

Planning Focus

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Message from the NZPI Board

Kia ora,

We want to take some time to reach out to you. After almost 5 weeks at Level 4, New Zealand is now at Alert Level 3. This is a really positive development and shows how well New Zealanders have worked together to unite against Covid-19. But as the Prime Minister has cautioned – Alert Level 3 is just the 'waiting room'. We are not out of the woods yet, and we need to maintain a relatively high level of restrictions at this level and move slowly out of lockdown to ensure the virus does not gain traction once again. Working and living with Covid-19 and the resultant economic crisis is something we have to adapt to. This is a 'new normal', and we have an opportunity to shape our response.

Across NZ we have been experiencing different kinds of challenges, feelings, emotions and uncertainty. The speed of change to 'our comfortable and familiar normal' has been fast and often very unsettling.

As Planners we generally had to close our offices and make a rapid move home to work, learn and connect. We're using our devices more than ever and video-conferencing via Zoom, Skype or Teams. This includes mastering how to put on the virtual background to turn the bookshelf, kitchen or blank wall into a scene from Africa, or Minecraft or a café. We're flexible - we are working in bedrooms, on kitchen tables shared by other family members or people in your bubble, in garages, caravans and spare rooms ...

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Call for Contributions

PLANNING FOCUS is the weekly e-Newsletter of the New Zealand Planning Institute. If you have any new/info that would be of interest to members, please email melissa.hubbard@planning.org.nz

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.

To update your place of employment, please [click here](#)



How Covid-19 Crisis Shows way to a Brighter Future

NZ Herald | First we must acknowledge the devastation Covid-19 has caused — here at home and around the world. Death, suffering and heartache top the list. Lost incomes, lost jobs and closed businesses come next. Stress, dislocation, isolation and loneliness are there too.

We have many more challenges ahead, but, at the moment, New Zealand is the envy of the world for the way in which we have handled the virus outbreak. Kudos for political leaders, for our health and science specialists, and for all of us! ...

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LUNCHTIME SESSION | We can modernise planning practice by learning from our experiences during COVID19 lockdown

ONLINE VIA ZOOM: 22 May 2020, 12:30—1:30pm, 1 CPD Point

This lunchtime session explores the lasting impact on planners and the planning profession of our current working situation due to COVID19 control measures. It identifies what challenges this situation has brought to our practice and how we can build on these experiences to devise new planning practices. Our experiences during this time could lead to temporary impacts on our professional practice and see us revert to the status quo afterward.

[Click here for full details and to register - tickets are limited, be quick!](#)

Remember to join us next week, 07 May 2020, 12:30—1:30pm, for our 'Best Practice Guidance - Planning and Notable Trees' lunchtime session



NZPI Award Winners

We are pleased to announce the next of our Best Practice Award category winners ...

NZPI Best Practice – District / Strategic Planning & guidance

- DCM Urban Design Limited

For Hutt City Medium Density Design Guide

[Click here for full details](#)

NZPI Best Practice – Non-statutory planning

- Te Arawa Lakes Trust
- Conroy and Donald Consultants Ltd

For Te Arawa Cultural Values Framework and accompanying Environmental Plan

[Click here for full details](#)

Congratulations to All!

2020 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE
19 – 21 October, Christchurch.

www.environmentalcomplianceconference.org

REMINDER - Abstract submission deadline 29 May 2020, 3pm



Next week we will announce the winners of the 2020 Rodney Davies Project Award and the John Mawson Award of Merit

EDS Supports Reset of Tourism Industry

EDS has released its [Tourism and Landscape Protection report](#) which is the first case study published as part of its broader Protected Landscapes Project. "Prior to Covid-19, tourism was New Zealand's number one export earner. Tourists mainly came to see our natural landscapes. But the rapid growth of the industry ...

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Young People Engagement Survey

The CAP Young Planners Network is delighted to launch a Planning Survey for young people and planning professionals. This survey will gather insights from young people and built environment professionals in the Commonwealth about what's needed to ensure young people are actively involved in shaping their communities through Planning ...

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How modelling can become a debate-support tool, not just a decision-support tool

In this blog, Professor Graham Haughton, Dr Nuno Pinto and Professor Iain White explore the changing nature of how modelling tools are forming political and public debate.

At the moment, most of the modelling work presented to the public has drawn on mathematical modelling and by now familiar versions of graphs revealing actual and expected exponential growth curves, including variants of 'flattening the curve' of the epidemic peaks to levels health systems can cope with. These have proven very effective as simple visual representations of the limited data available and the need for clear public messaging. However, despite the complex modelling behind them, these diagrams still ...

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NZPI BLOG | Planning with "Kindness" a New Normal

By Graeme McCarrison, MNZPI

26th March 2020 the reality of the pandemic emergency hit us by taking us into Covid-19 Alert 4. Our "new normal" involved essential businesses/workers, living in a bubble, physical separation, queuing to shop, cooking and eating at home. The general media, business and government commentary is covid-19 lockdown has disrupted how we will live and work post the Level 4 Lockdown and recovery will be slow. I walk every morning in my hood of Newmarket, time to reflect on what the covid-19 and economic crisis mean for me, the profession, systems and the practice of "Planning". It's my opinion we must take time now to reflect and explore the opportunities to "reimage planning" as we prepare for recovery. Recovery is going to be a marathon. I wonder if "Kindness" should be a new principle within the purpose of planning ...

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The NZPI Blog is place for you to have your say on key planning topics, issues or anything planning related you would like to share, [click here](#) for full details

JOBS

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

Latest Jobs In Planning

- **SENIOR RESOURCE ADVISOR / RESOURCE ADVISOR** | Greater Wellington Regional Council
Location: Wellington **Level:** Intermediate - Senior **Closing:** 15/05/20
- **SENIOR RESOURCE CONSENTS PLANNER** | Porirua City Council
Location: Porirua **Level:** Senior **Closing:** 14/05/20

Last Weeks Listings

- **PLANNER** | Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
- **LOOKING FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONSULTANTS** | Mitchell Daysh Limited
- **PLANNING TECHNICIAN (BUILDING CONSENTS)** | Wellington City Council

Job Seekers

Looking for a Short-term, Temporary or Entry Level Position? NZPI offers all Student and Recent Graduate members the opportunity to advertise their availability online - [CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to register your details

To view all current job opportunities [click here ...](#)



NZPI Conferences

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

Branch & SIG Events

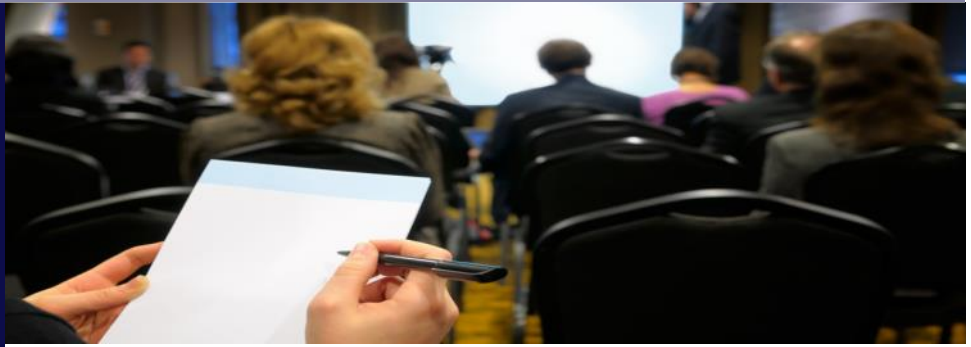
- [Auckland/Northland Branch AGM 2020](#)
13 May 2020, Online via zoom

Industry Events

- [Massey Planning Seminar: Affordable Housing for Better Homes and Spaces: Working to end the housing crisis](#)
06 May 2020, Online via zoom

EVENTS

“All members are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with their NZPI CPD requirements for planning their CPD in 2020 [click here](#)”



Upcoming NZPI Courses/Workshops

- PM3: Running a Good Plan Process
04 May, Online
**Only a few tickets left, be quick!*
- RC3: Conditions, Decisions, Reports and Hearings
05 May, Online **Full*
Next available online workshop is being held 18 June - [click here](#) to register .
- Planning for Maori Values: Advanced
05 May, Online **Full*
Next available online workshop is being held 03 June - [click here](#) to register
- NZPI Lunchtime Sessions
Various Dates, Online
**New Sessions Added*

To ensure a quality learning experience we are limiting online workshop sizes; we encourage you to book early to avoid missing out. .

NZPI CPD Spotlight on ...

Emerging Technologies and Resource Management

12 - 13 May, full day course split over two days, online

Technology is changing our world faster than ever before. This course is designed to give the experienced planner an understanding of these emerging technologies, and to incorporate this awareness into practice. New technologies are leading to changes in the activities and resources we manage and offer new opportunities for protecting the natural environment and managing effects.

This course gives an understanding of how the world is changing in what is termed the fourth industrial revolution. Key technology trends such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, data, digital trade, drones and Internet of Things are explained. The course also delves into some of the deeper attitudes or principles behind these changes such as open data, transparency, security and privacy ...

[Click here to register - tickets are limited, be quick.](#)

05 CPD Points



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• Job Opportunities

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• Online Consultants Directory +PQConnect

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• Events

Simply complete the online '[Event Advertising Request](#)' form and we'll get back to you with a quote. There is no charge for free events or events organised by NZPI Branches or the NZPI Young Planners Group. Event advertising is subject to the approval of our Events Manager.



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