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Executive Update

By Joh Taylor

It seems 2014 has got off to a busy start for most of us, and this is true for your Exec also. With the appointment of a new General Manager for the overall Institute there are big changes on the horizon – and for us here in New Zealand with the final approval of our Membership Development role. Details will be sent out soon; feel free to contact anyone on the Exec if you might be interested in the role.

We have also made a submission from the NZ Chapter on the NPS Freshwater Management – thanks mostly to Ian Boothroyd for the thought and time that went into this submission. A lot of effort has also been directed towards the development of STEPs (Staged Training for Environmental Practitioners) – the 5 year programme that assist practitioners to develop, and if desired achieve Certified Environmental Practitioner status. We have also been contributing to the on-going discussions around the overall Institute's governance and strategy – i.e. what we want to achieve and how we can best make that happen. You will have seen the recent email from the Institute's President Jon Womersley on this and if you have any queries, do contact anyone on your Exec. In fact if you have any queries (or requests or ideas) for your Exec, please do get in touch!

Most importantly, we are looking forward to the Christchurch Symposium 'Life on the Edge' and support the reflections of our Editor, Craig Redmond, (see below) in encouraging you to attend and let others know about the event.

Opinion: Life on the Edge

By Craig Redmond

Three years ago Christchurch was changed forever. 22 February 2011 started off like any other day. For myself I got up, showered, scooped down breakfast, made my lunch and walked the four blocks to work. I was just off to have my delicious sandwich I had made and I was thrown to the floor. After the shaking stopped, we realised the building was so badly damaged we couldn't pop the doors open. From that moment on the rest of the day felt like I was staring in a Hollywood block buster. For 185 people though, they haven't had the opportunity to reflect on events of that day, and I am sure their day started off very similar to mine.

The loss of loved ones are not the only thing people are grieving, the seismic events that have occurred has also resulted in a grieving for a loss of life in another way. People's way of life has dramatically changed; where they called home, the locations of where they worked, where they shopped, where they gathered to relax and be entertained.

Christchurch is being rebuilt – not from scratch as some might say, but it is a mixture of from the ground up and the top down. The one eyed nature of Cantabrians is starting to show through in spades. There is a determination to make Christchurch and Canterbury stronger and even more desirable than it once was.

The EIANZ symposium in Christchurch this year is a fantastic opportunity to come and learn how Christchurch is coming back. It is more than just rebuilding a central business district, or even how you go about building 10,000 new homes, but it is also a story of its hinterland. Christchurch has and always will be a product of its hinterland. This hinterland previously based on grains and sheep is transforming. The expansion of dairy farming is bringing a new wave of prosperity. All of this urban and rural development has challenging environmental and social effects that require careful thought and management.

So the 14th March 2014, is your opportunity to hear how they are achieving this, but also an opportunity for you to assist and support by sharing your experiences and insights. And if you can, I totally recommend you staying for a few extra days and explore this transformation of New Zealand's greatest province for yourself (no bias here).

See the [website for more information](#).

Craig Redmond

PS Go the Crusaders!!!!

In the News

So in case you missed it, here are some snippets of environmental news since the last newsletter.

[Double chance to see a lunar eclipse](#)

[People crowd tawaki penguins](#)

[Boil water notice 'not due to dairying'](#)

[4C rise by 2100, warns new study](#)

[NZ had second warmest year on record](#)

[Supervolcano eruption mystery solved](#)

[Shell to drill in Great South Basin](#)

[Pollution 'name and shame' tactic](#)

[Cleaner snapped dumping waste](#)

[Get your cash out of fossil fuel backed funds says UN climate chief](#)

[Gelatine plant fix 'beyond a joke'](#)

[Rare whitebait found in city stream](#)

[New 1080 plan should be the new standard – Forest & Bird](#)

[Great Barrier Reef dredging approved](#)

[Billy Adams: Abbott adviser an ill wind in the battle for climate-change action](#)

[Scientists back plan to boost 1080 drops](#)

[Pacific salmon migrate with a 'magnetic map'](#)

[Young Kiwis take up Sir Peter Blake's environmental baton](#)

[Eatery odours in High Court row](#)

[Pacific winds 'pause' global warming](#)

[Mobil wins waterfront clean up case](#)



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Professional Development Opportunities

The following Professional Development Opportunities are available and as always, all EIANZ events are available on the calendar of our home page <http://www.eianz.org/>

2nd Annual EIANZ New Zealand National Symposium



The New Zealand Chapter of EIANZ will once again host a New Zealand Symposium. The 2014 edition will be in Christchurch on Friday 14th March 2014. See the [website for more information](#).

The day presents an opportunity to listen to informative and interactive presentations, learn, and share information while engaging with industry professionals.

The morning session includes three keynote speakers and a panel discussion. The keynote speakers are:

- Lianne Dalziel – Mayor of Christchurch
- Dr. Morgan Williams – Chair of WWF New Zealand, Director National Energy Research Institute, former Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment 1997–2007
- Tom Lambie – Environment Canterbury Commissioner and Lincoln University Chancellor.

The afternoon will see two streams running simultaneously with a variety of presentations on topics including natural hazards, biodiversity and ecology at the fringe, landscape change, 'greening the greyfields', rural and small town growth, and post-quake land use planning in Canterbury.

When: Friday 14th March 2104

Where: Novotel, Cathedral Square, Christchurch

3rd Annual Australian Environmental Assessments & Approvals Forum

The EIANZ is pleased to advise that it is again partnering with Akolade to bring environmental practitioners in Australia and New Zealand the opportunity to attend the 3rd Annual Australian Environmental Assessments & Approvals Forum in **Sydney from the 28 – 30 May 2014**.

EIANZ members are entitled to a discount of 25% on their registration fee for this event.

Certified Environmental Practitioners are entitled to use participation in this event for the purposes of satisfying their obligation for professional development.

Information and registration brochure can be [downloaded here](#). To receive the 25% discount please enter the VIP code of **E FXA 1** on the top of the registration page.

EIANZ Annual Conference 2014

The EIANZ Conference in 2014 will be held in beautiful Hobart.

Start thinking about coming along and building a holiday before or after. It's the perfect opportunity to explore the amazing nature in this beautiful landscape.

Call for papers will open in early 2014 and more information on this event will be coming shortly... so stay tuned!

Where: Hobart, Australia

When: 30 and 31 October 2014

Venue: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

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EIANZ appoints a General Manager

The EIANZ has successfully recruited Ms Jacquie White to the position of EIANZ General Manager. Jacquie joined EIANZ on the 3 February 2014 at a pivotal point in its evolution to the professional association for all Australian and New Zealand environmental practitioners.

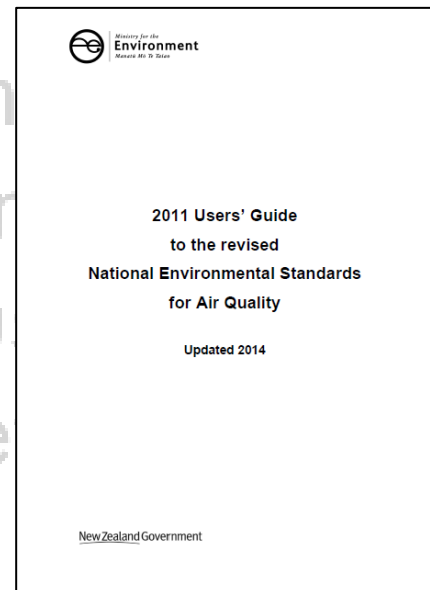
Jacquie brings to the EIANZ experience in the development of not for profit organisations, and organisational change management activities in Melbourne Water, the Office of Living Victoria and the Victorian Country Fire Authority. Jacquie was responsible for evolving the 'Clearwater' Program of the Municipal Association of Victoria from a one year grant project to an independent self-funded capacity building initiative for sustainable water management. Her early career involved assignments in New South Wales dealing with education about stormwater management for Crookwell Shire, and as a natural resource planning advisor with the Yass Landcare Network.

In 2005 Jacquie was awarded the inaugural Brian Robinson Fellowship by the Brian Robinson Foundation. She used this \$30,000 award to lead a 12 month action-learning research initiative, engaging ten young professionals from across Australia and New Zealand. The research focussed on opportunities for accelerating the development of emerging leaders in the water industry as a basis for fast-tracking the implementation of sustainable water management practices. One of the enduring outcomes of this research project is the investment by the water industry in further research and a bi-annual study tour program as part of the National Urban Water Governance Program at Monash University. Jacquie is a graduate of Deakin University with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Management). She is an alumna of 'Women on Boards' having completed the Next Generation of Corporate Female Leaders Program, a high level learning and development program for women in key management or executive roles.

New Publications

The Ministry for the Environment has released an update to the [2011 Users' Guide to the revised National Environmental Standards for Air Quality](#). The 2011 Users' Guide is intended to provide assistance on interpreting and implementing all the air quality Regulations. It seeks to promote consistency of application across New Zealand and consequently the earlier delivery of clean healthy air to all New Zealanders.

This document is aimed at a technical rather than a general audience. The primary audience will be regional council officers (and their elected representatives) and air quality practitioners. It will also be of interest to other stakeholders, such as planners, resource managers, lawyers, industry, business, and environmental consultants.



Open for Consultation

Consultation has been opened by MFE on the A guide to section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991

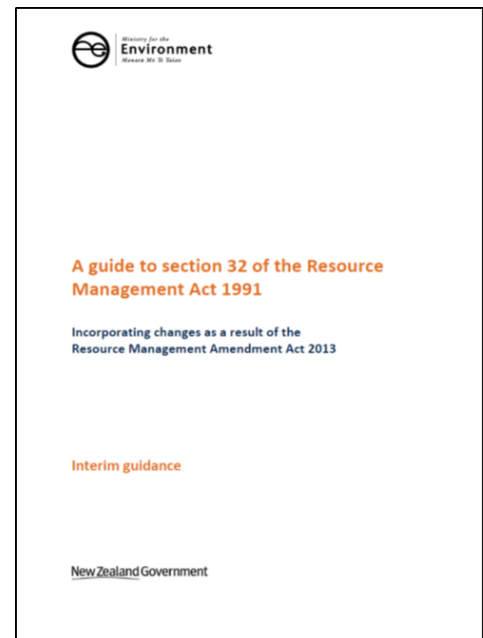
The Ministry for the Environment has produced an interim guide to section 32 of the RMA as a result of changes made by the Resource Management Amendment Act 2013. <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/guide-s32-resource-management-act-changes.html>

This guidance builds on and replaces the section 32 guidance that was previously available on the Quality Planning website.

The MfE would like feedback from practitioners on the interim guidance before finalising it.

MfE want the final guidance to encourage best practice while remaining practical and useful for practitioners. We welcome detailed comments on specific aspects of the guidance. For example does the guidance:

- identify all the key tasks in preparing a section 32 guide?
- assist with understanding how to identify economic, environmental, social and cultural effects of proposals?
- provide meaningful advice on assessing economic growth and employment opportunities?
- provide useful detail on using various economic evaluation methods?
- include useful examples of evaluation approaches, and how these have been applied in practice?



MfE plans to hold focus group sessions in early 2014 to further inform the final version of the guidance. We welcome your feedback on the guidance. Please send any comments to rmreform@mfe.govt.nz by 21 February 2014.

Training on the section 32 guidance is also planned for early next year. More information on the training will be available on the MfE website once details are confirmed.

Wellington Branch Event

Garden Lunch for all EIANZ members and their families at Di Buchan and Michael Moriarty's home at 21 Atkinson Avenue, Otaki Beach.

Midday to 5.00pm, Sunday 2 March 2014

Bring a plate to share, refreshments provided

Bring buckets and spades if you have children who would like to visit the beach (50 metres away).

Not into sandcastles? Then stroll along to the estuary or along the stop-bank walkway to the Otaki River.

[RSVP to Di Buchan by 21 February 2014](#)

Certified Environmental Practitioner – New Processes

Good luck to all those getting prepared for their CEnvP interviews in the next few weeks!

The next intake that closes on **14 March 2014** will be the beginning of changes to the way NZ interviews are managed – panel interview dates will be pre-set at specific locations. It is great to see the number of applications increasing and in response to this our processes have been under review.

Why are changes needed?

It's very simple - dates set prior to each intake closing will provide certainty for applicants and panel members not only for when interviews will be held but help improve the overall time it takes from application to a decision on certification.

The interview is a critical part of the CEnvP application process and as such it is considered important the interviews be held face-to-face with all of the parties involved. In the past we have used video or tele conferencing where it was not possible to have the required number of panel members in the same location or where an applicant was not in a main centre. We may still need to do this from time to time but hope in the future this will be rare.

Convening and running panels is time consuming for everyone involved. Acting as a Panellist is an opportunity to support the CEnvP Programme, earn CPD points, and uphold the standards set by CEnvP certification. The Programme's success relies on the contributions made by existing CEnvP's who volunteer their time. It is estimated for every interview there are at least 8-12 hours of time that has been volunteered - for the last intake that would mean a minimum of 80-120 hours!

So what are the changes?

- Panels will be convened in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch every intake. Panels can be convened in Tauranga as required (once the intake closes). Interviews in other locations may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Dates will be set in advance and put on the CEnvP website
- For those that sit on panels (ie. existing CEnvP's) a request will go out prior to each intake closing and you can lock the dates into your diaries. If there are no applicants in a particular location, the panel will be cancelled.
- For applicants if you need to travel this will be at your own cost. If you submit an incomplete application you may miss out on that round of interviews if the information cannot be supplied promptly and you will then have to wait for the next intake. We encourage complete applications at day one!

For more information about the actual application process, go to www.cenvp.org/apply/index.php

New Members Since The Last Newsletter

Our membership is growing!

Welcome to Prue Harwood of Dunedin who has recently joined the NZ EIANZ Chapter.

If you know of anyone who might like to join EIANZ, send them an email, send them a copy of this newsletter, invite them to one of the local events or direct them to our website for more information.

Call for Articles and Ideas

We will be putting out this newsletter quarterly and need interesting and informative articles every time!

Have you...

- Finished an interesting project?
 - Attended a training course you found valuable?
 - Have some photos that you just have to share?
- Got some ideas for other things you would like to see in this newsletter?

If so, we would love to add your two cents to the newsletter.

If you would like to share, please do send any suggestions, articles, photos to [Craig Redmond](#).

Have your details changed?

It is important for us to keep your details up to date. If you have recently moved house or job, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by sending an email to newzealand@eianz.org to ensure that your details are up to date.

Key Institute and Chapter Information

NZ Chapter Executive Committee

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President: [Joh Taylor](#)

Vice President: [Justine Quinn](#)

Councillor: [Di Buchan](#)

Secretary: [Taryn Pearce](#)

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Regional Branch Coordinators

Auckland: [Kathryn McDonald](#)

Bay of Plenty: [Sharon De Luca](#)

Wellington / Central: acting Leonie Waayer

Canterbury: [Pene Ferguson](#)

Committee Members:

[Stacey Swanson](#) (Students and Early Careers Portfolio)

[Steph Brown](#) (CEnvP) Coordinator

[Ian Boothroyd](#)

[Geoff Meadows](#)

Other Key Roles

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Newsletter Editor: [Craig Redmond](#)

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Join us at: www.eianz.org/membership/category/new-zealand

Watch us at: www.youtube.com/nzeianz

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