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Welcome to the latest Worldwide Institute of Software Architects (WWISA) New Zealand Chapter newsletter.

In this issue we look at:

- what's next in Wellington
- Auckland update
- a career for a Kiwi
- TOGAF and The Open Group, and
- New Zealand's first Enterprise Architecture conference.

### WHAT'S NEXT IN WELLINGTON?

The next meeting in Wellington will be held on:

Monday 3 November 2003

12:00pm for 12:10pm - 1:00pm

Equinox Room  
Level 5  
Equinox House  
111 The Terrace (or 222 Lambton Quay)  
Wellington

The speaker will be Jeffrey Cornwall, Architecture and Standards Manager, Accident Compensation Corporation (<http://www.acc.govt.nz>).

Jeffrey's current focus is on the application of information technology in support of strategic business goals at the Accident Compensation Corporation. He has undertaken a number of roles over nearly 30 years in the IT industry, including those of service technician, telecommunications engineer, project manager, computer operations manager and business continuity manager.

Jeffrey will be exploring "Integration of Architecture into Change Activities".

Drawing on his experiences at the Accident Compensation Corporation, Jeffrey will address a number of the architectural challenges encountered, the nature of the architect's involvement throughout the software development lifecycle, and the future direction of architecture and standards within the corporation.

Please feel free to extend an invitation to attend to any interested friends or colleagues (there is currently no cost involved with any chapter events).

### AUCKLAND UPDATE

The Auckland Branch is pleased to announce that Darko Bohinc has taken on the role of Auckland Chapter President.

Mike Larmer retires from this role due to expanding work and family commitments. Auckland has grown

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from an initial three-member interest group to now over 60 members who meet bi-monthly. This year the Auckland Branch has met each even calendar month covering a range of topics and discussing different levels of software architecture.

Mike sees software architecture at an evolutionary stage, the bridge that links the business strategy to defining technology strategy, or business vision to technology reality. Architects must take a broader view than just information technology, as that may not be the only place to provide the business solution. A challenge for software architects is to define their place in the organisations value chain. To do this requires a broad understanding of both business strategy and technology.

Knowledge management is a case in point. Most organisations have failed to capitalise on organisational knowledge because they have applied a technology solution to something that is about people. Good software architecture identifies this and integrates technology to make knowledge management effective.

During the year, the Auckland Branch has continued to work with the New Zealand Computer Society. How successful this has been in adding value to software architects as a body needs to be considered. Initially the aim has been to create a "community of interest". This has very much happened. The next steps are to create a "community of practice".

Our thanks go to Mike for moving things forward in Auckland, and we look forward to your support as Darko moves us through to the next stages of development.

Darko welcomes any feedback or suggestions, and can be contacted on (021) 158-0033 or by email at [darko@bohinc.net](mailto:darko@bohinc.net).

## A CAREER FOR A KIWI

KiwiCareers (<http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz>) is a government-funded website providing occupational, industry and training information for New Zealanders.

Will Dady, one of the research writers for the site, is currently re-writing information about occupations in the information technology industry. It has been suggested by a number of people in the industry that KiwiCareers should cover the occupation of software architect. Part of the research involves interviewing two people involved in the occupation to build a personal profile to supplement the more formal information about what the job actually involves.

Will was hoping that he could ask the WWISA New Zealand Chapter to suggest the name of someone who works in this job to interview as well as to provide some background information on the occupation. He is particularly keen to interview a woman who works as a software architect - possibly in Christchurch (but not essential)

So, if you "fit the bill", know of someone who does or have any information that may help Will, please contact us initially on (04) 494-3716 or by email at [info@wwisa.org.nz](mailto:info@wwisa.org.nz).

## TOGAF AND THE OPEN GROUP

Vish Viswanathan gave an excellent presentation on The Open Group and its architecture framework (TOGAF) at our last meeting in Wellington.

A full copy of Vish's presentation can be found on the Chapter website at <http://www.wwisa.org.nz/downloads.asp> and covers:

- Overview and vision
- The concept of "boundaryless information flow"
- Forums and current work areas
- Architecture forum
- The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF):
  - Background
  - Scope

- TOGAF Version 7 certification
- TOGAF Version 8 enterprise edition
- TOGAF Version 9 and beyond
- CC and C Solutions

Vish's presentation was also covered in Computerworld New Zealand where a subsequent article went on to explore the expanding use of TOGAF at the Accident Compensation Corporation. Both articles can be viewed online at:

- "Open architects turn attention to enterprise"

<http://www.computerworld.co.nz/news.nsf/UNID/CC256CED0016AD1ECC256DB7001310C5!opendocument>

- "Framework helps ACC align business, IT"

<http://www.computerworld.co.nz/cw.nsf/UNID/B55D8AF9652F2C9BCC256DC200067EDC!opendocument>

## ENTERPRISE ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE

New Zealand's first Enterprise Architecture conference will be held in Wellington on Tuesday 4 - Wednesday 5 November 2003.

Speakers include Edwards Tuggle (Senior Software Engineering, IBM USA), Jeffrey Cornwell (Architecture and Standards Manager, Accident Compensation Corporation) and Don Bartley (Director IT Architecture, Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The conference will be followed by a one-day seminar on "Enterprise Integration Using Enterprise Architecture" presented by Clive Finkelstein, acknowledged internationally as the "father" of information engineering.

There is a 10% discount off the individual delegate rate for WWISA members.

Further details and a registration form can be found on our Chapter website at <http://www.wwisa.org.nz/OtherEvents.asp>.

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## BOOKMARKS

Don't forget to check out our chapter website (<http://www.wwisa.org.nz/Links.asp>) which includes links to a wide range of software architecture and related sites.

## QUOTABLE VALUE

"I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow doesn't look very good either."

- Anon

Kind regards ... Paul

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