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Are we as ready as we could be?

Ten years ago I wrote to then prime minister Helen Clark suggesting that New Zealand's armed forces be reconfigured to deal with our most likely enemy – Mother Nature!

I pointed out that floods, fires and earthquakes are our most likely enemies, not our neighbours. Nature attacks us frequently, to a greater or lesser degree.

My suggestion back then, and I repeat it today, is to equip six suitable ships with field hospitals, helicopters, bulldozers, tractors, tarpaulins, chainsaws, generators, 4WD farm bikes, mountain bicycles, food, loud hailers, fire extinguishers, blankets, bailey bridges, water purifiers, baked beans and drinking water.

These ships should be stationed around New Zealand so they could bring supplies and skilled recovery experts instantly to any major town in New Zealand within four hours. They would be manned with rotating crews, the same way fire stations are rostered today.

Surely outfitting these mobile recovery units is part of good governance? 'Be Prepared' always was a good motto.

Brian Morris, principal

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Brian Morris, principal

Disclaimer

When I sent an old newsletter report to help a current student it wasn't until after it was posted that I remembered it referred to NZIBS being a member of NZQA.

We opted out on 23 August so we could provide more and better services than government regulations allowed us to do.

For instance, this **Jobs & Events & Competitions** newsletter includes Graduates Club special reports beyond number 1000.

These are unique services students will not get anywhere else in New Zealand and probably not anywhere else in the world.

So, if anyone reads an old report from 1996 or 2006 which proclaims NZIBS is a subscriber to NZQA, that's old news. We can't turn the clock back on 999 special reports and newsletters we have already published and distributed.

The important news is in the special report or newsletter itself. Gems like #486 'How to prepare yourself for a brilliant new career'. Or #975 'How to write like J K Rowling'. It is these extra little services which make NZIBS a special place to learn.

Brian Morris, principal

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New courses for 2010

- ♦ How to write a romance novel ♦ How to write poetry
- ♦ How to become a Life Coach ♦ How to write short stories
- ♦ How to write mystery thriller whodunit novels
- ♦ How to write rhyming children's stories

Digital Photography now has three levels: Beginners, Freelance Photographers, and Advanced level (using Photoshop). Call Carol Morris for a chat: 0800-801994.

Let us help you achieve your personal objectives for 2010.

Please mention these opportunities to your friends who aren't sure which path to take through life. Gaining a new skill and a qualification is better than drifting. Besides, qualified people with a diploma earn more.

If you have a curiosity about these extension courses, please email your interest to: **registrar@nzibs.co.nz**

Information will be sent automatically when the course you want is available, with start dates and fees.

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'Say it in just six words' competition

is one of the Student Discussion Forum competitions.

What title would you give a newsletter for **left-handed people?** (Hey, every group needs a newsletter for its members.) There are fresh competitions every month, including **photography** competitions. **Proofreading Bloopers** >2