Featuring Keynote Speaker
THOMAS SIMONSON
Principal Regulatory Advisor, Local Government New Zealand

Featuring case studies and sessions on:
- Thirty Year New Zealand Infrastructure Plan 2015
- Urban intensification and evolution
- Building integrated smart towns and cities
- Evolution and future of public services
- The changing face of transport and accessibility
- The case for urban green spaces in spatial planning
- Model towns – developments and re-developments

With speakers from:
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Development
- Invercargill City Council
- Auckland Council
- Hamilton City Council
- KiwiBuild
- Panuku Development Auckland
- HLC
- Property Council New Zealand
- Massey University
- ARUP
- Beca

Shaping the sustainable and accessible towns and cities of the future

19-20 March 2019, Crowne Plaza, Auckland

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Join the experts at Urban Futures NZ as they discuss and explore how the integration of urban, housing and transport planning and emerging technologies will help develop sustainable and liveable urban environments for future generations of New Zealanders.

**DAY 1 - 19 MARCH 2019**

**8.30**  Registration and coffee

**9.00**  Opening remarks from the Chairs
Urban Futures NZ: Rachel Devine, Partner – Environment & Planning, MinterEllisonRuddWatts
New Zealand Infrastructure Funding: Fleur Aldridge, Senior Solicitor, Auckland Council

**9.10**  Ministerial Address
Minister under invitation

**9.30**  Realising the vision of the Thirty Year New Zealand Infrastructure Plan 2015
- Understanding the goals for resilient and coordinated infrastructure and its implications for New Zealand
- Delving into the pipeline for funding and how it meets New Zealand infrastructure needs
- Placing strategic value and quality of life as the core objectives and how these fit with the overall infrastructure plan
  
  **Thomas Simonson, Principal Regulatory Advisor, Local Government New Zealand**

**10.10**  Morning break

**10.40**  Legislative, policy and RMA framework developments
An examination and update of the most important legislative and regulatory developments affecting urban planning and development.
  

**11.15**  The demographics of New Zealand’s future urban centres
- What is the data telling us about the design and planning of our urban environments?
- What are the relevant trends found in recent census results data?
- How can urban design be used to better integrate the different demographic and socio-economic groups, and therefore produce better outcomes for society?
- What does the data tell us about future living risks, challenges & opportunities?
  
  **Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley, Pro-Vice Chancellor – College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Massey University**

**11.50**  Urban intensification and the evolution of New Zealand’s urban design
- How have New Zealand cities grown and evolved, and what have been the driving forces behind these changes?

**12.30**  Lunch break

**1.30**  Table talks: The current state of urban development

**1.50**  Building the homes that New Zealand needs
- What number of new homes should New Zealand be aiming for?
- Where should they be built and who should build them?
- Which construction methods can be used to ensure the target is met?
  
  **Connnal Townsend, Chief Executive, Property Council New Zealand**

**2.30**  Case study: The KiwiBuild effect
- Exploring how KiwiBuild is changing the face of the housing and urban planning sectors
- How has KiwiBuild progressed so far and what are the future plans of the initiative?
  
  **Representative from KiwiBuild, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development**

**3.00**  Building smart towns and cities
- Planning for efficiency across the board
- Maintaining long-term visions amidst ever-changing technologies
- Planning for extreme climate events and the unforeseen
  
  **John Mauro, Chief Sustainability Officer, Auckland Council**

**3.30**  Afternoon break

**4.00**  Panel: Local government breakdown
  
  **John Mauro, Chief Sustainability Officer, Auckland Council**
  **Annette Richards, Parks, Open Spaces & Facilities Manager, Hamilton City Council**
  **More panellists to be announced**

**4.50**  Keeping it grounded – how to avoid falling for an unachievable future
Exploring the issues that make it difficult for many of those involved in the planning of future urban centres to fully achieve their visions, and the ways in which the more enterprising individuals have found to overcome them and keep their feet firmly in reality.

**5.20**  Summary remarks from the Chair & Networking drinks
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:
City and Town Planners • Urban Designers • Architects
Policy Advisors and Analysts • Senior Engineers
Property Developers • Transport Authorities

DAY 2 - 20 MARCH 2019

9.00 Welcome back from the Chair
9.10 Linking the centres – intercity and intertown transport
  • What modes will best suit New Zealand’s needs and means?
  • How can we ensure that these have limited environmental impact?
9.50 The public services that all great centres need
  • Ensuring longevity and futureproofing essential services
  • What will the future face of public services be and how will the public engage them?
  • Highlighting where potential roadblocks in current legislation and policy are
Liz Halsted, Cities, Digital & Place Shaping Leader, ARUP

10.30 Morning break
10.50 Case study: Doing light rail right – an exploration of light rail evolution
  • In what ways do planners decide where to lay the lines?
  • Creating a sense of public ownership - engagement strategies and addressing concerns
  • How have light rail developments affected local environment and communities?
  • What are the future plans for various light rail networks and how are they proceeding

11.30 Case study: The impact of pedestrianising town centres
  • The international rationale for introducing car-free zones
  • How could micro-mobility, including e-scooters and e-bikes, change the way people access town centres?
  • The impact of the way different generations travel, and want to travel, on urban centre planning
  • Aspects that could be incorporated for the future proofing of New Zealand’s urban centre design
Matt Ensor, Business Director – Advisory, Beca

12.10 Ensuring social and civil life in post event legacy
  • What lessons can be learnt from abroad when addressing these expectations
  • How to include post-event life in the initial planning and vision
Katelyn Orton, Project Development Director - Waterfront, Panuku Development Auckland
12.50 Lunch break

1.50 Parks and recreation – the case for urban green spaces
  • Global and local trends in public space design
  • Incorporating safety and health concerns into designs
  • The effects that public spaces have on local health and wellbeing
Annette Richards, Parks, Open Spaces & Facilities Manager, Hamilton City Council

2.20 Quickfire: Model towns - developments and re-developments
  • Creating healthy, affordable and inclusive communities
  • Prioritising future growth and future needs
  • Insights into lessons learnt in the planning and consenting processes
Representative from HLC

2.50 Afternoon break
3.10 Challenge discussion: Defining our liveable towns and cities
Connal Townsend, Chief Executive, Property Council New Zealand
Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley, Pro-Vice Chancellor – College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Massey University
Liz Halsted, Cities, Digital & Place Shaping Leader, ARUP

4.00 Setting the groundwork for New Zealand’s future urban centres
Ensuring that the plans for tomorrow are put into action today is one of the hardest parts of the overall development phase, and if done correctly can lead to a more vibrant and attractive urban future.
HWTM Tim Shadbolt, Mayor of Invercargill, Invercargill City Council

4.30 Closing remarks from the Chair and end of conference
The Urban Futures New Zealand Conference and the New Zealand Infrastructure Funding Conference are co-located. By registering for one conference you will also be entitled to attend sessions at the other conference. This will enable delegates to make the most of the 2-days and tailor their conference experience.

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