

# NEW ZEALAND INSULATORS 2025 *(The Year in Review)*

## JANUARY

On the 6th of January most of NZI resume work after a nice holiday period. Our factory startup, which can take a few days of complex production work flowed perfectly, a testament to our maintenance and shutdown procedures and planning. We added several new staff in the first week and most of the team embraced working extra hours to help increase our output.

## FEBRUARY

We take advantage of the fine summer weather to replace a large section of our factory roof in preparation for the South Canterbury winter. We also get in early to organise our annual staff clothing allowance/delivery to make sure the winter woollies actually arrive before winter. Plus, we coordinate the free issue of new 3M Bluetooth earmuffs for all staff.

## MARCH

Our directors enjoy one of their regular trips to the Temuka factory and we also take advantage of the fine weather and fit in a trip to our Kakahu quarry (northwest of Temuka) to oversee the work we have completed "winning" a stockpile of raw materials (clay & sand) in preparation of the next few years' production requirements.

We complete a full stocktake (one of our favourite jobs) in preparation for our ERP system change over in April.

## APRIL

No, it wasn't an April fool's joke, the 1st of April, was the day we transitioned from our old ERP system TIMS into the new Windows based Abel Software system. The complete change over goes without a hitch, a solid reminder to us all that preparation is key to a great result no matter what the project is – and what a great effort by the dedicated NZI team. For recognition of all the good work, we all receive a free influenza vaccination in preparation for the winter ailments, although we also get a nice 10-day holiday with the combination of Easter and ANZAC Day.

## MAY

We completed our annual Telarc external audit of our ISO9001:2015 quality system for the NZI Temuka site, again achieving top marks with our auditor commenting that he'd never seen the site so clean! NZI has embraced many changes recently and is in a good position moving forward. Again, that's a reflection of the hard work and commitment from everyone at NZI, to improve what we do and how we do it – well earned praise.

We sneak in an earthquake evacuation practice to make sure we all know what to do in case of an emergency.

## JUNE

A range of customer and suppliers' visits keeps the NZI meet & greet team busy with factory tours explaining the detailed process (with demonstrations) on how we manufacture porcelain insulators, our High Voltage test laboratory is always a crowd pleaser and one of the favourites with all visitors.

We boost our potential recycling activities with collaboration with the University of Canterbury focusing on a study of circular ceramics and 100% recycling.

## JULY

Modification to our 33kV automatic glaze dipping tanks/stirrers, together with a new automated turntable assembly used for cementing 11kV line posts helps boost our output and helps us with our never-ending manufacturing yield improvements.

## AUGUST

NZI again supported Daffodil Day (NZ Cancer Society) with on-site visits and promotions (morning tea) and we are able to raise some funds to help provide crucial support that NZ Cancer Society offer.

NZI confirmed our new H&S Objectives for the coming year, the five key objectives focus on reducing specific accidents such as strains and hand injuries. We also added an objective to focus on staff health wellbeing which is supported via our EAP (Employee Assistance Program) and the introduction of their new 24/7 phone app.

## SEPTEMBER

NZI attended and exhibited at the Electrical Engineers Association (EEA) Conference in Christchurch, with a focus on NZI manufacturing and supply expertise, the complete exhibit and display was a culmination of hours and hours of work by many NZI staff. The event provided a few days for NZI to update the industry on our offering.

## OCTOBER

NZI exhibited at the Connexis Annual Connection (where the best of NZ's Cable Jointers and Line Mechanics came together to compete for National recognition & awards). Unfortunately, the Christchurch weather had other plans, with gale force winds cutting the event short and causing chaos across many of the local electricity networks.

It's nice to have good stock of most product lines for our customers when these events roll in. NZI is in a great position that we don't have to rely on overseas manufacturers to make our product, avoiding most global logistic supply chain problems. We continue to own and operate our own raw material quarry and have a factory based in Temuka, South Canterbury manufacturing, testing, packing and dispatching directly to our customers.

## NOVEMBER

Several visitor groups (Customers & Suppliers) visit our factory during the month to gain a better understanding of how NZI manufacture such quality products and of course we have an open invitation if you are yet to visit, it's really worth the investment of a couple hours of time.

Our directors visit Temuka to view many of the factory improvements which have kept us busy whilst investing their funds.

Our traditional staff and partners end of year function is another successful event, a great way to celebrate a successful year.

Our large vertical lathe finally gets its conversion to CNC (Computer Numerical Control) a major project, making it fully automated, improving safety, efficiency and overall quality control, this should be fully operational in January 2026.

## DECEMBER

We finalise the distribution of our new 2026 NZI product catalogue, so expect a copy soon (we have extras if you need them).

We lock in our Christmas/New Year shutdown period (as below) and review our holiday period maintenance plan.

NZI's 100+ year legacy continues, our NZI team all agree, it takes something special to achieve this and something more special to continue growing a great business within the New Zealand electrical industry.

Our client base continues to grow into some interesting directions and NZI continues to provide easy, hassle-free business, supported by great customer service. That's our minimum promise from all of us at NZI.

The dedication and support of our complete NZI team, makes this all happen. Well done team.

Over the year we celebrated the following staff milestones, all celebrating their place in the NZI 25 years plus club: Warren C (45 years), Heather G (38 years), Debbie C (35 years), Peter C (34 years), Gary A (34 years), Peter Q (33 years), Debbie S (31 years), Garry W (25 years).

We also celebrated Margaret D (24 years) and Brendon S (23 years) as they approach their 25 years' service.

What a great effort helping combine and retain NZI knowledge and experience.

To our customers, suppliers and supporters of our NZ owned and operated business – thank you all for the continued support during 2025 and we all hope that 2026 is another successful year for you all.

It's time for some well-deserved time off and enjoying some holiday time with family and friends.

Chris van der Werff | General Manager



### 2026 NZI Catalogue

NZI's complete product range statement.  
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156 Pages

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(Trade prices by request)