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Speaker Bios

Mayor Jim Boulton

Queenstown Lakes District Council



A well-known member of the New Zealand business community and current Mayor of the Queenstown Lakes District, Jim Boulton has extensive experience in fields including aviation, tourism, financial services, property, automotive, publishing and hospitality. Jim is a former Director and Deputy Chairman of Tourism New Zealand and has led several substantial public and private companies. He was made a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management in 2012 and an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2014 (for services to Tourism and Community). Jim is also the immediate past National Chairman of the Child Cancer Foundation and has chaired several charities, council-sponsored working parties and community groups.

Ross Copland

Chief Executive, NZ Infrastructure Commission Te Waihangā



Ross has a background in the design, procurement, financing, and delivery of infrastructure as an engineer, as asset manager and a Chief Executive. He has worked in property on both sides of the Tasman, finishing up as National Operations Manager for Westfield in 2013. He returned to New Zealand to pursue a career developing tourism infrastructure. Ross holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering with First Class Honours, a Bachelor of Commerce and an MBA.

Richard Briggs

Chief Executive, Hamilton City Council



Richard Briggs is the Chief Executive of Hamilton City Council, the local authority for New Zealand's largest inland city and one of the fastest growing cities in New Zealand. Richard is responsible for leading the organisation of more than 1200 staff in the delivery of its strategic direction and operations of Council. Hamilton's economy is growing faster than the national economy, and with this growth, the city is confronted with several challenges – including how to develop a city that balances infrastructure and amenity needs and its financial constraints. Richard is an experienced Chief Executive with a passion for delivering transformational strategic outcomes by building and delivering a high-performance organisation. He is a disruptive leader who sets clear and ambitious goals that challenge the status quo and leverage innovative, and sometimes challenging, approaches. He is skilled in all aspects of leadership with a track record in influencing leaders, and their organisations, to significantly improve performance and deliver on their ultimate purpose - in this case improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians. Richard recently served as an Independent Appointed Board Member of Surf Lifesaving New Zealand.

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Andrea Morton



***Director of Procurement and Supplier Management, Procurement,
Commercial Group, Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities***

Andrea is an experienced commercial manager, people leader and influencer who views challenges as opportunities and is always interested in learning more about what matters most to organisations, stakeholders, staff and customers. Andrea has had a range of roles in a variety of sectors including sales, supplier management, procurement and commercial management in information technology, international logistics, property, outsourced services, facilities management and construction. In her current role as she leads the procurement function of Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, the New Zealand government agency responsible for public housing and large scale urban regeneration. Andrea has agency-wide responsibility for procurement and supplier management across all categories ranging from construction, remediation and property maintenance, to information technology, learning & development, and everything in between.

Professionally Andrea is a member of a number of New Zealand forums whose purpose is to promote Procurement and move the profession forward – something she is passionate about having spent the last 20+ years in the profession.

Mike Theelen



Chief Executive, Queenstown Lakes District Council

Mike has been Chief Executive of the Queenstown Lakes District Council since January 2016, dealing with the unique challenges of managing growth and development in a highly scenic environment. Mike enjoys the complexity and challenge of local government; over his long career he has been GM Strategy & Planning for Christchurch City Council and had stints in both Hamilton City and Hastings District Councils.

Mike's background is in Town Planning and has a Bachelor of Town Planning from Auckland University and a Diploma in Social Science from Massey University. Mike has been involved in the planning, policy and strategy function of Crown and local government in New Zealand over the last 30 years. He has also worked a secondment to the World Bank in India on strategic plans for Indian local government and undertook a number of study initiatives through the NZ Business Excellence Foundation. As part of the Councils Executive Leadership Team after the Christchurch earthquake, Mike led much of the strategic engagement with the Crown and its various agencies appointed to assist the rebuild of the city.

Phil Nevell



***Procurement Partner Construction & Asset Management Kāinga Ora –
Homes and Communities***

Phil is a commercial procurement professional who specialises in the development of tools to enable smooth supplier engagement and optimised outcomes. Experience in private finance and manufacturing and public sector entities such as Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, Tamaki Regeneration and now Kāinga Ora.

In his current role, as the Procurement Partner for construction and asset management, Phil looks for outcomes beyond the built environment, to achieve economic, cultural, environmental and sustainability outcomes embedded within the contracts and processes of standard procurement.

Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities - Vision Statement: Building better, brighter homes, communities and lives.

Presentation: New outcome expectations of procurement and new approaches to achieving those outcomes.

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Cameron Law



***Delivery Lead for Improvement, NZ Upgrade Programme - Waka Kotahi
NZTA***

Cameron has an expert understanding of the transport and public sectors and almost 20 years' experience in the resource management space, 13 years of which have been in private practice.

His ability to understand and participate in transport decision-making, together with his skills and relationships within the transport and public sectors have been critical to the planning, funding and the development of transport and other infrastructure around New Zealand.

He joined Russell McVeagh as a lateral partner from his role as Acting Managing Counsel (Planning & Network Operations) at the New Zealand Transport Agency, where he spent over five years at the forefront of major planning projects around the country in a variety of legal roles.

Amanda Warren



Director, Constructing Excellence NZ Ltd

Amanda is New Zealand's leading expert in Last Planner, Lean Design & Construction and has played a key role in introducing and establishing Lean principles and tools, in particular, Last Planner across the New Zealand construction industry.

Amanda is a past, (founding) Industry Chair of LCI NZ, (Lean Construction NZ). She teaches Lean Construction regularly to the industry. As Project Coach, Amanda has assisted many 'project rescues' for projects in distress as well as helping project teams to realise better value and efficiencies through innovation and empowerment of Lean tools and principles.

Some examples of projects that have successfully used Lean Construction tools to drive out waste and improve efficiencies are Water view, M2PP, Hunua 4, Sky City, NZTA's Waterview tunnel, Tunnel and Kiwirail Electrification. Recent work includes Auckland Airport and Watercare's Central Interceptor. Currently she is delivering Last Planner upgrades for CRL's Link Alliance Eden Station and TBM teams and for multi Stakeholder projects for Piritahi.

Peter Hansby



Wakatipu Transport Programme Alliance, Programme Board Member

Peter is the General Manager of Property and Infrastructure for Queenstown Lakes District Council. With over 30 years of industry experience, he has held a broad range of senior management roles in engineering as a client, contractor and in consultancy services.

Pete is the project sponsor for many cornerstone projects in the district including Masterplans for the Queenstown Town Centre, Frankton and the Wanaka Town Centre. He is board chair of the Way to Go Group, a partnership between QLDC, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and Otago Regional Council to plan a safe and affordable transport network.

He's also a board member for the recently announced Wakatipu Transport Programme Alliance. Pete is passionate about emergency management, holding key roles in emergency response teams for the 1999 Queenstown Floods, 2010 and 2011 Canterbury Earthquakes and more recently as one of the controllers for the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Edward Husband

Wakatipu Transport Programme Alliance, Programme Director



Details to follow.

Brett Murray

CEO, SiteSafe



Brett's background in health and safety includes several senior roles with WorkSafe, MBIE and the Department and Labour. Most recently, as General Manager Operations at WorkSafe, he was responsible for WorkSafe's inspectorate and technical support functions.

While Central Region Manager at the Department of Labour, he headed the investigation into the Pike River disaster and as GM High Hazards and Specialist Services with MBIE, later went on to establish the High Hazard Unit, which provides specialist oversight of New Zealand's petroleum, extractives and major hazard facilities sectors.

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Paul Haggath



Managing Director, Team Projects

Paul is a highly motivated Project Manager with a proven record in delivering major infrastructure and building projects, effective management and leadership of teams, training, and personnel management. Paul particularly enjoys sharing knowledge and experience. He is a firm believer that the strength of a team lies in its diversity, and its ability to harness the skills and specialisms of each team member.

Paul is passionate about balancing projects, optimising the outcomes of projects while minimising their environmental impact. Paul's "nett positive" attitude aims to leave every project environment in a better position than where it started.

Gareth Noble



Construction Clients' Group Queenstown Lead

Gareth is the Construction Client Group's Queenstown Lead and Queenstown Lakes District Council's Programme Director, where he heads up their Project Management Office. Gareth has over 20 years' experience in delivering significant programmes. He has worked in local and regional Government and as a consultant in Australia, New Zealand and the UK.

Prior to joining QLDC he was managing delivery teams for Origin Energy as part of its upstream field development responsibilities for its joint venture, Australia Pacific LNG. Gareth is passionate about delivering positive change, improving processes, systems and people capability in order to deliver better outcomes.

He is 'lean' trained, an ASQ certified 6 Sigma Green belt and holds MSc and MBA qualifications. Gareth is also a Certified Specialist of Wine and enjoys drinking and talking about Central Otago Pinot.