

2013 NZPI Annual Conference

Incorporating Young Planners Congress

NZPI HAMILTON 2013



Dates: Tuesday 30 April – Friday 3 May

Location: Hamilton Venue: Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre

A message from our Waikato Branch Conference hosts...

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga rau rangatira ma, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

The Waikato branch of the New Zealand Planning Institute invites you to attend the 2013 NZPI Conference in Hamilton.

The diverse Waikato region is the traditional home of the Waikato-Tainui iwi and encompasses New Zealand's fourth largest city, the country's longest river, a world class surf break and the world famous Waitomo Caves with its glowworms and adventure tourism activities.

Well-known for its nature-based tourism, underground adventure and off-the-beaten track experiences the Waikato region offers something for everyone, from the stunning black sand surf beaches of Raglan to Hamilton's vibrant café scene and the rolling hills and majestic forests that shape the landscape.

The 2013 NZPI conference will be held in Hamilton, based at the newly completed Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre. Located just a short walk from the Hamilton CBD, this venue has easy access to accommodation, restaurants, cafes and bars and the Waikato River.

We are planning an impressive line-up of stimulating international and New Zealand speakers with our theme of Stop, Collaborate and Listen providing the overarching context for the conference. We want you – planners and related professionals of all levels - to be challenged and inspired by the conference and look forward to your contribution and attendance.

2013 Conference Organising Committee

Chair: Richard Douch – Beca

Members: Reginald Proffit - Opus, Christian McDean - AECOM, Alice Morris - Hamilton City Council, Leon Keefer - Latitude Planning, Chris Dawson – BBO, Tracey May – Waikato Regional Council, Julia Masters – AECOM, Andrew Cumberpatch – MWH and Barry Williams - NZPI Deputy CEO

Conference Theme – Stop, Collaborate and Listen

Our theme of Stop, Collaborate and Listen is focussed on 2 core planning principles of consultation and collaboration.

Consultation being the process of seeking information or advice typically before undertaking a course of action.

Collaboration being the action of working with someone to produce something.

These broad areas of focus for the conference are topical not only in that they contribute to what could be considered best practice planning but also as the increased focus on these is changing the environment in which planning projects are undertaken, whether it be co-governance of the Waikato River, public private partnerships; alliances; water allocation rights; plan development, development agreements; or consenting processes.

These are exciting but challenging times, with the planning profession playing a pivotal part. Often, the process or outcome might seem unclear or uncertain. In those cases perhaps all that is needed is to Stop, Collaborate and Listen.

Na reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, nga mihi nui ki a tatou katoa.



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