

NZPI YOUNG PLANNERS GROUP

# STRATEGIC PLAN

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

On behalf of the NZPI Young Planners Group I am pleased to introduce the second generation Young Planners Strategic Plan.

It is an exciting time for the NZPI Young Planners Group and this Strategic Plan sets the key Priority areas and direction of the group over the next three years. This Strategic Plan has been developed in collaboration with the Regional and University Representatives across the Country who have identified and discussed the areas that will result in positive changes to the Young Planners group to support its Purpose and Vision.

I look forward to the projects that have been identified coming to fruition over the coming years in creating a better Young Planners Group, and supporting Young Planners across New Zealand.

**Emma Howie**

*National Young Planners Representative*

# PURPOSE AND VISION

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Young Planners Group is to support student, and graduate members of the NZPI during their studies, and the first five years of their careers in understanding the fundamental principles of Planning in New Zealand.

## VISION

*“To provide creative and innovative input into the development of Planning in New Zealand”*

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Three Strategic Priority areas have been identified for the Young Planners Group. These Strategic Priorities will form the core focus for the Young Planners group over the next three years. Projects will be developed under each of the Priority areas to achieve the identified purposes and outcomes.

## PRIORITY 1 : NETWORKING

### PURPOSE

- To build support networks and professional empowerment for Young Planners.
- To align Young Planners with others in the profession and other associated professions for social support.

### OUTCOME

- Strong relationships and connections between Young Planners will exist throughout the country.
- Young Planners will have opportunities to connect with others in associated professions (i.e. engineers, resource management lawyers).
- Young Planners will be recognised for their contribution to the Planning community in New Zealand.
- Regional and University Representatives will act as leaders and facilitators rather than conduits for information and decision making.

## **PRIORITY 2 : LEARNING**

### **PURPOSE**

- The Young Planners Group will contribute ideas and direction to NZPI's CPD offering and enable wider education through local initiatives plus sharing this learning on a national scale.
- Knowledge sharing opportunities will be provided to Young Planners in their region.

### **OUTCOME**

- Young Planners will have educational opportunities wherever they live.
- Young Planners will have professional development opportunities relevant to their stage in their career.

## **PRIORITY 3 : FUNDING**

### **PURPOSE**

- To maximise available funding for the Young Planners Group to expand and enable education and networking opportunities for all.
- To develop a framework for funding of the Young Planners Group to provide educational and networking opportunities for Young Planners across the country.

### **OUTCOME**

- Self-sufficiency that enables autonomous decisions in the Young Planners Group across a number of funding options – rather than dependence on the NZPI board and local funding alone.

# STRATEGIC PROJECTS

A number of projects have been identified during the Strategic Plan preparation process as being key to the achievement of the Purpose and the Vision of the Young Planners Group. The identified Strategic Projects are listed in the Young Planners Group Action Plan.

The projects that are listed in the Young Planners Group Action Plan have been identified to deliver the outcomes of the priority areas. The Action Plan will be commenced, reviewed and added to on a quarterly basis and will be discussed during the Quarterly National Young Planners Group Representatives Meetings.

Additional projects will be added to the Young Planners Action Plan as the Strategic Plan matures over the three years and areas of improvement are identified.

# MEASURES OF SUCCESS

The success of the Young Planners Strategic Plan and outcomes achieved under the key Priority Areas will be measured in the following ways:

1. The Annual NZPI Engagement Survey will include questions on the Young Planners Group and Strategic Plan Priority Areas
2. The National Young Planners Group will facilitate the creation of strong networks for Young Planners across the Country and will keep a record of all Young Planner Events and all representative meetings.
3. The National Young Planners Group will assist in creating educational opportunities for Young Planners across the Country.
4. The National Young Planners Group will have a funding model that enables them to be self-managing.

# ACTION PLAN

## 2015 - 2018

PROJECTS FOR KEY PRIORITY AREAS	PROJECT CHAM- PION	CHAMPION SUPPORT	OTHER PROJECT MEMBERS	EXPECTED PROJECT TIME- FRAMES
<b>NETWORKING</b>				
1. Activate a database for all Young Planners across the country with contact details.				
2. Utilise the NZPI website and/or Blog by having an up to date Young Planners only section to communicate and ask questions and to provide up to date information about the Young Planners group				
3. Examine a better use of social networking to provide informal 'chat' between YPs				
4. Face to Face contact for the Representatives – find a way to fund meeting physically for the Regional and University Young Planners Representatives at least once a year at congress.				
5. Contribute to the YP awards/scholarships and 'own' these in three years' time.				
6. Provide regular updates to Young Planners via a quarterly newsletter and/or the Young Planners Blog.				
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
1. Enable live streaming of local events across the country for those interested. Record the event for watching later on the NZPI website or Young Planners Blog.				
2. Communicate all events suitable for Young Planners clearly and regularly.				
<b>FUNDING</b>				
3. Align regional approaches and make them fairer by developing a standard funding model for the branches.				
4. Build a model for national funding possibilities that will add to Regional Branch and University inputs at local level. Look for different possible sources of funding and explore other similar existing ones that are being utilised around the country.				