

TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU DESIGN OPE

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Prof. Amirhosein Ghaffarianhoseini	TMDO	Marilyn Storey	PCNZ
Anahera Rawiri	Ngā Aho	Mark Luker	PCNZ
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Andrew Norriss	NZILA	Matt Riley (Chair)	TMDO
Campbell Jensen	NZPI	Matt Wickham	PCNZ
Carin Wilson	Ngā Aho	Matthew Jones	NZILA
Claire Walker	NZILA	Megan Rule	NZIA
Craig Moller (Chair)	NZIA	Mike Thomas	NZILA
Deb Lee Sang (Chair)	TMDO	Natasha Markham (Chair)	TMDO
Den Aitken	TMDO	Nick Pollard	NZPI
Emma Todd	NZILA	Ngata Tapsell (Chair)	NZIA
Evan Williams	NZILA	Olivia Haddon	Ngā Aho
George Clarke	Ngā Aho	Orson Waldock	NZILA
Guy Marriage	NZIA	Peter Kensington (Chair)	NZILA
Hayley Muir	NZILA	Prue Fea	NZIA
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Jack Earl	NZILA	Richard Blakey (Chair)	NZPI
Jade Kake (Chair)	Ngā Aho	Richard Mann	Ngā Aho
Janine Bell (Chair)	NZPI	Rich Naish	NZIA
Jon Rennie (Chair)	NZIA	Samantha McGavock	Ngā Aho
Karl Barker	TMDO	Severin Soder	NZIA
Kate Watson	NZIA	Shannon Joe (Chair)	NZIA
Ken Crosson	NZIA	Stuart Houghton (Chair)	NZILA
Lauren White (Chair)	TMDO	Stuart Mackie	NZIA
Lee Beattie	TMDO	Tania Wong	NZIA
Lee Brazier	NZILA	Tim Robinson	TMDO
Lisa Mein (Chair)	NZPI	Tom Locke	NZIA
		Wayne Bredemeijer	TMDO

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Robert Berger, Sarah Daley, Vivian Naylor Universal Design

Jerome Partington Sustainability

Graeme Burgess, Dave Pearson Heritage



Aaron Hockly

Company: MinterEllisonRuddWatts

Core Discipline: Real estate funding, development and management

Professional Affiliations: PCNZ

Qualifications: BA/LLB, GDLP, GradDipACG, MAppFin, FCIS, FFin, CMInstD

Aaron has over 20 years' experience in financial services, property, and law and is currently CEO of leading New Zealand law firm MinterEllisonRuddWatts. Originally from New Zealand, Aaron spent 17 years in Australia and the UK before returning in 2018. He was CEO of the NZX-listed Vital Healthcare Property Group for nearly 6 years until 2025 prior to which he was Chief Operating Officer for the ASX-listed Growthpoint Properties Australia for ~10 years. Aaron is currently on the boards of Dilworth Trust in Auckland and New Zealand government's external reporting board (XRB) having previously been a non-executive director of Eke Panuku, Mercy Healthcare and the Ponsonby Community Centre.



Alex Findlay

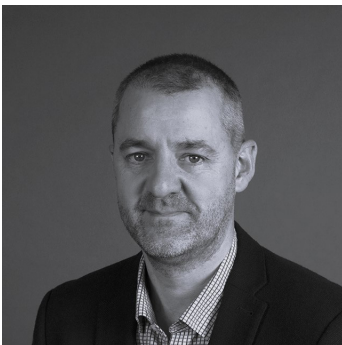
Company: Expanse Ltd

Core Discipline: Urban Planning, Heritage Planning

Professional Affiliations: NZPI, RMLA, UDINZ

Qualifications: BSc (University of Auckland), DipMgmt (University of Canterbury), MplanPrac(Hons) (University of Auckland)

Alex is a certified commissioner, consulting planner and business owner. She provides resource management planning services and strategy advice. For over twenty years she has worked as an adviser in the construction industry, working with public and private organisations of every scale in commercial, social, and residential development. She has wide-ranging experience in resource consents and policy development, with a particular interest in heritage and housing quality. As well as her executive role, she advocates on industry issues and leads the Auckland-based Planning Sole-Practitioners' Group.



Alistair Ray (Chair)

Company: Jasmax

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional affiliations: Urban Design Forum; Hobsonville Point Design Review Panel (Chair)

Qualifications: BA (Hons) Planning; Diploma Town Planning; MA Urban Design

Areas of expertise: Urban design; Masterplanning; Large scale residential projects; Medium density residential

Alistair joined Jasmax in 2008 where he is a Principal and Head of the Urban Design & Masterplanning team. With over 30 years' experience, Alistair works across the country for a range of clients, within both the private and public sectors. He has sat on a number of working groups advising Auckland Council on strategic urban planning and design issues. He was the Chair of the national committee for New Zealand's Urban Design Forum between 2018 and 2022, and initiated the national Urbanism Conference in Wellington in 2018 and Auckland in 2023. For many years Alistair passed on his urban design wisdom and knowledge as a part-time senior lecturer for Auckland University's Masters in Urban Design course, helping to train many of New Zealand's current urban designers.



Prof. Amirhosein Ghaffarianhoseini

Company: Auckland University of Technology (AUT)

Core Discipline: Architecture & Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZIA (Academic Member), CIBSE IBG, RGUBE (Director), AE Lab (Director), MBIE College of Assessors, USS-Emerald (Editor), SASBE-Emerald (Associate Editor), IBI-Taylor & Francis (Associate Editor), The Reference Group for Artificial Intelligence at the Office of the Kaitohutohu Mātanga Pūtaiao Matua ki te Pirimia

Qualifications: PhD, MArch, BArch

Amir is a Professor of Architecture and Urban Microclimate, and the Director of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies at AUT's School of Future Environments. With two decades of international experience spanning across New Zealand, Canada, and Malaysia, he stands among the world's highly-cited scientists in architecture and urban microclimate. Amir has received numerous prestigious awards and recognitions for his research, contributing to shaping the future of cities. His current focus lies in exploring the impact of architectural design and urban environments on end-users, investigating the influence of buildings on the future of cities.



Anahera Rawiri

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāti Whātua

Company: Jasmax (Principal)

Core Discipline: Strategic planning, design management, papakāinga housing, stakeholder management

Professional Affiliations: : Ngā Aho, Te Kāhui Rangahau o Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Waitematā Local Board

Qualifications: BCom (University of Auckland)

Areas of expertise: Iwi development, property, and business

Anahera brings a wealth of knowledge from the Iwi and corporate sectors. She is known for proficiency in strategic planning and execution, adept stakeholder management, and a strong knack for fostering business growth. As the Principal and Founder of ABH Limited, Anahera has delivered a number of projects within the private and public sectors, particularly in property, Iwi development, as well as strategy and business advisory. This entrepreneurial journey has honed her skills in driving initiatives that merge cultural awareness with business acumen, achieving sustainable outcomes in alignment with diverse stakeholder needs.



Andrew Lamb (Co-Convenor & Chair)

Company: Galaxy Property Ltd

Core Discipline: Property Investment and Development

Professional Affiliations: PCNZ

Qualifications: BPA; Dip Bus (Fin)

Areas of expertise: Masterplanning, large scale residential projects and governance

Andrew has over 25 years' extensive experience in the property, development and construction industries, including in land development, commercial office, industrial parks, and mixed use. Andrew has held a number of roles in both the public and private sectors. He is currently active in the property industry serving on a number of professional boards and committees. Andrew's specialties include master planning, consenting, design management and development management, feasibilities, leasing and lease negotiation, public private partnering and investment advisory.



Andrew Norriss

Company: Hone Studio

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: B.Des (Hons) Landscape Architecture, Victoria University, Wellington
2009 Tuia Pito Ora NZILA Registered

Andrew is a NZILA Registered Landscape Architect & Director of Hone Studio, based in Tāmaki Makaurau. His practice experience includes Landscape Architecture / Urban Design projects across Aotearoa delivering work for public and private sectors. His core competencies include mixed use developments and master-planning, waterfront developments, streetscapes, town centre regeneration, greenways, parks, reserves, and open spaces. Andrew's primary focus is how development can contribute positively to the urban realm, with sound design principles developed at a site-planning level and holding these with rigour through subsequent design phases.



Campbell Jensen

Company: RCP

Core Discipline: Urban Planning and Design, Masterplanning, Property & Infrastructure

Professional Affiliations: NZPI

Qualifications: MUrbDes (hons); MPlanPrac (hons); BApSci (Environmental)

Curiosity drives Campbell. He's always had a passion for exploring the 'why' and 'how' behind things. It fuels his ability to think critically and find innovative solutions to complex problems. Campbell's experience includes urban planning and design, community regeneration and place-based investment programmes, property development, master-planning, urban policy and legislation, office and workplace strategy, as well as airport and infrastructure planning. He has worked and held senior positions in both the public and private sectors, including various consultancies, Haringey Borough Council (London), Ministry for the Environment, Auckland Airport and Air New Zealand.



Claire Walker

Company: Walker Landscape Architecture Ltd (WLA)

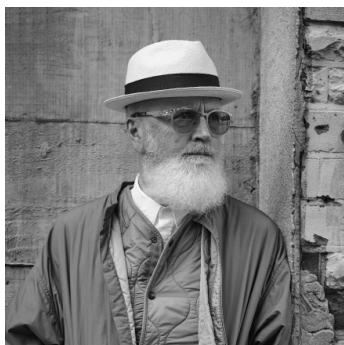
Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Unitec (2003), New Zealand Certificate in Architectural Draughting NZCAD (1994)

Areas of expertise: Landscape Architecture

Claire is a NZILA Registered Landscape Architect with 20 years' experience as a consultant, working for both the public and private sectors; the last 11 years also as a director of WLA. She has experience in New Zealand, Pacific Islands and China. She has complementary landscape and architectural design experience, and has worked across numerous scales and sectors with a belief that landscape and architecture, when done well, can be bigger than the sum of their parts.



Craig Moller (Chair)

Company: Moller Architects

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: Fellow NZIA; Registered Architect

Qualifications: BArch (University of Auckland); MArch (Yale University)

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Urban Design & Master Planning

Craig is a director of Moller Architects. He has over 25 years of work experience, with projects ranging from small-scale residential to the large-scale civic works. Further to his work experience, Craig has also taught part-time in the design studio of the Schools of Architecture. He has been a professional teaching fellow at the Auckland University School of Architecture for the last eleven years, as well as a thesis supervisor for the Master of Architecture program. He has contributed to the profession of architecture in many ways with his involvement on various design juries, review panels for Schools of Architecture, and delivering the graduate development program on behalf of the NZIA. He is an examiner for the New Zealand Registered Architects Board.



Deb Lee Sang (Chair)

Company: Isthmus

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: MNZPI, Urban Design Form

Qualifications: BPlan(Hons); MUrbDes

Areas of expertise: Urban Strategy, Frameworks, Regeneration

Deb is an Urban Designer with over 16 years' experience, in both the United Kingdom and New Zealand. She brings private and public sector experience and has had involvement in the full range of projects the profession has to offer – ranging across design strategy, spatial planning, town centre regeneration, transit-led development, design guidance and engagement-led design initiatives. She often works at the interface of disciplines and prides herself on place-led outcomes.



Den Aitken

Company: Urban Good

Core Discipline: Urban Design & Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered), Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: BLA

Den is a landscape architect, urban designer, and founder of Urban Good. He has over 15 years of experience across academia, local government, and private practice.

He is an advocate for people-centric planning and design outcomes, holding a particular appreciation for the relationships between built form, the everyday lives of people, and the social, cultural, and economic health of a given place.

Den is a Registered member of the NZ Institute of Landscape Architects, is active within the NZ Urban Design Forum, and sits on the Nelson Tasman Urban Design Panel.



Emma Todd

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: BLA (Hons)

Areas of expertise: Social Housing, Senior/Retirement Living, Streetscape and Open Space design

Emma's experience ranges in scale from large rural, urban, and coastal developments to site-specific projects, including mixed-use housing developments, social housing, aged-care design, streetscape and public realm design, retail and commercial developments, parks and reserve design and planting, rural and residential subdivision design, as well as landscape ecology and ecological restoration. Recently Emma has been involved in the delivery of mixed-use housing projects and aged-care developments working closely with Kāinga Ora and Metlifecare. Emma's interests lie in the design and delivery of high-quality housing developments, as well as in streetscapes and public realm design. She has successfully led, managed, and implemented large landscape projects.



Evan Williams

Company: Jasmax

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: BLAUCAN Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, University of Canberra, ACT, Australia

Areas of expertise: Civic/Public Realm, Campus – Tertiary/MOE, Bicultural Design

Evan is a Principal and highly accomplished Senior Landscape Architect at Jasmax with over 25 years' experience. Prior to relocating to Tāmaki Makaurau in 2005, Evan trained and practiced as a Landscape Architect in Australia. He has extensive experience leading design and delivery of projects ranging from urban streetscapes and plazas to parks and open spaces. Evan strives to balance design aspirations with stakeholder requirements, and often works in partnership with mana whenua representatives to realise integrated design solutions that express Māori values. He is passionate about transformative design and city-making, and the value it brings to the way we experience our natural and built environments.



George Clarke

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāti Porou, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi

Company: GMC Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: Ngā Aho, NZIA

Qualifications: BArch - University of Auckland

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Masterplanning, Papakainga, Kaupapa Maori.

George Clarke (Ngāti Porou, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi) is a registered architect and is the founder and director of GMC Architects. He has over 35 years of experience and is one of the few registered Māori architects in practice in Aotearoa. George gained his degree in architecture at the University of Auckland. He established himself in private practice in 1987, and his self-discipline toward architecture and strong whānau values have carried on to this day. George maintains a passion for producing great architectural outcomes and leads a talented team at GMC in designing and documenting projects which relate to the local environment and cultural qualities and values.



Guy Marriage

Company: Victoria University of Wellington, First Light Studio

Core Discipline: Architecture, Education

Qualifications: B Arch (Auck), M Arch (VUW)

Professional Affiliations: NZIA Fellow, NZIOB

Guy is the Program Director of Architecture at Victoria University. He worked for over ten years in London on large civic project designs, including five years at Foster + Partners, before returning to New Zealand to concentrate on housing and innovative construction at Studio Pacific and First Light Studio. Teaching architecture and construction at Victoria for the last 20 years, Guy has written numerous articles, and is the author of three books on building design: Tall, Medium, and Modern Apartment Design.



Haylea Muir

Company: Isthmus

Core Discipline: Property development, design management and construction.

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Hons)

Areas of expertise: Landscape architecture

Haylea has extensive experience in large-scale masterplanning projects, particularly residential masterplans and Architectural and Landscape Guideline documents. Residential masterplanning projects include many at Hobsonville Point, various sites in Queenstown and Hamilton, and a mix of green and brown field sites across wider Auckland (Westgate, Massey North, Mt Roskill, Northcote). Haylea's role at Isthmus has involved writing and amending design guidelines, peer review of other consultants' design proposals, advice memos to the Hobsonville DRP, and management of landscape architecture and architecture teams, both within and outside Isthmus, around the delivery of the masterplan vision, compliance with design guidelines and CDP's and overall high quality design outcomes.



Henry Crothers

Company: LandLAB

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture, Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered), TMDA, Urban Design Forum (NZ & AU)

Qualifications: BBE L.Arch (QUT), Grad. Dip. LA (Hons) (QUT)

Henry is a Landscape Architect and Urban Designer with a focus on landscape and ecologically driven urbanism, public realm and place-making projects. Henry's design approach is informed by the interrelationships between natural, built and social ecologies in the urban context. He is the founding Director of LandLAB, a design-led, award-winning landscape architectural and urban design consultancy founded in 2013. He has provided design leadership to some of the most significant projects involving urban renewal, public realm transformation and transport infrastructure in Aotearoa and beyond.



Jack Earl

Company: Earl Design

Core Discipline: Urban Design & Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered), Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: BLA (Hons) MURbDes

Jack is a qualified urban designer and a registered landscape architect with NZILA. He has over 10 years of experience working on various projects, including civic, commercial, mixed-use, institutional, residential, open space, and infrastructure developments. The projects have involved spatial-planning, master-planning, and RMA processes, as well as concept design, detailed design, and implementation. This has given him a broad understanding of the complexities of development and what makes for safe, accessible, and thriving communities.



Jade Kake (Chair)

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whakaue, Te Whakatōhea

Company: Matakōhe Architecture and Urbanism Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture, Kaupapa Māori design

Professional Affiliations: Ngā Aho, NZIA

Qualifications: B Arch Des, M Arch (Prof)

Areas of expertise: Papakāinga, marae, kaupapa Māori urban design

Jade Kake (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whakaue, Te Whakatōhea) is an architectural designer, writer, and Māori housing policy specialist. She leads a small team at Matakōhe Architecture and Urbanism, a Whangārei-based kaupapa Māori design studio which she founded in mid-2018. Matakōhe works with Māori organisations on their marae, papakāinga and civic projects, and with mana whenua groups to express their cultural values and narratives through the design of their physical environments.



Janine Bell (Chair)

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Planning

Professional Affiliations: NZPI

Qualifications: BTP (University of Auckland) 1983

Areas of expertise: Statutory Planning and District Plan preparation; Urban, Transport and Strategic planning and projects; Masterplanning

Janine is an experienced resource management specialist who has extensive knowledge and experience of statutory planning and local government processes. She principally works on urban land use and transportation projects. She has excellent knowledge of the Auckland Unitary Plan, the Resource Management Act, and its processes along with the Local Government and Reserves Acts. Janine is a regular Independent Hearing Commissioner for Auckland Council and a current member of the Auckland Urban Design Panel.



Jon Rennie (Chair)

Company: Athfield Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: MNZIA, Registered Architect (ARBUK)

Qualifications: Bachelor of Architecture (Hons) - Victoria University of Wellington & Sede Di Roma Programme (Rome, Italy), Master of Architecture (Urbanism) - University of Southern California (Los Angeles, USA), BA(Theatre/Film) & BBSc. – VUW

Areas of expertise: Public architecture, multi-unit housing, urbanism

Jon is a registered Architect with over 25 years of architectural and urban experience, including adaptive re-use of listed buildings, design of theatres, auditoriums, apartment buildings, and libraries, and directional planning of educational and cultural institutions in New Zealand, United Kingdom, and Spain. Jon teaches seminar and studio courses at the University of Auckland School of Architecture. He is a Director and Principal of Athfield Architects, based in their Auckland studio.



Karl Barker

Company: Construkt Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture & Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZIA, Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: BArch

Areas of expertise: Masterplanning, Architecture, Urban Design, Medium Density Housing.

As a director of Construkt Architects, Karl has over 20 years of experience in shaping masterplanned communities from Whangarei to Queenstown. These works are at the forefront of the best Urban Design and Architecture practices in New Zealand. Karl's speciality is in the integration of medium-density housing into the surrounding fabric. Karl has had key involvement in Hobsonville - from its inception as a model for urban living in New Zealand, until now - working with a variety of developers and meshing their needs with the best outcomes for urban design and architecture.



Kate Watson

Company: Construkt Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZIA, NZPI, Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: BAS, BArch (Hons), PGCertPlan, MUrbDes (Hons)

Kate is a qualified urban designer with 15 years of experience in private architectural and urban design firms. She has a track record in masterplanning for greenfield and brownfield sites, urban design guidance, CPTED assessments, and medium-density residential design. In her current role as the Principal and Lead Urban Designer at Construkt Architects, her primary emphasis lies in placemaking and achieving positive outcomes for residential intensification projects. She also focuses on the consideration of factors such as environmental sustainability, feasibility, housing affordability, and neighbourhood character.



Ken Crosson

Company: Crosson Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: BArch; Registered Architect; FNZIA

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Urban Design

Ken studied in Auckland and, apart from a period living and working in London as a young graduate, has been based in the city, running projects throughout New Zealand.

Ken is passionate about the built environment in both urban and rural frameworks, and is never one to shy away from a robust debate. He is actively involved in the development of the architectural profession being Chair of the Auckland Branch of Te Kāhui Whaihanga New Zealand Institute of Architects, and has a President's Award for contributions to the profession.



Lauren White (Chair)

Company: Urban Acumen Ltd

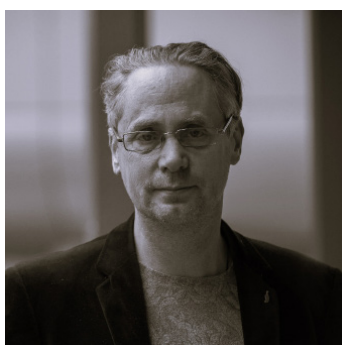
Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: Urban Design Forum, Professional Teaching Fellow University of Auckland

Qualifications: Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Masters of City Planning and Urban Design (Dist)

Areas of expertise: Medium density housing, structure planning/masterplanning, expert evidence

Lauren has practiced as an urban designer for over 20 years, with experience in both the public and private sector, in NZ as well as the UK and South Africa. With a focus on design, Lauren's experience ranges from architectural concepts, medium density housing and masterplanning projects, to large growth-planning projects. She also has experience in development feasibility projects and public consultation. For the past 12 years, Lauren has also served on the staff of the Auckland University, teaching in the Masters of Urban Design Programme.



Dr Lee Beattie

Company: The University of Auckland

Core Discipline: Urban Design and Urban planning

Professional Affiliations: NZPI, Urban Design Forum, Royal Society of NZ

Qualifications: PhD MNZPI MRSNZ

Dr Lee Beattie is an urban designer and urban planner with almost 30 years professional experience. He is an Associate Professor of Urban Design, and Head of the University of Auckland's School of Architecture and Planning, where he teaches urban design theory and practice as well as masterplanning. His current research interests explore the factors and barriers preventing the delivery of compact and quality urban form that is sustainable, resilient, liveable, meets the needs of local residents, and reduces travel demand in both the local and international (Asia/Pacific rim) context.



Lee Brazier

Company: Bespoke Landscape Architects

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: BLA, Unitec (2002)

Lee has a wealth of experience on both the national and international level, having worked upon a diverse range of high-profile public and commercial projects over the past 20+ years. His skillset includes both landscape and urban design; applied in the design and delivery of large-scale parks and reserves, community recreation facilities, children's playspaces, streetscapes, civic buildings, and a wide variety of commercial developments. Many of these projects required extensive stakeholder engagement and consultation, as well as coordination with large multidisciplinary project teams.



Lisa Mein (Chair)

Company: Mein Urban Design and Planning Ltd

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: MNZPI, ICOMOS NZ, Urban Design Forum, IAP2 (Australasian Chapter)

Qualifications: BPlan, MA Urban Design, Certificate in Public Participation (IAP2)

Areas of expertise: Urban design, urban planning, urban regeneration, master planning, medium density residential/mixed-use development, heritage planning and design guidelines.

Lisa is a qualified Urban Design and Planner with an excess of 28 years' project experience. She established her own practice in 2019, following 15 years at Boffa Miskell Limited. Over the past two and half decades, her experience has spanned across a range of areas: from stakeholder and community engagement, masterplanning, and town centre regeneration strategies, through to policy development, design guidance, and research. Lisa is actively involved in championing quality urban design outcomes, including four years as Co-Chair of the Urban Design Forum (UDF). She has been a member of the Auckland Urban Design Panel since 2014.



Lola Guirao-Sanchez

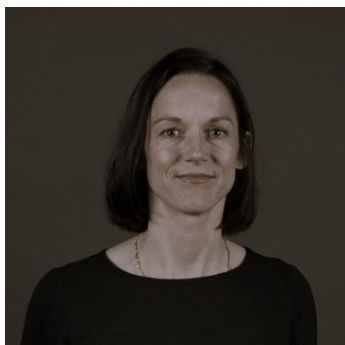
Company: Isthmus Group Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA, Registered Architect (NZRAB), Urban Design Forum, Part time Lecturer Bach. Architecture

Qualifications: BArch

Lola, an Associate at Isthmus and Registered Architect with NZRAB, brings two decades of expertise in urban design and master planning. Her diverse architectural and urban design background includes projects of various scales, from neighbourhood masterplanning to mixed-use developments and medium-density housing. Lola actively contributes to design review processes and participates as a design tutor for Wānanga courses at AUT.



Madeline Sharpe

Company: Synergine Group Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: BAS, BArch; Registered Architect

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Housing, Masterplanning

Madeline is a senior architect and masterplanner, with 20 years of experience. Her career spans across a wide range of sectors including commercial, mixed use and hospitality, with the past decade dedicated to residential development for developers, public, and iwi/hapu clients. Madeline has specific knowledge of development models such as build-to-rent, papakāinga and mixed ownership, with a focus on medium to high density projects that deliver sustainable outcomes. Madeline's dedication to shaping policies for positive urban growth underscores her commitment to broader impacts on the built environment.



Madushin Amarasekera

Company: Konstrukt Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture & Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: ANZIA

Qualifications: BAS, BArch (Hons)

Madushin is a director at Konstrukt Architects and has over 20 years' experience across local and international projects ranging from small-scale residential to large-scale commercial. Over the last 10 years, Madushin has designed and lead numerous award-winning projects; primarily apartments and multi-unit residential developments, ensuring the design outcomes incorporate key client considerations and project feasibility. Madushin's design focus enables processes that result in considered, well-designed, and sustainable built outcomes.



Marilyn Storey

Company: Argosy Property Ltd

Core Discipline: Commercial Property

Professional Affiliations: PCNZ

Qualifications: BPA, BCom, MBA

Marilyn has over 30 years of experience in the Commercial Property sector including project management, asset management, acquisitions, and property development. Currently working as Head of Development, she is responsible for the growth strategy over the next 10 years and all aspects of the development process.



Mark Luker

Company: Stride Investment Management Ltd

Core Discipline: Real Estate Investment and Development

Professional Affiliations: PCNZ member, Senior Member Property Institute of NZ (SPINZ); Registered member Institute of Property Advisors and Consultants (IPAC)

Qualifications: Dip. Val, Property & Valuation, University of Auckland(UoA); Post. Grad General Management Studies, UoA.

Areas of expertise: Real Estate Development and Investment

Mark has led Stride Property Group's development activities since 2017. He has over 35 years of experience in the property development and investment industries, acquired through large-scale mixed-use, retail, and commercial development projects in Australia and New Zealand. He has previously worked in senior real estate development and management roles with Lend Lease Australia, and Fletcher Challenge (NZ). Mark joined Stride from Kiwi Property Group Limited, where he held the roles of General Manager of Development and Project Director Sylvia Park. He is also a former Director of Kiwi Property Holdings Ltd and Sylvia Park Business Centre Ltd.



Matt Riley (Chair)

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: M.Arch (Urban Design); M.PlanPrac; BA/LLB

Areas of expertise: Urban design; medium density housing schemes; masterplanning.

Matt is an urban designer with 20 years' experience in the urban design and planning fields in New Zealand. Matt's work encompasses urban design strategy, masterplanning of greenfield and brownfield sites as well as urban design review. Further, Matt has inputted into various development projects - including multi-unit residential, mixed-use, and town centre schemes, as well as to plan changes and district plan reviews. Matt has worked as an urban designer in both the public and private sectors, giving him an understanding of the interplay between good design outcomes and regulatory processes.



Matt Wickham

Company: Resero Property

Core Discipline: Property Development, including: master planned developments, apartment and housing developments, social housing, student accommodation, retirement villages, urban regeneration and land development.

Professional Affiliations: PCNZ

Qualifications: Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Matt has 20 years of experience, developing his career in property; first starting in construction. He worked in a range of roles including project management, consulting, and development management, through to General Management and management of high-performing teams and of large-scale capital works programmes.

Matt is motivated by the great developments that he has been part of over the course of his career. He firmly believes seeing communities develop and thrive is the outcome that we should work towards. Sustainable development is now a key part of how we do this and a challenge for the future.



Matthew Jones

Company: Isthmus Group Ltd

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered), RMLA

Qualifications: BLA, Unitec (2005)

Areas of expertise: Design planning, masterplanning, urban design, landscape and visual assessment.

Matthew is a Principal at Isthmus. He has experience working on a wide range of landscape architecture and urban design projects producing masterplanning, design, spatial planning, resource consent and plan change documentation for sites with varying scales and complexities within urban and rural environments. As an experienced Design Planner, he brings a critical-thinking approach to projects - weaving the design, planning and assessment processes together to provide integrated and robust outcomes. Matthew has solid knowledge of regional and national regulatory, statutory, and non-statutory documentation. He also has a strong appreciation for the relationship between people and their surrounding environment, and developing designs that enhance that relationship.



Megan Rule

Company: South Pacific Architecture Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: AIA, FNZIA, NZRAB, EBANZ, WiUA

Qualifications: BArch (Hons) Auckland, Cert. Mod. Italian Arch. Macerata Italy, Cert. Conservation Prato Italy

Areas of expertise: Cultural & community facilities, Sustainable design, Heritage & landscape

Megan is a founding director of multi-award winning, Auckland-based practice: South Pacific Architecture. Their work has spanned across adaptive and new residential, cultural, community, waterfronts, mixed use, commercial, education, master-planning, heritage and landscape projects in the UK and New Zealand. Megan has worked closely in consultation with community groups, Not For Profits, Habitat For Humanity, Architecture For Humanity, churches, clubs, Pacific, Iwi, Ngā Aho, and accessibility organisations in NZ and internationally. Megan is a co-founder and augural co-chair of 900 strong Architecture + Women NZ, NZRAB Convenor, a past NZIA Auckland Chair and NZIA Environmental Guideline 2010 Convener, NZIA Awards Juror/Convener, a Professional Teaching Fellow at University of Auckland SoAP. and Guest Critic/Lecturer at SCALA Unitec (Landscape & Architecture) and VUW.



Mike Thomas

Company: Arcadia Aotearoa New Zealand

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture (Registered Member)

Professional Affiliations: FNZILA (Registered), Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: BLA (Hons), Lincoln University, 1996

Areas of expertise: Public realm design, multi-modal transport infrastructure environments, large scale residential design

Mike Thomas is an award-winning landscape architect with nearly 30 years' experience in NZ, HK, and China. He is a fellow of the NZILA, recognised for his contributions to the advancement of Landscape Architecture practice in NZ. He has been on the AUDP since 2017 and was also an advisor on the Auckland Housing Panel. Mike's previous work included projects in multi-modal infrastructure and of the public realm. He has a strong interest in local contexts and bi-cultural design responses that reflect authenticity. Mike now leads Arcadia Aotearoa New Zealand.



Natasha Markham (Chair)

Company: MAUD

Core Discipline: Architecture & Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZIA, Registered Architect

Qualifications: BAS, BArch (Hons), MUrbDes (Hons), Registered Architect

Areas of expertise: Housing, architecture, masterplanning

Natasha is an architect, urban designer, and director of Auckland practice MAUD. Her belief that quality design solutions play a significant role in creating successful, liveable spaces is backed by her experience working on a variety of projects across architecture and urban design. She has a particular interest in housing and areas under going transformation.

As an urban designer, she has worked for both the private sector and for local government, is skilled in urban analysis and masterplanning, and has been involved in high-level, strategic planning and visioning projects for areas designated for change.



Nick Pollard

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Planning

Professional Affiliations: MNZPI, RMLA and Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science, Master of Planning Practice, Master of Urban Design (University of Auckland)

Areas of expertise: Resource Consents, Urban Design, Assessment of Effects on the Environment

Nick is an Associate Partner at Boffa Miskell with 18 years' professional experience as a planner, urban designer and project manager. He has worked throughout Aotearoa New Zealand, with a strong track record in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland. Through this work, Nick has developed a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and requirements that arise within Aotearoa New Zealand's regulatory framework and how to leverage off of this to deliver on a project's vision and objectives. He has experience with local government, central government, and with private clients including plan and policy development, resource consents, designations, and outline plans and design review. He has appeared at Council hearings, mediations, and in Environment Court processes and is an accredited Hearing Commissioner.



Ngata Tapsell (Chair)

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngāti Porou, Tainui

Company: Falk Tapsell Architects

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZRAB, NZIA, APEC

Qualifications: BArch (Hons), BAS (University of Auckland)

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Urban Design, Masterplanning

Ngata is the founder of Tapsell Partners. He is an accomplished architect and masterplanner with a deep interest in the potential of indigenous cultures to inform the built environment. In a career spanning over 25 years, Ngata has amassed considerable experience in both New Zealand and abroad, with the latter gained in markets as diverse as Australia, Asia and the Middle East. His expertise spans a range of building typologies at a variety of scales including commercial, retail, hospitality, civic, multi-residential, and cultural. As a strategic and independent thinker, Ngata is entrusted with some of the most significant projects in New Zealand, where he combines sensitivity to local context with international perspective.



Olivia Haddon

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Ruanui

Company: Consultant

Core Discipline: Māori Design, Urban Design, Cultural Values, Cultural Landscapes, Low Impact Urban Design and Development

Professional Affiliations: Ngā Aho

Qualifications: BDes (UNITEC) MUrbPlan(Prof)UrbDes (Hons) (Auckland University)

Olivia recently worked as Principal Urban Design consultant for Jacobs across infrastructural schemes in Australia and New Zealand. Olivia (Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Ruanui) provides Urban and Māori design guidance across a broad range of projects. Olivia has been involved in transformational city projects, master-planning, urban design strategy, and civic and urban design. Her main area of focus and expertise is that of embedding and supporting Mana Whenua values, mātauranga-a-iwi, into design and programme outcomes. She has around 22 years' design experience in the fields of the public realm, infrastructure, healthcare, and transport.



Orson Waldock

Company: Kāinga Ora

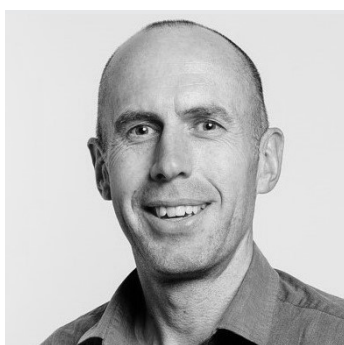
Core Discipline: Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: MA Urban Design (Dist), BLA

Orson is an Urban Designer and Landscape Architect with over 20 years' experience in New Zealand across the private and public sector. Orson provides strategic guidance, review, and leadership across many of Kāinga Ora's large-scale redevelopment projects including Mangere, Tāmaki and Roskill precincts. Orson also has a long association with the development of Hobsonville Point, where he provides a design management role and has convened the Design Review Panel for the last 5 years.

Orson has provided design leadership across a broad range of projects including town centre and residential masterplans, streetscapes, parks and many commercial projects.



Peter Kensington (Chair)

Company: KPLC Ltd

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered); Full Member NZPI; subscribing member of RMLA and Urban Design Forum

Qualifications: Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, Lincoln University, Canterbury; and Bachelor of Regional Planning, Massey University, Palmerston North.

Areas of expertise: Landscape planning, assessment, management; and resource management and strategic planning.

Peter has worked as a landscape architect and planner for twenty-five years throughout New Zealand, as a private consultant and in public office. Since 2017, he has provided advice through KPLC Limited for applicants, regulatory authorities and submitters. He is a current Ministry for the Environment 'Making Good Decisions' certificate holder and an independent hearings commissioner. Peter aims to achieve sustainable management outcomes through his work at both strategic and site-specific scales. He has complementary skills in planning, resource management, and landscape design and assessment. His experience is with a wide variety of landscape and planning related projects for a mix of clients.



Prue Fea

Company: Context

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: BAS, BArch (University of Auckland), Post Professional MArch (RMIT)

Areas of expertise: Urban design, building design, multi-unit housing, sustainability & regenerative design.

Prue is a senior architect and has over 25 years' experience working with architectural and property development companies in the US, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Prue currently works with Context Architects, and has spent the past year managing a team of architects within Kainga Ora's Housing Delivery System designing three-level walk-up apartment buildings. Prior to working at Context, she held the position of Associate Principal architect at Jasmax, involved in a number of multi-unit residential housing developments. Prue holds a post-professional Master's Degree in Urban Architecture from RMIT (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology). She leads the Sustainability team at Context and has been involved in a number of neighbourhood master-planning projects, inner-city mixed-use developments, and sustainably-designed apartment buildings.



Rachel de Lambert (Co-Convenor & Chair)

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: FNZILA (Registered), Member ICOMOS NZ.

Qualifications: Bachelor of Horticulture Science, Lincoln College, NZ Diploma Landscape Architecture (Dist.), Lincoln College

Areas of expertise: Landscape design, masterplanning, landscape and visual effects assessment

Rachel has over 38 years' project experience, comprising a wide range of projects in traditional landscape design, master-planning, spatial-planning, open space planning, heritage planning and management, environmental planning, and landscape and visual assessment. She is recognised for her skills in concept design, masterplanning, project consenting, and design leadership and review. Rachel is experienced as an Auckland Urban Design Panel member and Chair, as well as in bringing projects to the Panel for review - a process which she considers to lead to achieving improved urban design outcomes for development in Auckland.



Richard Blakey (Chair)

Company: Blakey Planning Ltd

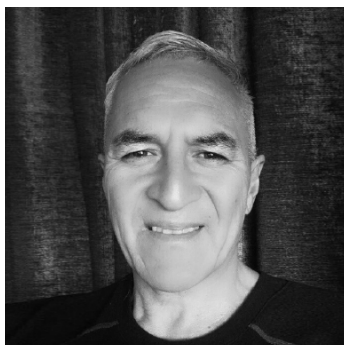
Core Discipline: Planning

Professional Affiliations: Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute

Qualifications: BPlan

Areas of expertise: Resource consent and plan changes under the RMA, Independent Hearing Commissioner

Richard has over 30 years of experience in planning and resource management-related matters, primarily within the Auckland region. Richard has significant experience in RMA processes on behalf of both the public and private sectors, and in preparing and assessing a wide range of resource consent applications. Richard has a 'Chairing Endorsement' certificate from the Ministry for the Environment and has been a member of the Council's panel of independent Hearing Commissioners since 2014.



Richard Mann

Company: Mann Landscape Architecture Ltd

Core Discipline: Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered), Ngā Aho, Te Tau ā Nuku

Qualifications: BLA

Areas of expertise: Natural and cultural landscape, open space planning, design and management, landscape and visual assessment

Richard is a landscape architect with 18 years experience in local government and private practice. He descends from Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tūhoe and Tongan descent, and has worked on a wide range of open space and urban renewal projects across Taranaki and Tāmaki Makaurau. Richard has lectured part-time and has co-ordinated the Landscape of Aotearoa course in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Unitec.



Rich Naish

Company: RTA Studio Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture, Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: FNZIA, Registered Architect NZRAB

Qualifications: B Arch

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Urban Design, Masterplanning

Richard is the founder, design director, and executive director of RTA Studio. Under his design leadership, the practice has undertaken a variety of public, private, and commercial projects ranging from significant urban scale to small and sensitive interventions.

Richard is an active fellow member of the New Zealand Institute of Architects. He has served as a judge on national and international juries. He is currently teaching at the University of Auckland and has been an adjunct professor at Unitec Architecture School. He is also a panelist on the Ministry of Education Design Review Panel.



Shannon Joe (Chair)

Company: Jasmax

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: Fellow NZIA, Registered Architect (NZ & AU)

Qualifications: BArch, (Hons) Victoria

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Urban Design, Masterplanning

As Principal and Head of Design at Jasmax, Shannon Joe is a lead designer and responsible for shaping the design direction of the practice. Highly regarded for his design expertise, Shannon sees architecture as a tool to create people-centric spaces that empower and inspire people. Shannon is widely regarded as one of New Zealand's leading architects, with over 23 years' experience and a heavyweight portfolio showcasing his rare ability to deliver design excellence across multiple sectors. His passion for design is reflected in the quality and integrity of his work, which is regularly recognised in national and international awards. Shannon is a member of Jasmax's senior leadership team.



Samantha McGavock

Iwi Affiliations: Ngāi Tahu

Company: Done. Ltd

Core Discipline: Project Management, Regenerative Practice

Professional Affiliations: Ngā Aho

Qualifications: MArch (Prof) - Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand Certificate in Te Reo Level 2 - Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Regenerative Practitioner - Regenes Group, Living Future Accredited Professional - International Living Future Institute.

Sam is Kaihautū / Co-Director of Done. Ltd, a Regenerative Project Management company based in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland. Through her whakapapa, Sam recognises that we are deeply connected to the environment rather than separate from it, and she operates in unwavering alignment with this notion; noting 'ko au te taiao, te taiao ko au' ('I am nature, and nature is me'). Sam is a Regenerative Practitioner, a Living Futures Accredited Professional, and is immersed in Te Ao Māori. She utilises these perspectives to manage projects which emphasise the interconnectedness of living systems and the continued regeneration of those systems for the benefit of both people and place.



Severin Soder

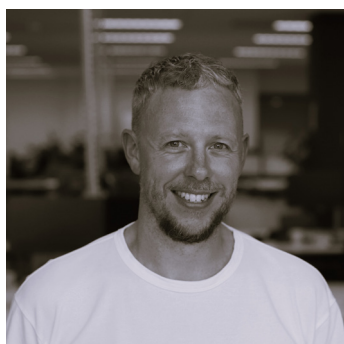
Company: Architectus

Core Discipline: Architecture and Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: Dipl.-Ing. (Dist.), MArch (Dist.), MUrbDes (Dist.)

Severin is a Principal at Architectus, where he leads the Living + Working and Urban Futures sectors. Originally from Austria, he moved to New Zealand in 2005 and joined Architectus, sharing their pursuit of design excellence. Severin is a generalist, which enables him to work with public and private clients on projects across a range of scales and types. His architectural approach is led by enquiry into site, context, brief and typology and informed by his local and international experience. His methodical approach and clear thought process render the complexities of the design process transparent, fostering collaborative and inclusive relationships.



Stuart Houghton (Chair)

Company: Boffa Miskell Ltd

Core Discipline: Urban Design and Landscape Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZILA (Registered)

Qualifications: Master of Architecture in Urban Design (UCL), Bachelor of Landscape Architecture 1st Class Hons (Lincoln University), Certificate in Next Generation Cities & Transportation, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Areas of expertise: Urban Design & Public Realm Design; Spatial Planning; Urban Design Strategy & Policy

Stuart is a qualified urban designer and registered NZILA landscape architect. He has over 20 years' experience in New Zealand and the United Kingdom, in urban design and landscape architecture, for sites at a range of scales in both the public and private sector. This includes preparing urban design frameworks, structure plans, and site masterplans, as well as strategic and conceptual design proposals for streets and public spaces. Stuart's communication and presentation skills have enabled him to gain considerable experience in strategy and policy, design guidance, urban design and landscape assessment, and as an expert witness at Council hearings.



Stuart Mackie

Company: Chow:Hill

Core Discipline: Architecture and Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: New Zealand Institute of Architects (Architect Member, Overseas Registration Member), Royal Institute of British Architects (Chartered Member), Royal Incorporation of Architects Scotland (Member), Architects Registration Board (UK) Qualifications: M.Arch., B. Arch. (First Class Honours with distinction) Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow

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Areas of expertise: Civic and masterplanning, multiple housing, aged care

Stuart has lived in Auckland for over 20 years and has a keen interest in seeing Auckland be the best that it can be. His architectural education was always about the urban context, and this learning has continued in his experience of working and living in quite different urban places around the world. He has been involved in a range of large-scale projects that have encompassed the basic urban grain, intensive living environments, civic and masterplanning schemes, as well as more specialised places associated with education, healthcare and entertainment. Stuart is a Senior Principal with Chow:Hill in Auckland.



Tania Wong

Company: Tania Wong Architects Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliation: NZIA

Qualifications: BArch (Hons), Registered Architect, NZIA

Tania was born and bred in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, New Zealand. She studied at Auckland University where she gained her Bachelor of Architecture. She has worked on various architectural projects in Toronto, London, and NZ on industrial and commercial developments. Over the past 14 years, Tania has worked for a property development company and is head of the in-house architecture team. She has focused on the design of medium-density residential apartment buildings, where many of these developments were previously brownfield sites located in the Auckland city fringe area.



Tim Robinson

Company: Jasmax

Core Discipline: Urban Design and Architecture

Professional Affiliations: Member Urban Design Forum (NZ), NZIA Affiliated Member

Qualifications: BA (Architecture), BArch (Hons), Diploma in Professional Practice and Management

Areas of expertise: Masterplanning, transport and land use integration, urban housing.

Tim trained and registered as an architect, working within a large housing developer, as a design specialist for a planning authority, and in private practice. He now specialises in Urban Design and is passionate about exploring city-building solutions which will meet the challenges of climate change, housing affordability and economic transformation.

Tim has more than 20 years' experience in commercial, healthcare, mixed-use, housing, and transport projects, from spatial planning and masterplanning to concept design and construction.



Tom Locke

Company: Warren and Mahoney

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: BArch (Hons) ANZIA Reg Arch

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Commercial, Transport, Infrastructure

Tom is an architect and Principal in Warren and Mahoney's Auckland Studio. Originally hailing from Te Tai Tokerau, Tom spent his early professional career in New York and London, before joining Warren and Mahoney in 2011. In a career spanning over 20 years, he has led in a wide range of urban-scale commercial, transport, and infrastructural projects. His passion is for working at the confluence of landscape, architecture, and engineering to sustainably deliver work which reflects the history, culture and aspirations of our communities.



Marko Den Breems

Company: Marko den Breems Ltd

Core Discipline: Architecture

Professional Affiliations: FNZIA, IOD

Qualifications: BArch (Hons)

Areas of expertise: Architecture, Sustainability, Urban Design

Sustainability is core to Marko's design approach. Within our urban realm, this extends to creating development that, as well as working with the natural environment, provides places where Aucklanders can participate and enjoy; simultaneously improving our economic outcomes. Marko has led the design of many large-scale urban projects throughout New Zealand, covering healthcare, tertiary education, sports, and city making projects.

Presently working independently, Marko was Managing Director at Jasmax from 2012-2018, on the establishment board of the New Zealand Green Building Council and the Construction Strategy Group. Marko has also been an active member of the PCNZ.



Wayne Bredemeijer

Company: Wayne Bredemeijer Urban Design

Core Discipline: Urban Design

Professional Affiliations: NZPI, UDF

Qualifications: MSc (Urbanism)

Areas of expertise: Masterplanning, Structure Planning, MediumDensity Housing, Town Centre Design

Wayne studied Urbanism at Delft University of Technology (Department of Architecture) and has worked for urban design consultancies in The Netherlands and New Zealand. Since July 2024, he is self-employed but also continues projects with Urbanismplus, where he worked full-time since 2008.

He has expertise in revitalisation, growth planning, structure planning, and masterplan design. He provides advice via design panels, and through assessments and expert evidence. Wayne facilitates workshops and consultation sessions with a wide variety of participants. He contributes to the Master of UD programme and taught at one of the Bachelor of Urban Planning UD-focussed studios.



Robert Berger (Universal Design Advisor)

Company: Mission Control Ltd (Managing Director)

Core Discipline: Disability Access Consultancy, solution-driven design, and extensive knowledge of New Zealand Building Codes related to accessibility

Professional Affiliations: Board Chair – The Auckland Disability Trust

Qualifications: Accredited Barrier Free Advisor and Disability Access Consultant

Robert Berger is the Managing Director of Mission Control Ltd and a seasoned Disability Access Consultant with over 20 years of experience. He has conducted expert disability access assessments for councils, including Manukau, Franklin, and Auckland, focusing on public spaces, recreation facilities, and commercial projects. Robert's expertise in accessibility and inclusive design reflects his dedication to creating environments that accommodate everyone.



Sarah Daley (Universal Design Advisor)

Company: Lifemark® (A division of CCS Disability Action)

Core Discipline: Private residential, social housing, and retirement living

Qualifications: In-house

Sarah has reviewed more than 1,000 dwelling typologies over the past 10 years using a globally recognised process and set of voluntary standards to ensure residential houses are universally designed. She leads a team of accessibility advisers, including those with lived experience, and works alongside architects, designers, planners and urban design agencies to secure optimal outcomes. As a practitioner, Sarah is a strong advocate for inclusive living and equitable experiences for all people.



Vivian Naylor (Universal Design Advisor)

Company: Vivian Naylor - CCS Disability Action Services Ltd

Core Discipline: Barrier Free Advisor & Educator

Professional Affiliations: (Former) Access Advisory Panel, MBIE's Access Reference Group & Fire Safety review, Auckland Transport's Capital Projects & Public Transport Accessibility Groups

Qualifications: B.Sc.(Hons.) Zoology, University of London; Post graduate diplomas in Librarianship, Information Science, Social Policy and Administrator; Accredited Barrier Free Advisor

Areas of expertise: Universal design, diversity of disability

Vivian is an ardent advocate of Universal Design, ensuring a safe and inclusive built environment for everyone. She has a lived experience of disability following a vehicle accident in 1969. As a Barrier Free Advisor and Educator with CCS Disability Action for twenty-five years, she has provided advice to Councils mainly in the Auckland region on countless major infrastructure projects – buildings, streetscapes, transport and is also the go-to person for many Auckland architects and others in the building industry on accessible design, advising on architectural plans to assist in the Building Consent process. She was a founding Trustee of the Barrier Free New Zealand Trust; and presents at training workshops on Universal Access and Design to a variety of recipients. She has also presented on aspects of universal design and emergency evacuation as they pertain to people with disabilities at various conferences and seminars.



Jerome Partington (Sustainability Advisor)

Company: 'Whakaora Our Thriving City' (Sola Ltd). Consultant Jasmax, 21 Years

Core Discipline: Architecture. Green, Sustainable & Regenerative Urban Design; Master-Planning; Bi-cultural Design; Living Systems Approach

Qualifications: BA(Hons) Architecture. PG Diploma Architecture. Part 3 Professional Architect (UK). Regenerative Development Practitioner. ILFI Living Future Accredited (Living Building Challenge). NZGBC Green Star Professional.

Jerome is passionate about the relationships between people and place, and the potential for both to thrive in partnership activated by the built environment. He has grown high performing teams and led the strategy for many of NZ Aotearoa's leading sustainable, green and living building projects, including Ngati Whatua Orakei Master Plan, Tuhoe's Te Kura Whare, 26 Aroha Apartments. Further, he has inputted to hundreds of urban master plans, schools, civic and commercial buildings. In addition, Jerome workshops and trains professionals and public in sustainable and regenerative practice for the built environment.



Graeme Burgess (Heritage Advisor)

Company: Burgess Treep & Knight Architects

Core Discipline: Heritage Architecture

Professional Affiliations: NZIA

Qualifications: B.Arch, Auckland University School of Architecture

Graeme has worked in the field of heritage/conservation architecture since 1990 working on projects ranging from research and report writing through to full restoration. Graeme was an inaugural member of the Auckland Council Heritage Advisory Group (established 2011) and has acted as heritage advisor to the Urban design panel on many projects. He has a long-term interest in Auckland's urban environment, with a particular interest in the complex history of occupation and development that underpins our understanding of this place.



Carin Wilson

Company: Studio Pasifika

Carin Wilson (Mataatua, Ngati Awa, Tuhourangi) is the Kaihautu of Studio Pasifika. His advocacy for Māori participation in urban development led to the adoption of the Te Aranga design framework for instituting a cultural and ethical perspective. As an acknowledged practitioner-thinker he has developed a practise-led indigenous philosophy of design to ensure an indigenous presence in urban environments in Aotearoa-New Zealand. This place-based approach ensures heritage values and mātāuranga knowledge systems are an active and necessary contributor to the evolving identity of our towns and cities as they confront a complex suite of contemporary global challenges.

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