appeal