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## Introduction from the NZ Chapter President- Jeska McNicol

In this newsletter I am pleased to introduce you to our New Zealand Chapter Executive which was elected in late July 2011. After reading their biographies I am sure you will agree with me that the Chapter is in very capable hands.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution made to the Chapter by Vanessa Browne who has stepped down from the Executive and is now a busy mother of twins. We also accepted the resignation of Professor

Ian Spellerberg who has been instrumental in the on-going success of our Chapter and a real advocate for our profession. Ian continues to be involved in the Institute.

I am lucky to have taken over as Chapter President after some strong foundations have been laid by my predecessors. I am grateful that Tom



Burkitt the outgoing President remains on the Executive to continue the many projects he instigated and support me in my new role.

In the upcoming months we will be rolling out our business plan titled 'Promoting Excellence in Environmental Practice' and have a number of exciting projects for our five core themes which are Certification, CPD/Training, Networking, Supporting

Members and Good Governance. We are in the process of planning some exciting events and look forward to sharing more about these with you in the near future.

P.S Thanks for those of you that replied to our Energy Library survey. The bottle of wine went to Justine Coup from Morphem Environmental.

## New Zealand Chapter Councillor- Dianne Buchan

Dianne is the Managing Director of Corydon Consultants Ltd, a Wellington-based company specialising in social impact assessment, community consultation and facilitation and socio-environmental research. Over the past 25 years Dianne has worked on a wide range of projects from major infrastructure projects to community-based environmental initiatives. Over that time she has been responsible for managing a wide variety of multidisciplinary teams working on projects throughout New Zealand and the Pacific.

Dianne was convenor of the organising committee for the EIANZ annual conference in 2010. She has been a member of EIANZ since 2007 and became a Certified Environmental Practitioner in 2008. She is also a full

member of the NZ Planning Institute and an Accredited RMA Hearings Commissioner.

For many years Dianne has been actively involved in civic activities in Wellington, particularly in regard to issues affecting the quality of the urban environment and the development of Wellington's Waterfront. In 2009 she was awarded Life Member of the Wellington Civic Trust for her contributions to the work of that organisation – including seven years as its Chair.



## Committee Member and Australasian Secretary- Leo Fietje

Leo is an inaugural member of the Institute when it became the EIANZ and has held several positions within the New Zealand Chapter and Institute Executive. He has held the positions of New Zealand Chapter Treasurer, Councillor and Executive member as well as Institute Acting Treasurer and Secretary. Leo works for Environment Canterbury where he is involved with both project level impact assessment and decision-making as well as strategic

level assessments related to water quality and quantity.

Leo's particular interests include environmental impact assessment, in particular the scoping, analysis and evaluation phases. He is an adjunct lecturer at Lincoln University where he lectures on these topics.



## Treasurer- Ced Croft

Ced is a self-employed property consultant and property valuer operating through his own company Terrapacific Consulting Ltd since mid-2003.

He was formerly a lecturer in property studies at Lincoln University for over 25 years and has recently returned to teach land economics and rural valuation papers on contract.

Currently he is undertaking a wide range of property valuation and management consultancy ranging from residential valuation and property investment advice, small holdings, rural valuation, rent reviews on Public Body lease land, arbitration and as a tenure review consultant for Pastoral

Leases through a contract with Darrochs. He was the sole presenter of a two hour national PINZ seminar series throughout New Zealand on Professional Ethics in 2007 and 2008.



Ced is Treasurer for the NZ Chapter of EIANZ. He served on the PINZ education committee for four years from 2003. He currently is the convenor for the PINZ formed Christchurch Strategic Recovery Advisory for earthquake recovery.

## Students and Early Careers - Craig Redmond

Since completing a Bachelor of Environmental Management and a Masters of Applied Science from Lincoln University Craig has been with the NZ Transport Agency within Highways for over four years. He started in land use planning, followed by a secondment to Perth and Kinross Council in Scotland where he worked on climate change and on his return in mid-2008 joined the environmental team. He is based in the Christchurch NZTA office providing environmental management support to the capital works and network area engineers. His national areas

of expertise are environmental management systems, stormwater, and erosion and sediment control. He is also currently the New Zealand Student and Early Careers Representative for the EIANZ, and a member of the NZ Executive.



## Committee Member and VP New Zealand – Tom Burkitt

Tom has worked in the environmental profession since 1994. A graduate in Zoology he later had too much fun studying for his Masters in Coastal Environmental Protection at the University of North Wales. He had a dream job studying coral reefs for 3 years before moving in to a project management role at a small consulting firm in the UK specialising in contaminated sites remediation and also natural wastewater treatment systems (still a dream job, by the way). He and his wife Zoe emigrated to NZ in 2002 and have established roots in shaky Canterbury. He's worked with MWH where he was most recently the Group Manager for the Planning and Science team. It was whilst in this role that he became involved with EIANZ and worked to encourage his team to pursue professional development opportunities through the Institute. In 2008 Tom stepped in to the role of NZ

Chapter President and thoroughly enjoyed his 3 years in the role, but has had to step back due to a sideways step in to the IT sector. Nothing ventured; nothing gained!



Tom currently serves as VP New Zealand on the Australasian Executive, but will not be restanding this year. However, he remains involved on the NZ Chapter Executive and is thrilled with the team now in place to take things forward. With members' support, he knows they'll keep the Chapter moving forward in a positive direction and build on our recent successes."

## Branch Operations- Susan Harris

Susan is an environmental scientist, planner, policy analyst and manager with some 25 years' experience. Her experience encompasses natural resources management and planning projects, contributions to local district and regional level land use planning, central government policy to Ministerial level, and auditing services to private and public clients. She is also experienced in developing and implementing environmental management systems and management plans, environmental risk assessments,

sustainability assessments, audits, marketing, and large scale strategic planning at the corporate level.

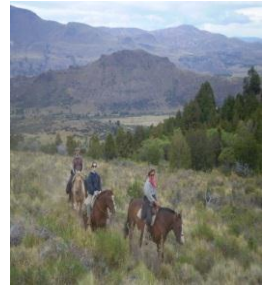


## Secretary – Heike Schiele

Heike is based at Ecological Economics Research New Zealand (EERNZ) at Massey University doing a PhD in Integrated and Adaptive Freshwater Management. Coming from the discipline of supply chain management, she is used to systems thinking, taking a pragmatic approach to short term versus long term impacts of strategic decisions and the trade-offs to be made around the allocation of critical resources.

Heike has worked in senior roles in Europe and New Zealand for companies such as Hewlett Packard, Fletcher Challenge and New Zealand Post. She

enjoys the development of long term strategies as much as their implementation. She is an experienced leader of change with a keen understanding of the varying needs of different stakeholder groups, the value of strong governance and measurable outcomes. In her experience the best outcomes are being achieved in environments that foster working partnerships between different stakeholder groups.



## NZ Chapter Vice President– Sam Bridgman

Sam has been working in the environmental management field for ten years (including a bit of overseas travel) having graduated from Lincoln University with a BRS (Hons) and Post Graduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies from Canterbury University (which included a two week 'field trip' to the Ice). He has been a member of EIANZ since it started in NZ – although took a few years off when he travelled overseas. He gained his CEnvP in 2010 and was a committee member for the Wellington EIANZ Conference in 2010. He is also a member of the Waste Management Institute Construction and Demolition Waste Steering Group.

He currently works at Sinclair Knight Merz (SKM) as an Environmental Consultant and previous roles have included Key Account Manager/Advisor at the carboNZero Programme, Policy Advisor at the Ministry for the Environment and Local Business Partnership Officer at the London Borough of Islington. He resides in Wellington with his wife plus two boys with one more child on the way.



## Situations Vacant- Newsletter Editor

We are looking for someone who can take charge of our quarterly newsletters. You will be an excellent written communicator and be good at identifying potential stories and liaising with potential and regular contributors. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the profession and could be a handy action on your CV. If you are interested then please contact [Jeska McNicol](#).

Could this be you?



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