



The ACENZ Advisor

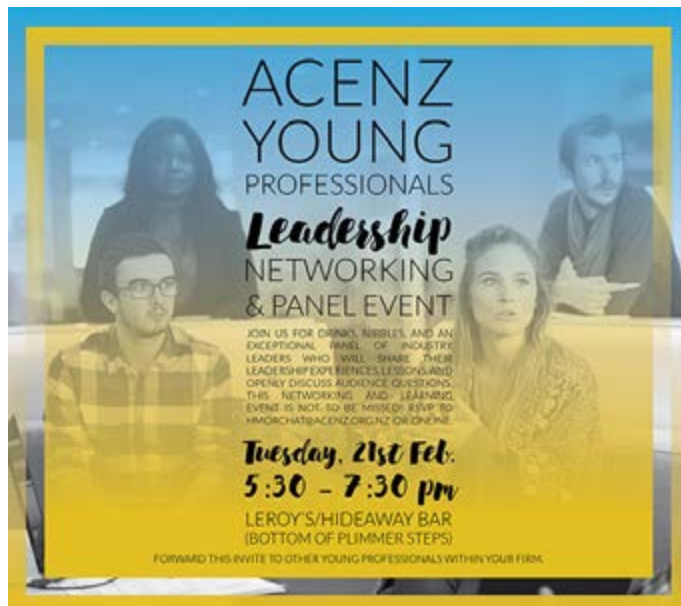
MINI-BULLETIN 2017

Upcoming Opportunities

Upcoming Young Professionals Event

Join our **Wellington** Young Professionals on Tuesday, February 21st at the Hideaway Bar (now Leroy's Bar) from 5:30 to 7:30pm for an evening of networking, drinks, nibbles, and a fantastic panel on leadership.

The event will host 4 highly respected industry leaders, forming our panel for the evening. We will cover various topics such as leadership, entrepreneurial advice, soft skills, technical skills, and more! The panel will also answer any audience questions, so make sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, 21st February in Wellington!



This event is targeted at Young Professionals but open to any staff employed by an ACENZ Member Firm (or any other YPs you think would find value from the evening). Please RSVP so we can make the appropriate bookings prior to the event, either email Holly Morchat Stanko at hmorchat@acenz.org.nz or register online for this FREE event here: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/acenz-young-professionals-leadership-panel-and-networking/wellington>



2017 INNOVATE Guidelines Ready

The guidelines for the 2017 INNOVATE Awards (informally known as the project awards) are now posted on the [ACENZ website](#).

Are you an SME or have you ever entered the INNOVATE Awards before?

Something new for this year is the addition of a **discounted entry fee for SME firms and First Time Entrants**. Details around the terms can be found in the full [G62-1 Guidelines](#) and any questions can be directed to the [Awards Staff](#). Entry forms are due on Friday, March 3rd and full submission entries are due by Wednesday, March 15th.

World Water Day

Can you last the day without turning on the tap? This all day, public challenge is designed to inspire awareness and conversation around the water industry.

The aim is to maximise the number of people talking and thinking about water on **22 March 2017** – how lucky we are that we have access to safe drinking water delivered to multiple locations within our houses, offices etc., when many people don't and how we would cope if we suddenly didn't further to a natural disaster.

Our aim is to generate sufficient momentum to ensure that the day receives national coverage on TV, radio and in the print media, with the Talk-back Radio and Seven Sharp / Story key topic being “How long have you managed without using a tap?”

The rules: You have been forewarned and can:

- fill bottles, etc. the night before to make that coffee, brush your teeth etc.
- shower the night before rather than in the morning
- You can still flush!

It is proposed that the two lead agencies (with the public) will be:

- **Oxfam:** You are lucky to have clean water delivered to multiple locations in your house. Get an idea of what it might be like for those that don't by not using a tap for the day
- **Civil Defence:** What would you do if you woke up and there was no water. Rather than just think about it, try it for the day.

We invite members to give us feedback regarding this initiative, and let us know if you wish to be involved in the project. ACENZ Board Member Robert White (GHD) is leading the initiative. Email Robert at robert.j.white@ghd.com with any questions or to get involved!

“The FLA award defined my career as it gave me a non technical view point. The lessons I learned a decade ago still serve me today.” - Dr Jan Kupec, Technical Director with Aurecon, 2008 winner.

“I am surrounded by many talented young professionals in this industry, so to be selected as the winner of this award was a true honour that I really appreciated...The most valuable part of the prize by far was enrolment in the Young Professionals Management Training Programme (YPMTP) and sponsorship to attend the FIDIC Conference in Dubai.”

- Emily Stevens, Senior Geotechnical Engineer with Opus, 2014 winner.

2017 President's Roadshow Dates

Mark your calendars and set your alerts for the 2017 President's Roadshow! See where our new President, Mike Kerr and ACENZ CEO, Kieran Shaw will be visiting next. As invitations approach, online links to register and pay will become available on the ACENZ website. For now, pencil in any dates of interest to you.

March

- Blenheim lunch - March 29th
- Nelson dinner - March 29th

May

- Dunedin lunch - May 16th
- Invercargill dinner - May 16th
- Queenstown lunch - May 17th
- Christchurch breakfast - May 18th
- Hamilton lunch - May 23rd
- Tauranga dinner - May 23rd
- North Shore lunch - May 24th
- Auckland CBD breakfast - May 25th
- New Plymouth dinner - May 30th
- Palmerston North lunch - May 31st

June

- Napier breakfast - June 1st

July

- Wellington breakfast - July 25th



2017 Tonkin & Taylor / ACENZ Future Leader Award

Guidelines for the 2017 Future Leader Award are online now. The FLA is designed to recognise future industry leaders within ACENZ member firms. Entrants should be aged 35 or younger by the deadline date. Other terms and details can be found online through our **“Start Here - Helpful Guidelines”** doc. The deadline to enter is Friday, 26th May. Find more information on the **ACENZ website**.

Hear what some of our past winners have to say about their experience winning the award:

We want your feedback!

Our Regional Chairs (formerly known as the Area Representatives) need your help! They are your local voice! ACENZ relies on their feedback to the Board to keep on top of any emerging issues, concerns, or upcoming activities that could bring more value to ACENZ Members.

So...if you have something to say...let us know! Contact your local Regional Chair to let them (and ACENZ) know what's going on in your area. We are here to help our members. **Find the full list of RCs, and their contact information online here.**

Board and Strategy Session Coming Up

ACENZ is holding the annual Strategy Session and Board Meeting on February 21st-22nd and welcome any ideas, feedback or other commentary from our members. This is your opportunity to let ACENZ know what you want from us! Send your thoughts to Kieran Shaw at ksceo@acenz.org.nz no later than Wednesday, February 8th.

Calling all Young Professionals!

ACENZ is still looking for some Young Professional volunteers to join the YP Groups in Auckland and Christchurch. These group will be tasked with providing ACENZ valuable insight and feedback as to what you want. It's that simple...tell us what you want from ACENZ and how we can both engage and serve you better. The goal of the ACENZ group is to provide more business focused support (led by the ideas and initiatives that YOU the YP Group volunteers give to ACENZ). Our aim is to support the next generation of leaders and to help you develop professionally. If you are interested in learning more or in joining the Auckland or Christchurch groups, please email Holly Morchat Stanko at hmorchat@acenz.org.nz.

Massey University Survey Research - App usage among SMEs in construction

A researcher with Massey University has requested some assistance from both ACENZ and our members. The study is examining the use of apps for enhancing productivity performance of SMEs in the NZ Construction Industry. The findings from this study will contribute towards the development of the building & construction industry.

A short 5-10 minute survey has been prepared and can be accessed here (all the information provided will be kept confidential and solely used for the research). If you don't mind participating, please click the link above and submit your feedback. Any questions, please contact the researcher directly, Tong Liu at t.liu@massey.ac.nz or at 09 213 6145.

Upcoming Women in Engineering Conference

Perspectives on the optimal leadership skill set required for peak performance and career advancement in an engineering environment. You'll hear inspirational stories from successful engineering leaders, how to overcome obstacles to becoming a leader, develop your personal leadership style to create influence, and how to create an action plan to set your goals in motion.

Hear from confirmed speakers such as:

- Dr Michelle Dickinson MNZM (Nanogirl)
- Dr Mary P Quinn, former Chief Executive of Callaghan Innovation
- Sarah Sinclair, Chief Engineer at AC
- Professor Rosalind Archer, Head of Engineering Science at University of Auckland
- Gillian Blythe, Strategy and Performance Manager for Meridian Energy
- Julie Sim, Strengths Based Development Coach

See the full list of confirmed speakers here.

The conference will be held from March 15-16, 2017, at the Grand Millenium Auckland, offering both pre and post conference workshop options. **ACENZ Members get a special 10% discount off the standard registration rate.** Or grab the Early Bird if you book and pay by January 18th! Register and find more information online at www.liquidlearning.com, use Booking Code - Q1 or phone by (09) 927 1500.

ACENZ Conference 2017

Mark your calendars for the ACENZ Annual Conference, this year to be held at Wairakei Resort in Taupo from 10-12 August 2017. Something new to look forward to this year is the opportunity to apply for one of five conference scholarships. The scholarship covers one Full Delegate registration to attend (does

not cover cost of travel or accommodation) conference and is open to any staff employed by an ACENZ member firm. We will offer one dedicated scholarship for a Young Professional, one for an SME firm, and one for a new member (for firms who were approved for membership in the last 2 years). The other two scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the Board. The application and question form will be available in the coming months.

Conference Programme - Call for Ideas!

A final call for feedback! This is your opportunity to get the programming you want at conference! ACENZ is trying to finalise the speakers, forums and programme for the upcoming conference, so drop us a line with any special content requests (could be a dedicated Health & Safety Workshop, a specialist speaker on emerging technology or a panel on succession planning, or anything else you can dream up). We want to give you the opportunity to shape your own programme, so send any requests to Holly Morchat Stanko at hmorchat@acenz.org.nz.

SME Workshop

Pencil in your calendars the upcoming SME Workshop to be held in Auckland CBD on March 15th. The workshop will be a boutique event, capped at only 15 places, so register your interest quickly.

Speakers will include famed organisational specialist Debbie Mayo-Smith, focusing on “Smarter. Faster. Cheaper. Better” full of practical how-to tips showing you how to be more efficient; effective and communicate better. In this intimate workshop, learn how to conquer email overload, strategically use FREE cloud software and storage strategies, get top Google ratings; delight your clients; boost billable income and use your smartphones better. All from making wee little tweaks in what you’re doing now. Do not miss this!

You’ll also hear from Marketing guru, Rosina Webb of Energise & Associates. Rosina will focus on “How to build and position a brand that returns profitable business.” We often don’t think of brands as being our secret weapon, however with more and more companies & consultancies delivering the same services and products, your brand is often what sets you apart from your competitors. In this workshop, you’ll discover and identify your own unique brand and how to apply this ‘brand power’ so you become the firm that everyone wants to hire!

So mark your calendars for March 15th and register your interest by emailing Holly Morchat Stanko at hmorchat@acenz.org.nz

FREE Member Event in Auckland

Our friends at Architectural Information Services are hosting a free industry event in Auckland aimed at design specifiers. This event is open to architects, engineers, construction professionals and any other design specifiers to enjoy drinks, nibbles, and explore a showcase of product experts from leading brands and suppliers. Find more information and register to attend at <http://www.aisaustralia.com/equinox-registration/auckland/>



SHOW BAGS | EDUCATION HUB | PRIZES

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2017 | 6:00PM - 8:30PM
ANZ VIADUCT - KAWAU ROOM 1 | 161 Halsey Street, Viaduct Harbour, Auckland

Equinox is a free boutique exhibition held in Auckland designed to connect architects and design specifiers with product suppliers. Join us for an evening of complimentary canapes, drinks and design innovation as well as:

FREE EQUINOX SHOW BAG – Every attendee will receive a bag filled with lots of goodies to take home.

EDUCATION HUB – A space within the event dedicated to industry insight sessions to spark your thinking.

PRIZES – There are many prizes to be won throughout the night but you have to be in it to win it!

We hope you can join us at the beautiful waterfront ANZ Viaduct. To register for FREE visit the website below.

Interesting Links

We try to keep a few interesting articles, links, or other resources going through our ACENZ Facebook and LinkedIn pages. If you missed one of our posts, check out the links here:

[The 3 Types of Workplace Personalities \(an 8 minute YouTube video\)](#)

[Intelligence Capitalism - the future value of knowledge as commerce.](#)

[Why you should be planning for 2018 \(skip those 2017 New Year Resolutions\)](#)

[Emerging Tech: VR for the built environment? New technology changing the client and user experience.](#)

if you haven't...go ahead and "like" us on Facebook and follow us on LinkedIn.