

23 April 2012

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Dear Stephen

Request to search register of Engineers under Engineers Registration Act 1924

I refer to your letter of 2 April 2012 and Sara Jamieson's letter of 20 October 2011 asking for information regarding Graeme Tapper, Bryan Bluck and Gerald Shirtcliff.

I can confirm the following:

Graeme Lindsay Tapper

Mr Tapper became a Registered Engineer on 25 November 1968. A copy of the relevant page in the Register of Engineers is enclosed. Mr Tapper was also a member of IPENZ. Details, such as our records hold, were provided in my letter to Ms Jamieson of 20 October 2012. Copies of his membership history are attached.

Bryan Charles Bluck

Mr Bluck became a Registered Engineer on 1 August 1961. A copy of the relevant page in the Register of Engineers is enclosed. Mr Bluck was also a member of IPENZ. Our records show:

Born 3 June 1938

Attended the University of Canterbury between 1954 and 1957 graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) in 1958.

Mr Bluck's IPENZ Membership History

2 May 1958 - Applied and obtained Graduate Member status while at the Ministry of Works

12 June 1961 - Applied for Professional Membership and passed his assessment

7 December 1994 - Invited as a Fellow of the Institution

5 December 1995 - Retired

19 December 2000 - Resigned

Mr Bluck's Work History

December 1957 – September 1958

Assistant Engineer Ministry of Works, Construction of the Wairau Bridge Blenheim

September 1958 – January 1959

Assistant Engineer Ministry of Works, Wellington Airport Construction

February 1959 – December 1959

Assistant Engineer Ministry of Works Blenheim, General District Office Work

January 1960 to June 1961

Assistant Engineer Power Design Office Ministry of Works Wellington, Design work on the Aratiatia Power Project

We do not have any record of Mr Bluck's employment at Christchurch City Council.

Mr Shirtcliff is not listed on the Register of Engineers. We also have no record of him as a member of IPENZ. We are not aware of another organisation that can provide further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicki Crauford', written in a cursive style.

Dr Nicki Crauford
Deputy Chief Executive