

Planning Focus

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From the Chair's desk

Tēnā koutou - It has been a challenging couple of months and as I write this I am taking a bit of a break from a deluge of emails about handling COVID 19 – from within and well beyond our industry. The Board made a hard but obvious decision to postpone the Nelson conference. It was an extremely challenging situation to be in, very few cases in NZ, (7 at time of decision), borders closing, key-notes agreeing to video in, and on the operational side – a vast array of contracts that provide the services that support a successful event. The Board made, I believe, a fiscally responsible decision which means we don't lose a number of our deposits, a decision that protects our industry, members and reputation, and one that ultimately will ensure that the hard work of the Nelson Marlborough Branch will be rewarded, albeit in 2021, rather than this year.

With the postponement of the conference comes the inevitable question of how to celebrate our planning profession, without the awards and scholarship announcements. We will be finding a new way of showcasing the successes of our profession over the past year.

Who knows, what we come up with might be a new norm in years to come?

Talking to others on the Board it will be interesting to see how we respond as professionals whose jobs often require face to face meetings, from clients, to the wider public through engagement about projects and issues that affect communities

[Read full story in the March Planning Quarterly. click here](#)

Call for Contributions

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NZPI Member Profile

Keeping your personal details up to date will ensure you don't miss out on valuable information from the institute, **please remember to [update your contact details](#)** whenever you move or change jobs.

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Climate benefiting from Covid-19

As the coronavirus pandemic sends countries - including New Zealand - into lockdown, there's evidence emerging that the world's climate is dramatically benefiting. At the weekend, the European Space Agency released a new video that showed air pollution over China declining, while similar reductions in emissions have ...

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Climate change content gets revamp

Young New Zealanders can now access the most up-to-date educational material about the science of climate change and its impacts on Aotearoa thanks to NIWA's new web section '[Climate change information for climate solvers](#)'. The new content is geared at young people interested in understanding ...

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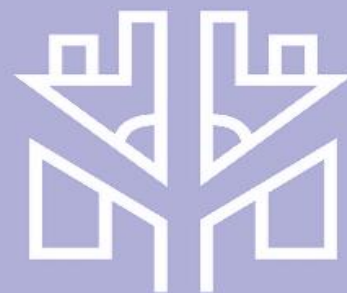


Debating the Future of Cities, and Urban Density, After the Pandemic

Numerous writers and experts are already examining the question about what happens to ideas about urbanism in a future forever altered by recent events.

As news continues to break and the situation continues to change, the media will continue to debate the lessons of the pandemic, including ideas about urbanism. Some of the leading voices in urbanism, planning, and design media are already attempting to reconfigure a vision for the future of cities, now that the coronavirus has revealed so much about the ways we live ...

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COVID-19 UPDATE NZPI team available as normal

The NZPI National Office is now closed for the next 4 weeks. However all of the staff are working remotely so we are all available as normal. While our phones have been diverted to numbers we can receive while working from home, it is best during this close down period to contact us via email. General enquires can go to [admin](#) as normal or you can contact any of the staff directly – our email addresses can be found [here](#).

We will be making announcements over the coming days about our CPD programme, our Annual Awards, the Constitution Review consultation process and the AGM. Don't forget that you can access some great professional development on-line through NZPI Planning On Demand Courses, which can be found [here](#). I encourage you to consider using this lock down period to access some of this material and earn CPD points while you're doing it.

Remember we are here to help if you need it. Stay safe and look out for one another.

JOBS

NZPI's Situations Vacant service connects you with planning opportunities available throughout the country.

Latest Jobs In Planning

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Location: Nelson **Level:** Intermediate **Closing:** 13/04/20
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Last Weeks Listings

- **INTERMEDIATE PLANNER** | [Boffa Miskell](#)
- **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNER** | [Eliot Sinclair](#)
- **RESOURCE PLANNER PARKS** | [Porirua City Council](#)
- **RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNER** | [Queenstown Lakes District Council](#)
- **SENIOR RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNER** | [Queenstown Lakes District Council](#)

Job Seekers

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NZPI Conferences

- [2020 Environmental Compliance Conference](#)
19 – 21 October, Christchurch

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• Job Opportunities

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