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National Chapter Co-Chair Update



Welcome to the March 2026 edition of the Construction Clients' Group newsletter.

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National Chapter Co-Chair Update Cont.

As we move further into the year, it is encouraging to see the continued momentum across our network — from growing membership and strong regional engagement, to the increasing depth of discussion within our workstreams. This edition reflects that energy, highlighting the collective commitment of our members to strengthen client leadership and drive positive outcomes across New Zealand's construction and infrastructure sector.

A key theme emerging throughout this issue is the value of collaboration. Whether through the ongoing work of our regional chapters, the insights shared at the recent Safety in Design hui, or the strong participation in our events programme, it is clear that meaningful progress is being achieved when clients and industry come together to share perspectives and challenge current practice.

We are also pleased to see growing interest in Modern Methods of Construction, which is quickly establishing itself as a central focus for CCG. The level of engagement at recent events signals both the relevance of this topic and the important role clients play in shaping its successful adoption.

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to our new members. Your involvement strengthens our collective voice and reinforces the importance of shared learning and leadership across the sector.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this edition and to the ongoing work of CCG. We look forward to building on this momentum throughout 2026.



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Regional Chapter Focus

Christchurch

The Christchurch Regional Chapter continues to bring together a strong cross-section of client and industry representatives, supporting connection, collaboration, and shared learning across the region.



For the purpose of this newsletter, the current Christchurch chapter members are noted as:

- **Alan Palmer** | Co-Chair
- **Mike Tottman** | Engenium | Co-Chair
- **Sam Stickels & Kris Prouting** | Kāinga Ora | Members
- **Simon Shelton** | Goff Group | Member
- **Patrick Stone** | TMC Co | Member
- **Dave Holborn** | Ministry of Education | Member
- **Tom Williams** | Frequency | Member
- **Francois Baudet** | Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL) | Member

The chapter provides an important forum for members to share perspectives, discuss current priorities, and strengthen client leadership across the sector.

As the year progresses, we look forward to continuing to build regional engagement and encouraging new participation in the Christchurch Regional Chapter.



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Worksteam Focus: Safety in Design (SiD)



The Safety in Design (SiD) Hui held on 26 February provided an important opportunity to reintroduce CCG's SiD workstream through shared experience, open discussion and collective solution-solving. The strong engagement from attendees showed both the value of the session and the interest in continuing the conversation.

The hui brought together three industry perspectives on current SiD practice and future direction.

- **Anna O'Connor**, Safety Lead at Tauranga City Council, supported by **Simon De Verteuil**, Senior Transport Engineer, shared the client perspective on current practice and expectations.
- **John Rooney**, Partner at Simpson Grierson, spoke from a legal perspective on proposed legislation and current SiD practice,
- **Chris Jobson**, Auckland Regional Manager at Site Safe, provided a broader industry safety view.

Together, these presentations reinforced a number of themes that support good SiD outcomes. These included the need for greater consistency and clarity in SiD processes and guidance, collaborative engagement while design is still developing, and practical approaches that support value-led evaluation and sound decision-making.

Speakers also highlighted the importance of having options that reflect different risk profiles and levels of complexity, along with clear expectations for deliverables that are systematic, defensible and practical to apply.

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Workstream Focus Cont: Safety in Design (SiD)



The discussion also noted that while the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 does not specifically reference SiD, it does establish a primary duty of care for PCBUs, and SiD is increasingly recognised as an important way of identifying and managing risk. The Q&A panel added further practical insight, including the importance of keeping a focus on critical risks across scoping, design and construction, the need for updated WorkSafe guidance, and the value of clear contractual responsibility and communication.

Participants also noted that SiD workshops should be an expected part of project delivery and should help inform construction specifications. There was also strong support for improved industry-wide guidance to help achieve greater consistency in how Safety in Design is understood and applied across the sector.

The insights shared through this hui will help inform a position piece on where CCG believes New Zealand currently sits in relation to Safety in Design, and the direction of travel for both the horizontal and vertical infrastructure sectors. They will also help shape themes and speakers for upcoming 2026 CCG SiD sessions.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their experience, expertise and perspectives, and to the wide range of organisations and disciplines represented on the day.

It was encouraging to hear support for extending future invitations across related workstreams, such as Modern Procurement, to further strengthen the discussion.



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Welcome to Our New Members

Membership continues to grow, along with the audiences engaging in CCG events and activities.

Since the last newsletter, and alongside the many members who have renewed their membership, we are pleased to welcome the following new members to CCG:



It is encouraging to see continued growth in our membership base, reflecting the value of client leadership, collaboration, and shared learning across the construction and infrastructure sector.



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Introducing New CCG Theme 2026/2027 Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)

Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) first featured in late 2025 through two CCG seminars, with input from Kāinga Ora, Ministry of Education, and Watercare. These sessions introduced MMC as an emerging theme for the CCG and highlighted the growing interest in how clients can support better construction outcomes through new approaches, stronger leadership, and greater collaboration across the sector.

Building on that momentum, Rubix hosted a dedicated MMC hui in Wellington in February 2026, with members attending both in person and virtually from other regions. This helped continue the conversation, broaden engagement, and explore more closely the role clients can play in creating the conditions needed for MMC to succeed in New Zealand.

That momentum is continuing, with the MMC Core Workstream Group due to meet on Friday 10 April. This next step will help shape the future direction of this area of focus, and we are now looking for client-side volunteers who would like to join the working group and support CCG's ongoing interest in MMC.





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Last Quarters Events

We kicked off our 2026 Events programme with two strong regional seminars that reflected both the breadth of issues facing our sector and the value our members place on coming together to share ideas challenges and opportunities.

Auckland



4 March 2026

Modern Methods of Construction
(MMC)

Sponsored by **AUT**

This seminar significant milestone for the CCG, drawing our highest in person attendees to date. The strong turn out highlights the growing interest in MMC as an emerging focus area for CCG

Christchurch



18 March 2026

RMA Reform & Planning System Change

Sponsored by **Tonkin + Taylor**

This seminar explored what the Fast-track process signals for the future, and how we can navigate that future



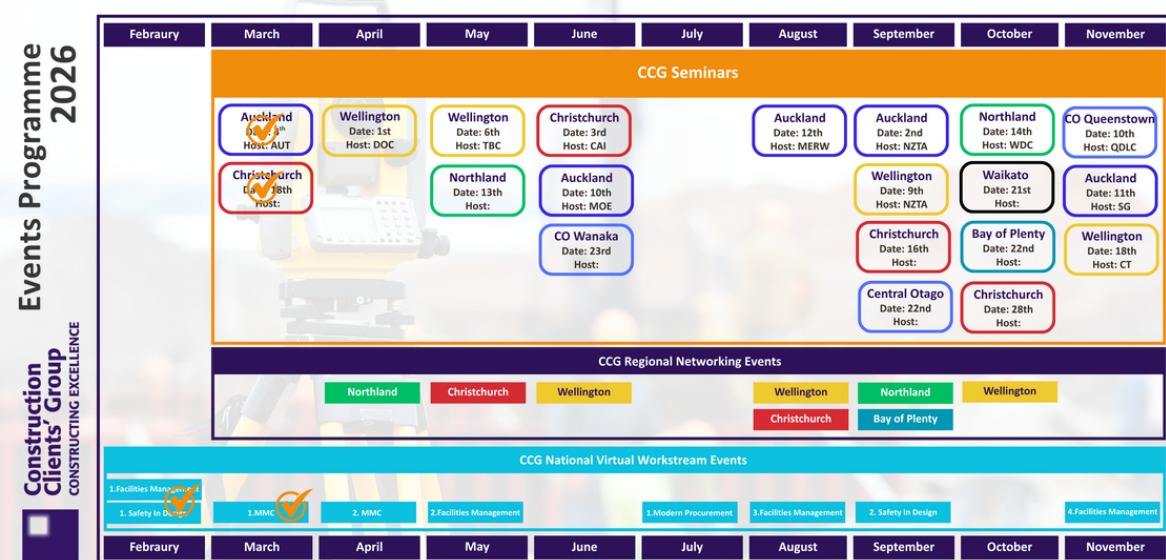
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CCG Events Programme 2026

Across February and March, CCG has continued to deliver events and engagement opportunities that bring members together around current sector issues, practical challenges, and future opportunities. These events are helping to grow both our reach and our impact, while continuing to support informed client leadership across New Zealand.

The 2026 CCG Events Programme below reflects that momentum, with a strong range of seminars, hui, and engagement opportunities planned across the year. It highlights the breadth of topics CCG is focused on and our ongoing commitment to bringing members together to share insights, build connections, and help shape better outcomes for the sector.



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Wrap up

As we close this quarter's newsletter, we look forward to our upcoming CCG Wellington Seminar on 1 April 2026 and encourage members to join us for what promises to be another valuable opportunity to come together, share insights, and continue the conversations shaping our sector.

We are also pleased to advise that the 2026 CCG Annual Membership Survey will be sent to members by email over the coming days, and our updated Service Level Agreements (SLAs) are being issued to member leads for feedback.

With Easter just ahead, we also wish all our CCG members a happy and safe Easter weekend and hope you enjoy some well-earned time with family and friends.



From the CCG Team