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Welcome to our 4th Edition of CCGs' newsletter.

Keeping you up to date with news about our Event Programme, workstreams, National and Regional Chapters and much much more.....

National Co-Chair Update

Kia ora, and welcome to the September edition of our newsletter. This quarter, we provide a focus on our long standing Auckland Chapter, an in-depth update on our Modern Procurement workstream and review some of the exiting events which have taken place in the last quarter.

This month we are very pleased to announce the re-launch of our regional chapter down in Otago which will kick off with an event in Queenstown on 25th September 2024.

Your continued support and feedback are incredibly valuable to us. We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and look forward to connecting with you at our upcoming events.

Thank you for being a part of our community.



Helen Womersley |
Wellington Regional Lead
| Rubix



Alan Palmer | Senior PM |
Christchurch Cathedral
Reinstatement LTD



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Regional Chapter | Auckland

Meet the Chapter Members



Fleur Aldridge
Auckland Council
Regional Chapter Co-Chair



Pete Cunningham
Auckland Council
Regional Chapter Co-Chair



John Robson
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi
Regional Chapter Member



Nat Warmington
Auckland University
Regional Chapter Member



Justinn Valerio
Auckland University
Regional Chapter Member



George Joseph
Auckland Transport
Regional Chapter Member



Mark Colburn
Kainga Ora
Regional Chapter Member



Dave Colquhoun
Auckland Council
Regional Chapter Member

It's been a great year for the Auckland Regional Chapter of the Construction Clients' Group. Our intent for the quarterly CCG Events is to make them topical to whatever construction and infrastructure issue is news to the market at that particular time. This has meant that this year's sessions have had quite a political theme given the change of government at the end of last year, which has had quite an effect on the construction market. We want the Events to be relevant and "news you can use". We've ensured that our presenters have been industry experts and senior leaders in their field, to ensure that the Events are useful content and great networking opportunities. It gets people out of bed for the 7am starts!



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Regional Chapter | Auckland Cont.

Regional Seminars

March 2024's session, hosted by Minter Ellison, was held on the week completing the government's first 100 days in office. Our theme was **Moving from Centre Left to Centre Right: What does the Change of headwinds mean for our Industry?**

Our speakers were:

- Sarah Sinclair, Chair of Minters and Board Member of Infrastructure New Zealand, discussing the Government's 100 Day Plan.
- Murray Burt, Director of Infrastructure and Place at Auckland Transport, who discussed the Government's draft Policy Statement for Land Transport that had been issued that week, and what that meant for Auckland.
- Craig McIlroy, General Manager of Health Waters at Auckland Council, discussed the government's repeal of the Affordable Water Reform legislation and what the replacement legislation, Local Water Done Well, will mean for the sector.
- Matthew Findlay, CCNZ's Auckland Vice Chair, provided a contractor's view of the changing times.

June 2024's Event, hosted by Simpson Grierson, was on **Private Public Partnerships 2.0, Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Funding Auckland's Infrastructure.**

Our speakers were:

- Jon Patman, Programme Director for P2W, NZTA, presenting on PPPS, lessons learned, risks and opportunities.
- Ed Norman, Senior Associate from Simpson Grierson, on the practical implementation of the Infrastructure Funding and Financing Act, with 2 specific case studies as well as discussing what amendments could be made to the legislation to fund further projects.
- Michael Burns, Head of Financial Strategy at Auckland Council, discussed funding Auckland's infrastructure as set out in Auckland Council's Long Term Plan (10 year budget) that was about to be formally adopted on 30 June 2024.

Mark Evans, Chief Executive of HEB Construction, joined the panel discussion at the end to give his perspective from a contractor's perspective. We hope we're not misconstruing his words by stating his opening remarks were that he was impressed by the speakers' presentations that morning and it gave him hope for the clients' managing of infrastructure projects going forward.

We've been receiving predominantly 9s and 10s (out of 10) from attendee feedback with comments like "we don't know how you're going to beat this session" and "this CCG Event gave us more in 90 minutes than what we would get in a 2 day conference" "People pay thousands of dollars to attend a multi day session, and CCG covered this off in 2 hours, awesome event.

Site Visits

In June, we were also lucky enough to have a site visit to the Eastern Busway, AMETI Project. This session included the digital technology being used on this project.

Networking

In July we had a networking drinks event at Commercial Bay.

Modern Procurement Worksteam

Our CCG Auckland team have also been contributing to industry working groups, such as Modern Procurement, read more [click here](#)





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Focus on: National Modern Procurement Workstream

The CCG's Modern Procurement Committee (MPC) team's primary goal is to provide a platform for its members to share their experiences with procurement challenges and successes in their construction projects.

Meet the National Modern Procurement Committee Members



Kylie Moore

Ballance Agri Nutrients
Bay of Plenty Regional Chapter Member



Alan Adock

Whangarei District Council
Whangarei Regional Chapter Chair



Nat Warmington

Auckland University
Auckland Regional Chapter Member



James Milner

Frequency
CCG Member Specialist



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Focus on: National Modern Procurement Workstream cont.

They delivered their first event of 2024 on the 3rd July, hosted at Frequency's offices in Auckland. The team opted for a hybrid event format, having local Auckland members invited to attend in person, with CCG members outside of Auckland able to join the event virtually. Whilst there were a few technical hiccups on the day, we believe this approach worked well, with a high number of virtual attendees and a good level of engagement from them (feeding questions into our Q&A session). It was great to connect with our regional cohort on a topic of extreme relevance to all.



We had a stellar lineup for the evening. Our first speaker was Alan Adcock, General Manger Corporate functions at Whangārei District Council. His presentation focused on Te Iwitahi - Whangārei's new civic centre and home for the Council. Officially opened in 2023, this 8,000m2 building was designed and constructed through the COVID pandemic, and we learnt during the presentation that the project had taken some ten years to get move from feasibility studies into a deliverable project. Alan gave us great insight into the whole project lifecycle, particularly focusing on the critical success factor of developing a business case to support an innovative consultant/contractor procurement strategy. This led to an ECI arrangement and developed a resilient project team who subsequently navigated the challenges of lockdowns, supply & labour shortages, and rampant construction cost inflation - as well as several major and disruptive weather events

The project was funded through a green loan through LGFA, which brings us nicely on to our second speaker. Nick Howell is Head of Sustainability at the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA). Following an outline of the LGFA's origins and journey to date, Nick honed in on two distinct sustainable finance lending programmes - the Green, Social and Sustainability (GSS) lending programme and the subsequent Climate Action Loan (CAL) lending programme. Local Government can access cheaper finance for the right types of projects. With the sustainable finance strategy now firmly established, LGFA is keen to work with the sector to broaden the number of members accessing the lending programmes and widen the range of green and social projects that are submitted for approval.

Look out for MPC's next event in September, co-hosted with our friends in the Auckland regional chapter. We are excited to be putting forward Christian Gamst from Te Waihanga as our speaker at the event. He'll be talking about of how we can improve infrastructure delivery to realise better value and better outcomes. We look forward to seeing you all there.



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Regional Events in the last quarter

The last quarter we have broken a few CCG records for our events, Auckland hit a milestone with our biggest audience in June only to over taken by Wellington in August.....

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Theme: Private Public Partnerships 2.0 and Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Funding Auckland Infrastructure



Theme: Site Visit to Eastern Busway Project



Theme: Building for tomorrow- shaping the future of infrastructure



Theme: Does Value Engineering provide us with good value for our money?





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Regional Networking Events

We held our very first regional networking event in Auckland, it was an intimate gathering of sector peers. They were camera shy so no photos from to share.

Look out for our upcoming Regional Networking Events in your region!



Event Programme 2024

As we head into September for the final quarter of our events programme the end of the year is fast approaching

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Events Programme 2024

March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Auckland Date: 13th Host: Minter	Wellington Date: 3rd Host: DoC	Northland Date: 15th Host: Whangarei CC	Auckland Date: 12th Host: Simpson Grierson	Christchurch Date: 31st Host: CCC	Wellington Date: 7th Host: Rubix	Auckland Date: 11th Host: AT	Wellington Date: 16th Host: Frequency	Northland Date: 6th Host: TBC
	Christchurch Date: 17th Host: TM	Waikato Date: 22nd Host: Downer	Auckland Date: 26th Host: Eastern Busway			NEW Otago Date: 24th Host: Downer & QLDC	Christchurch Date: 23rd Host: Tonkin + Taylor	Auckland Date: 13th Host: Jasmax
							Bay of Plenty Date: 30th Host: TBC	Waikato Date: 20th Host: Stantec

CGG Regional Networking Events (RNE)

Christchurch Date: 20th	Northland Date: 30th	Wellington Date: 16th	Christchurch Date: 19th	Auckland Date: 25th	Northland Date: 12th	Auckland Date: 15th	Christchurch Date: 12th
					Bay of Plenty Date: 19th		Wellington Date: 12th
					Wellington Date: 26th		

CGG National Workstream Events

				Modern Procurement Date: 3rd Host: Frequency			ESG Date: 22nd Host: Virtual	FMBP National Date: TBC Host: Virtual
								Client Excellence Date: TBC Host: Virtual



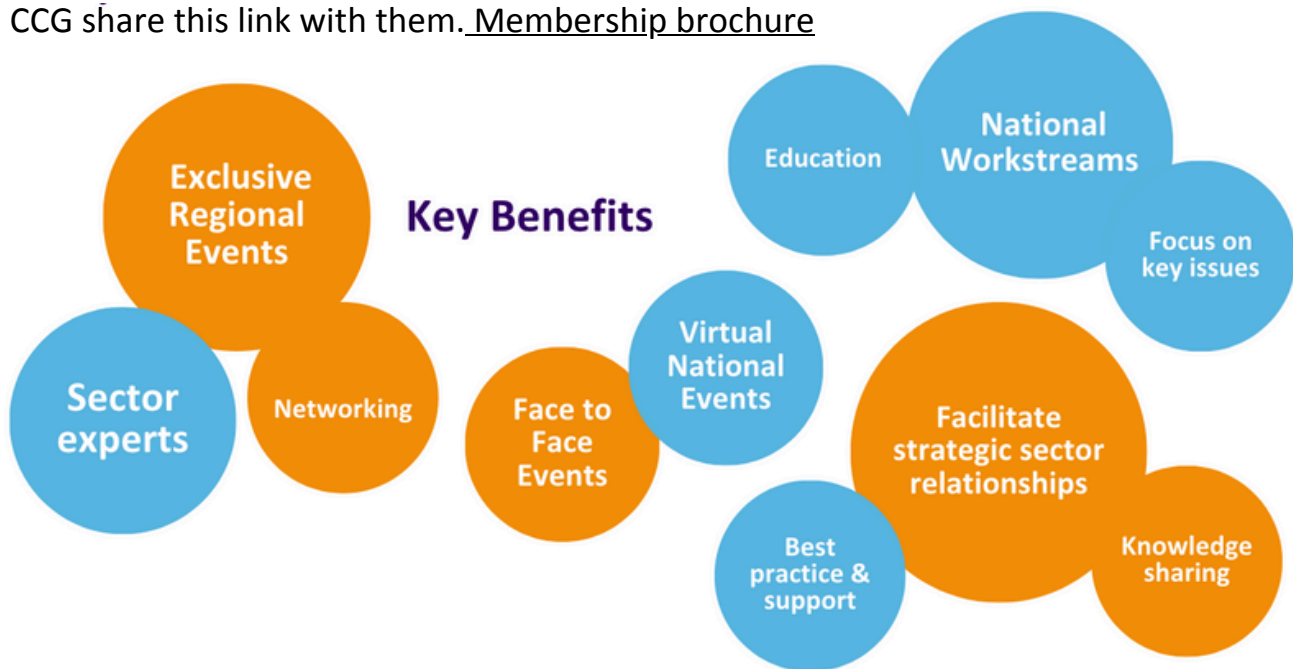
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CCG Membership

Why become a member?

After much work behind the scenes we are excited to showcase our new membership brochure click here to view online. If you know someone who is interested in joining CCG share this link with them. [Membership brochure](#)



How to become a member?

It is quick and easy, [click here](#) to complete our membership form and we will do the rest. Once you are a member what next.....

What next as a member!

Join us at at one or all of our upcoming events!

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