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Roofs represent a vital structure in human history and our built environment. Cave dwellers used sod roofs to create shelter while thatched roofs made an appearance in 735AD with wood shingles introduced 300 years later.

Approximately 5,000 years ago, the first clay roof tile was used in China. And the story carries on as new roof styles were ushered in with the dawn of innovations and technologies.

A fundamental asset to any commercial or residential architecture, roofs, quite simply, offer security. It is the same quality that the Roofing Association of New Zealand (RANZ) provides its members.

Established as an Incorporated Society in 1994, RANZ is the national trade organisation and representative collective voice for the roofing industry.

Upon inception, the membership body intentionally created big boots to fill. It wanted to ensure it would always work towards its key objective: To actively ensure a more professional; health and safety conscious; quality trained; skilled, and qualified industry.

At the heart of this is the goal to have a Roofing School by 2025. The business case side of it is still being worked through, but this is a great opportunity for us to do something quite smart and relevant for our industry.

- RANZ CEO Graham Moor



Upcoming RANZ member and prior award-winning apprentice Liz Watson of Stone Roofing.



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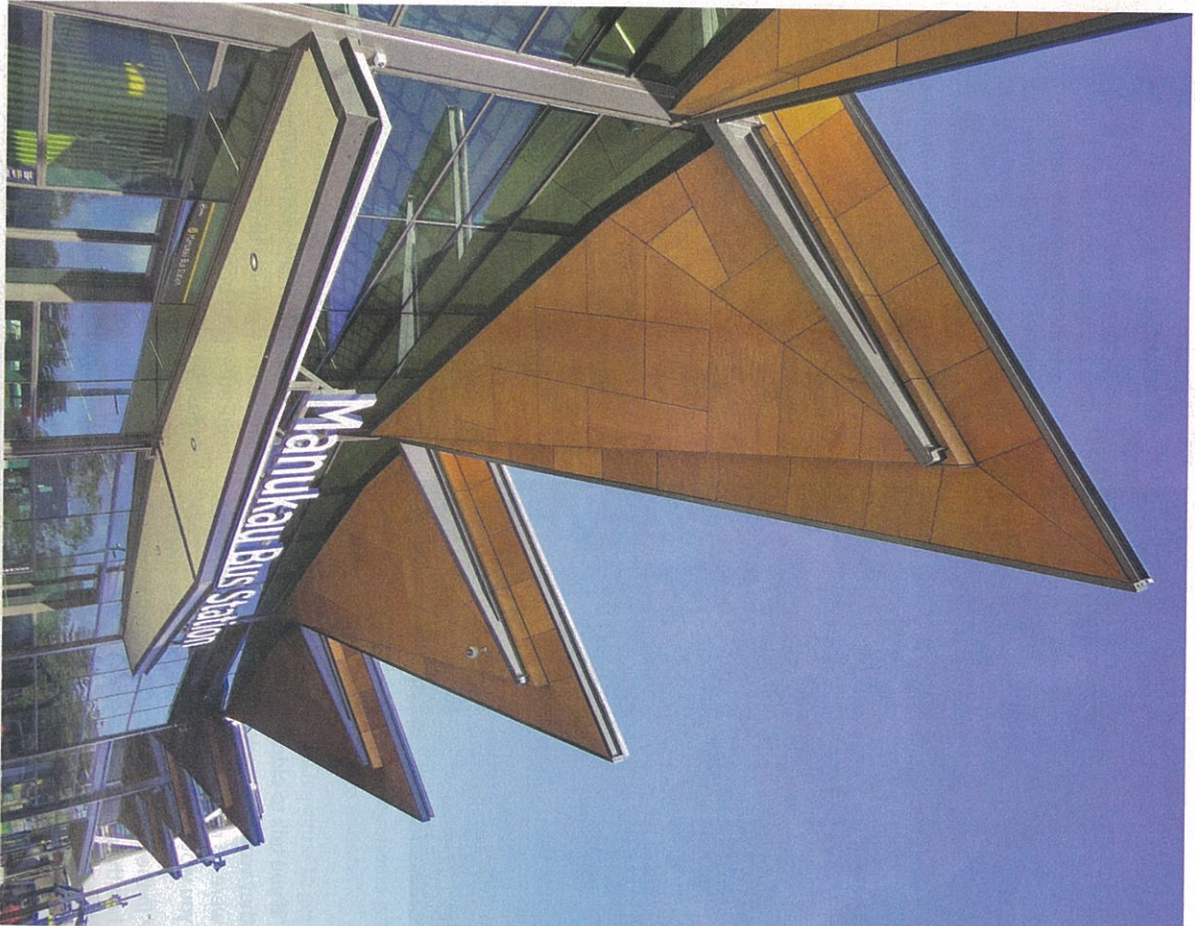
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Representing the roofing industry in all aspects of legislation and compliance involving government, regulatory and local government authorities, RANZ's national office is located in Auckland.

Its membership base is made up of loyal, industry-dedicated constituents.

With more than 350 businesses involved - plus branches nationwide - its reach extends across both residential and commercial/industrial roofing markets which employ more than 2,750 roofing installers or applicators.

Members are predominantly professional roofing companies located nationwide.

They are involved in the supply, installation and /or manufacture of all roof systems and services available on the New Zealand market.

There are two kinds of members - both instrumental to the fabric of the organisation.

'Primary members' are directly involved in the supply and installation of all roof systems, roof coating/restoration, repairs, and fitting of related roofing products.

'Associate members' are key manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors of roofing products to the New Zealand market, along with service providers to the roofing industry and allied organisations.

The milestones achieved are many - one of the most notable in 2019 is that this year marks a quarter-century since RANZ's inception. CEO Graham Moor says there has been significant progress made over time.

"We've been proud to be advocates for the small businesses that don't get a chance to get what they want across.

Benefits of being a member

RANZ branded members are specialist businesses in their aspect of roofing.

Assurance RANZ members are credible, professional, skilled, and reliable.

All installation company members have been assessed to ensure their business background/conduct and workmanship standards meet the Association's membership criteria.

Members are accountable to the Association. They are obligated to adhere to their responsibilities of membership in accordance with the Association's Rules, Code of Ethics, and Complaint/Dispute Code of Conduct.

Access to the RANZ Complaint/Dispute Service.

"We spend a lot of time lobbying on behalf of our members because they are busy doing the work and find it hard to make time for some of the critical elements that we can lead.

"We've also played a primary role in setting important precedents. For example, we helped to prepare *Best Practice Guidelines for Working on Roofs* published by the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment.

"The guidelines provide practical guidance to employers, contractors, employees, and others engaged in work associated with working on roofs.



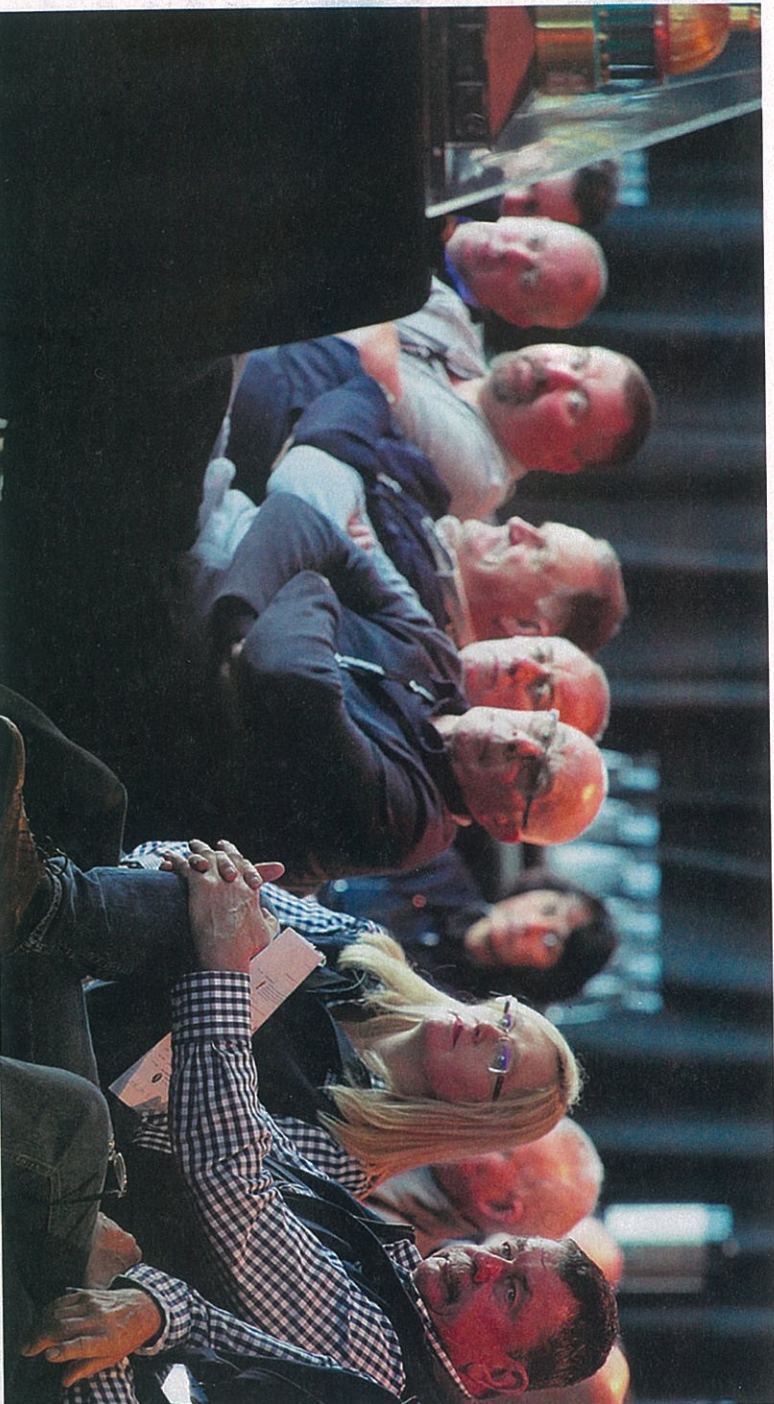
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RANZ president Mark Bishop, and vice president Jenny Maxwell (to Mark's left) at the RANZ Conference.

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"Recently, we've been working with the Government around asbestos removal to help improve the quality of homes in New Zealand."

With roofing now recognised as a specialist trade, and its own sector within the construction industry, significance strides have also been made with health and safety throughout RANZ's history.

"The controls in place for people working at heights are considered paramount."

"If you talk to older roofers and ask them if they would go back to the days where there were no nets, scaffolding, or edge protection, you would get a categorical 'no.'"

"In the past, the misconception has been that health and safety is a massive cost, but the real question is, what is the cost if you don't have it in place? Productivity gains become so much easier when you can move around on-site safely."

With the Review of Vocational Education in New Zealand currently in a holding

Warranties

Members will warranty their work up to a maximum of five (5) years for roof installation and comply with the Consumer Guarantees Act where applicable.

The Roofing Association does not underwrite warranties/guarantees issued by its members and does not operate a fidelity scheme.

Material/product warranties are issued by the manufacturer and passed on through the installer.

Warranties for repairs and maintenance differ from full roof installation and, dependent on the type of repair, a warranty may not be given

Warranties issued by restoration/coating companies may offer a pro-rata warranty up to a term of 10 years. Seek an explanation of a pro-rata warranty from the provider of the warranty.

pattern, Graham says there are significant productivity gains to be achieved when the education path becomes clearer, and as the industry traverses towards the Minister's position.

"There is a lot of posturing right now, and everything is up in the air with the review

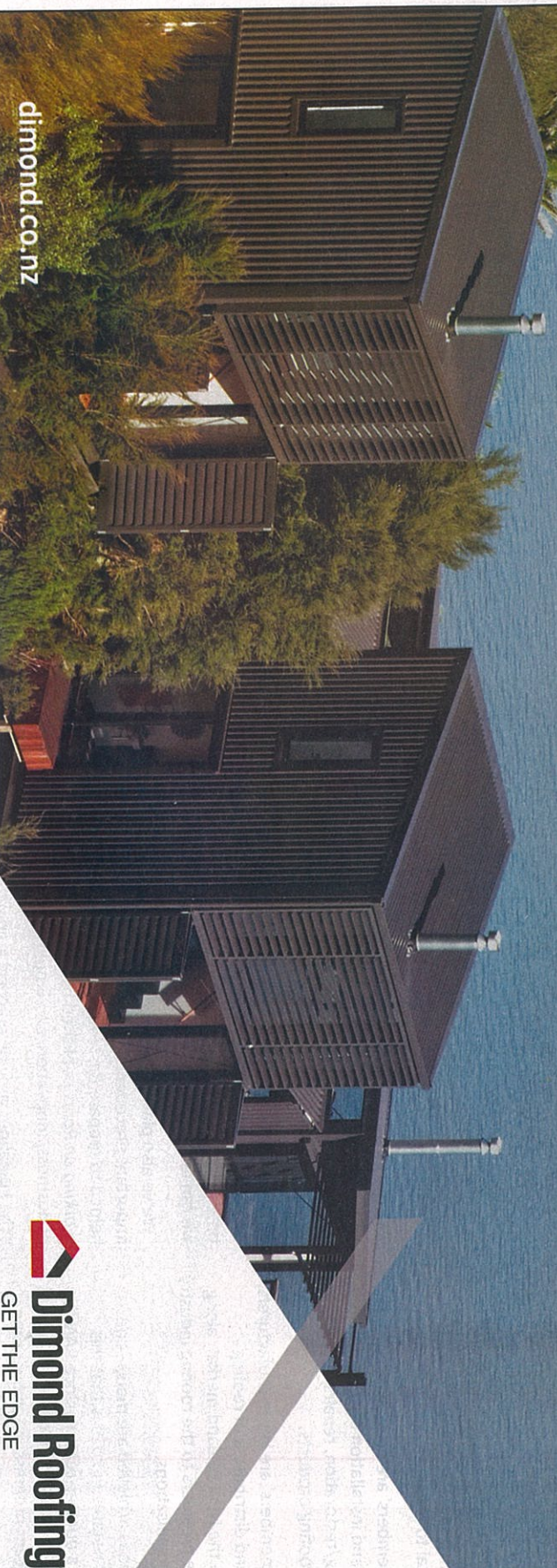
"No one doubts that things can be improved. Ultimately we need to maintain relevance and look at new educational activity moving forward.

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