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National Chapter Co-Chair Update

Kia ora, welcome to the December edition of the CCG newsletter where we celebrate 20 years of the CCG, take a look back over our past achievements and welcome our new members. We will also provide a focus on our newly re-established Otago chapter and the Facilities Management workstream, and review the successful events held over the past year.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and look forward to connecting with you at our upcoming events.



Best wishes for a happy holiday season.





Twenty Years of the Construction Clients Group: A Milestone Worth Celebrating

This year marks 20 years since the Construction Clients Group (CCG) was founded with a simple but ambitious purpose: to bring the industry together. In a sector long characterised by fragmentation, CCG set out to create a space where clients, contractors, consultants and partners across the supply chain could openly share knowledge, learn from one another and lift performance across New Zealand's built environment.



The idea took shape when a small group of industry leaders recognised the need for greater collaboration and better ways of working. Drawing on international best practice, particularly the UK's Constructing Excellence initiative, the founders established a forum focused on transparency, innovation and building trust across traditional organisational boundaries.

Over two decades, that small forum has grown into a nationwide network spanning seven regions. CCG has played a key role in introducing new approaches to procurement, risk, contracting, Safety by Design and modern construction methodologies. Just as importantly, it has helped foster long term relationships across the sector, built on shared goals rather than competing interests.

What has remained constant is the commitment to sharing, learning and innovating. Members continue to bring both successes and setbacks to the table, creating an environment where practical, real world improvement can flourish. This culture of openness is widely recognised as one of CCG's greatest strengths.

As we look ahead, the challenges are significant: an ageing asset base, infrastructure deficits, economic pressures and the need for sustainable, future focused delivery models. But the past 20 years have shown what the sector can achieve when it works together.

CCG's journey is far from over. With collaboration at its core, the next 20 years promise to be just as transformative as the first.

[Click to view 20th anniversary presentation](#)

Celebratory video - launching in 2026



Regional Chapter Focus - Central Otago

We relaunched the regional chapter in late 2024 with a well-attended seminar hosted by Cook Brothers, highlighting upcoming investment across the region. We intentionally shifted away from a Queenstown-centric model, recognising that the area has become increasingly interconnected and interdependent. Looking ahead to next year, we plan to continue delivering seminars throughout the region, including in Wānaka, Cromwell, Alexandra, and again in Queenstown.



Growing better together was the theme of our last seminar of this year hosted by Queenstown Lakes District Council, and captured the region's key constraints and drivers:

'Growing'

The entire region continues to experience sustained, broad-based growth. This brings longer commutes, rising accommodation and infrastructure costs, and a recognised shortfall in infrastructure funding.

'Better'

Improvement and change are arriving quickly. From evolving funding models (such as the ongoing discussions around the Regional Deal secured by QLDC and partners), to reforms in the RMA and Developer Contributions, as well as debate around the role and necessity of regional governance. Added to this are the local implications of the Government Rules of Sourcing.

'Together'

This reflects the community's desire to balance growth with quality of life and protection of the environment. It also acknowledges the need for stronger coordination and more integrated long-term planning across all agencies. The region's centres are deeply interdependent in areas such as education, water supply, transport, and investment planning.

In summary, this is a dynamic and evolving landscape. The CCG sees our role as supporting and sharing knowledge with our clients, members, and supply partners to help strengthen Central Otago as a region.



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Regional Chapter Focus - Central Otago

Meet the Central Otago Regional Team:

Hayden Bed

Civil Engineer

Queenstown Lakes District Council



Lindsay Muir

Queenstown Branch Manager

Sullivan Hall



Abi Hawkins

Waste Minimisation Officer

Central Otago District Council



Warren Sharp

Procurement Manager

Kainga Ora



With support from Frequency & WSP as well as the local Chambers

If you are interested in joining the Central Otago Chapter,
please get in touch by emailing: Julia@constructing.co.nz





Workstream Focus - Facilities Management

Our Facilities Management workstream brings members together to share insights, challenges, and best practice across the full lifecycle of buildings and physical assets. Through collaboration and open discussion, the workstream focuses on improving performance, enhancing user experience, and supporting smarter, more sustainable approaches to managing facilities. It provides a platform for members to connect, learn from real-world examples, and contribute to continuous improvement across the industry.



Facilities Management Virtual Sessions 2025

In 2025, our Facilities Management Workstream delivered two highly engaging national virtual events, each offering valuable insights and practical examples from across the sector. Our first session, held on 22 May, explored KPIs and modern outcome-based contracts, with Auckland Council and Citycare Property presenting compelling case studies that demonstrated how smarter performance measures are shaping service delivery. This was followed by our 21 August session, which focused on data collation using AI. Speakers from Downer's SICS, WSP, and the Ministry of Justice shared innovative approaches to using artificial intelligence to enhance asset understanding, decision-making, and operational efficiency. Together, these events highlighted the evolving capabilities and opportunities within Facilities Management nationwide.

Interested in joining the Facilities Management Workstream?

We welcome new members who want to connect, contribute, and be part of this growing community. If you are interested in joining the Facilities Management workstream please get in touch by emailing: julia@constructing.co.nz





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A big welcome to our new members!

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CCG Events Programme for 2025

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In 2025, we hosted a series of Regional Seminars, supported by Regional Networking sessions and National Virtual Workstream events, offering members valuable opportunities to learn, connect, and stay engaged across the country. This page shows are last events held in October/November 2025. The next few pages provide an summary of event in all the regions.



Northland

Theme: Regional Change



Auckland

Theme: 'Show me the money'



Bay of Plenty

Theme: ECI & D&B



Central Otago

Theme: Growing Better Together



Wellington

Theme: Better PPPs



Canterbury

Theme: Lean Construction



Regional Seminars and Events in upper North Island 2025



Northland

Our year began in July with a session hosted by the Ministry of Education, exploring Northland's future, economic drivers, and workforce needs, with Northland Inc outlining the Regional Deal. We closed the year in November with Downer, focusing on regional change and the transition to the new water entity, presented by Andrew Cavell, Programme Director – Waters Implementation.



Auckland

Our 2025 programme opened in March with Tonkin + Taylor, examining the state of the construction sector and what the year ahead may bring. In September, AT hosted a future-focused session on AI and digital systems integration. We wrapped up in November with Simpson Grierson's Show Me the Money, exploring challenges and emerging opportunities in infrastructure funding.



Bay of Plenty

Our November seminar, hosted by Tauranga City Council in their new office, brought members together to examine the modern drivers for Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) and Design & Build (D&B). Speakers from Tauranga City Council, LT McGuinness, and Simpson Grierson shared insights on how these approaches can support stronger project outcomes across the region.



Regional Seminars and Events in lower North & South Island 2025



Wellington

Our seminar series opened in March with Rubix at the Department of Corrections site, examining New Zealand's 30-Year Infrastructure Plan and what it will take to move from vision to action. In July, Chapman Tripp hosted a session on Modern Methods of Construction, with modular insights from the Ministry of Education, Niche, and Chapman Tripp. We concluded in October back at the Department of Corrections site with Rubix, focusing on building better PPPs through stronger client–contractor partnerships.



Christchurch

Our 2025 programme began in May with an escorted tour of the Parakiore Recreation and Sports Facility, where Jason Tutty and his team shared the project's history, drivers, and site management as it moves toward commissioning. In September, the Ministry of Education hosted a session on how modularisation, repeatability, and standardisation can improve efficiency and performance, supported by case studies from Kāinga Ora and Lean Construction. We wrapped up in November with WSP, sharing infrastructure insights and regional project learnings.



Central Otago

Our March seminar, Connecting Construction & Sustainability, explored how passive design, waste minimisation, and sustainable thinking can lift project outcomes. In June, Smart Building Strategies in Otago highlighted modern thermal design with Sullivan Hall's Lindsay Muir, alongside CODC updates on building control, rural land-use changes, and new materials. We closed the year in November with Growing Better Together, focused on planning, funding, and procurement to support regional growth.

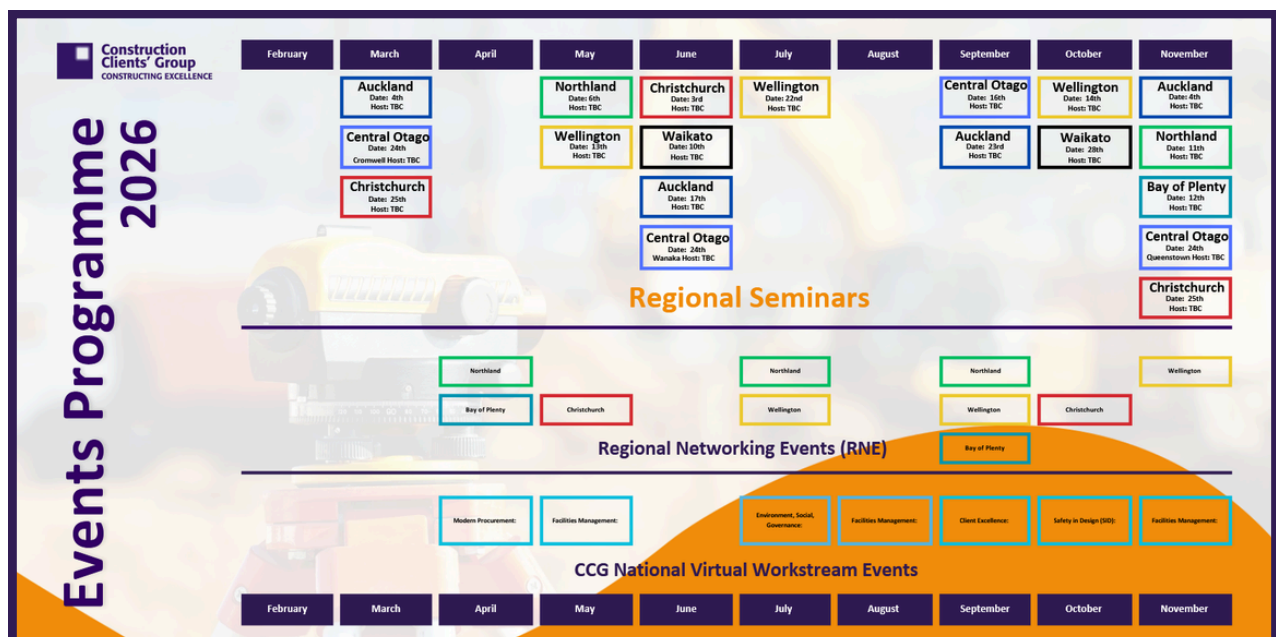


CCG Events Programme for 2026

The Construction Clients' Group is excited to be developing our 2026 Programme, with a strong focus on delivering valuable insights, fresh perspectives, and practical learning across all regions.

To ensure we continue to offer meaningful, locally relevant events, we warmly encourage members to consider hosting a session in their region. Hosting is a great way to showcase your organisation, share expertise, and support stronger connections within the CCG community.

If you're interested in contributing to the 2026 line-up, we'd love to hear from you—let's shape another impactful year together.



The graphic displays the 2026 Events Programme for the Construction Clients' Group. It features a vertical title 'Events Programme 2026' on the left. The main content is organized into three horizontal sections: 'Regional Seminars', 'Regional Networking Events (RNE)', and 'CCG National Virtual Workstream Events'. Each section contains a grid of events across the months of February to November, with specific dates and host locations. The 'Regional Seminars' section lists events for Auckland, Central Otago, Christchurch, Northland, Waikato, and Wellington. The 'Regional Networking Events (RNE)' section lists events for Northland, Bay of Plenty, Christchurch, and Wellington. The 'CCG National Virtual Workstream Events' section lists events for Modern Procurement, Facilities Management, Environment, Social, Governance, Client Excellence, Safety in Design (SfD), and Facilities Management.

Month	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Regional Seminars		Auckland Date: 4th Host: TBC		Northland Date: 6th Host: TBC	Christchurch Date: 3rd Host: TBC	Wellington Date: 22nd Host: TBC		Central Otago Date: 16th Host: TBC	Wellington Date: 16th Host: TBC	Auckland Date: 4th Host: TBC
		Central Otago Date: 24th Cromwell Host: TBC		Wellington Date: 13th Host: TBC	Waikato Date: 10th Host: TBC			Auckland Date: 23rd Host: TBC	Waikato Date: 28th Host: TBC	Northland Date: 11th Host: TBC
		Christchurch Date: 25th Host: TBC			Auckland Date: 17th Host: TBC					Bay of Plenty Date: 12th Host: TBC
					Central Otago Date: 24th Wanaka Host: TBC					Central Otago Date: 24th Queenstown Host: TBC
										Christchurch Date: 25th Host: TBC
Regional Networking Events (RNE)				Northland		Northland		Northland		Wellington
			Bay of Plenty	Christchurch		Wellington		Wellington	Christchurch	
								Bay of Plenty		
CCG National Virtual Workstream Events				Modern Procurement	Facilities Management			Environment, Social, Governance	Facilities Management	Client Excellence
									Safety in Design (SfD)	Facilities Management

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It's a wrap for 2025!

As we wrap up another productive year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our members for your continued support, energy, and contribution to the CCG community. Your commitment is what drives our collective progress.

We wish you and your families a safe, restful, and happy holiday season, and we look forward to reconnecting with you all in 2026 for another inspiring year together.

Season Greetings



Thank you from the CCG Team

