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City Anchors

The Committee for Auckland has established an **Auckland Anchors Group** of institutions representing 'sticky capital' i.e. important for Auckland and cannot leave town! Between them, the Anchors generate a substantial contribution towards the city's GDP, employment, capital investment, purchasing power, R&D and property holdings.

The group has two purposes. Internally, it provides a forum where institutions can learn more about each other's plans and operations.

Externally, the purpose of the group is to provide a collective voice for institutions not otherwise represented in the new Auckland Council arrangements, providing a group with whom the new Mayor can work directly, aligning the vision and plan for Auckland with the visions, ambitions and investments of these important institutions.

The Committee has had great success with our Town and Gown AUT/UOA/Auckland City Learning Quarter alliance, and the Anchors group takes this further.

At this stage the Anchors group includes the Port, Airport, the Navy, the Museum, the ADHB and the Waitemata District Health Board, the University of Auckland, AUT University, Massey University Albany, Manukau Institute of Technology and Unitec.

It is a senior group which will soon meet the Mayoral candidates to make the case for becoming an influential group of advisers and partners in the formation of the Auckland Council and new spatial plan.

The Committee for Auckland is providing the resourcing for the group, coordinated by project manager Lucy Baragwanath. The Project Chair is our Committee for Auckland Member Dr Rick Ede, CEO of UNITEC.

To find out more about his group, please contact Lucy Baragwanath on ph 300 5597 or email lucy.baragwanath@aucklandnz.org

Transforming Auckland

The Mayor and Auckland Council face three simultaneous challenges

- **Operational – the biggest merger in New Zealand**
- **Planning and visioning - the future direction for Auckland and its contribution to NZ**
- **Making a tangible difference quickly with actions that are on the road to the big plan.**

Services must run smoothly with duplication driven out. Change and a new culture must be embedded quickly. The Mayor becomes the city's salesman and new relationships are made with investors - Government and offshore. The Auckland (spatial) Plan needs to be done but so too does action.

Aucklanders need an injection of confidence. We believe a small number of flagship transformational opportunities is needed.

David McConnell and his Transformers group looked at the recovery patterns of other cities to find common themes or interventions that might fit Auckland well. Taking the Kennett method of operating David and Co are looking for just a handful of transforming actions that a Mayor can implement in a term or two at most to make a tangible difference.





“Talented People”

Future Auckland Leaders’ Programme

Our **2010 Future Auckland Leaders programme** is well underway with a comprehensive curriculum covering liveability, city infrastructure, talent and people, a dynamic economy and city leadership and governance.

Workshops have been held on both “What makes a great City” – with David McConnell, Kaaren Goodall and Kobus Mentz waving their urban wands; and “Water for world class cities” – hosted at Mangere Wastewater Centre with Jim Hodges, Raveen Jaduram and Sanjay Kumarasingham. Wonderful to tour this world class facility and to hear their 50 to 100 year vision and strategic thinking.



Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue

The Emerging Pacific Leaders’ Dialogue (EPLD) 2010 is an event of national and regional significance whose aim is to strengthen the capacity of the region’s future leaders to manage challenges collaboratively, positively and creatively.

Leaders in the Pacific region need to have clear vision and strong skills to address the complex challenges of globalization and interdependence and be mindful of the importance of preserving the values that bind people and communities.

The Emerging Pacific Leaders’ Dialogue is committed to inspire and uplift outstanding individuals with proven leadership experience or high leadership potential.

In March the Future Auckland Leaders hosted 13 Emerging Pacific Leaders from the Pacific and Australia in dialogue with Ports of Auckland. Jens Madsen gave us an insightful session on his leadership of the Ports of Auckland and its importance and connection to the region. Committee for Auckland Future Leaders spoke with passion and commitment about their programme and alumni projects.

“I must say I was truly inspired by the concept of the Committee so much so that our EPLD alumni are discussing how we can set up one for Samoa.... I truly believe that creating a Leadership focused team is truly visionary because it is investing in the enhancement of the leadership qualities of future leaders”

Zeprina Siitia Fale from Samoa

Future Auckland Leaders Alumni

The Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue total some 240 now, and our own **Future Auckland Leaders Alumni** was launched in April, hosted by Ben van Delden and KPMG. Four cohorts and 93 Future Auckland Leaders later the event enabled us to reconnect as well as provide an opportunity to hear briefly how past projects had continued beyond their graduation. All 12 past projects were showcased.

The group also drew up a “short list of the transformative actions our first Mayor of Auckland Council could confidently implement over the next 18 months.” This work will supplement our Welcome Weekend long list and will be incorporated in the transforming cities work David McConnell is leading.

The Vision of the Alumni Programme is to:

- maintain close relationships with current Future Auckland Leader Cohorts
- develop new relationships with alumni from other Cohorts
- stay engaged with the Future Auckland Leaders programme and current participants including mentoring current participants during welcome weekend, project weekend and at key junctions
- encourage alumni to be actively engaged in the Committee for Auckland
- provide a platform for alumni to share knowledge, expertise and experiences
- share ongoing ‘legacy project’ progress
- provide further and ongoing networking opportunities

Natasha Alley, Sandra Newton, Mark Fraser and Ben van Delden together with Lorraine Mentz are the “tight five” developing and organising the Alumni network and programme going forward. For further details, please contact Lorraine Mentz, Programme Director Lorraine.mentz@aucklandnz.org mob 0274 795 037.

Local Government Reform in Perth

Take your minds back to 1989 in Auckland with 29 local Councils and multiply it and you have the situation in Perth, Australia. The Committee for Perth hosted a visit by Hon Peter Salmon QC and Chair of the Royal Commission on Auckland’s Governance to explore parallels and differences between our cities. State Government is proposing an extensive programme of State wide amalgamations but Peter’s observation that a bespoke solution specifically for Perth has been well received. A Committee for Perth Reform Group has its work ahead of it.





NZIA Past President Richard Harris joins the Committee for Auckland Board



Richard Harris, has recently joined the Committee for Auckland as a Board Member, replacing David Tapper (BCG) who has moved to Sydney.

Richard has been a director of Jasmx since 1989. He became the first managing director in 1995 and has been chairman since 2000.

Richard is the immediate Past President of the New Zealand Institute of Architects, Chairman of Construction Information Ltd and is a member for the Construction Strategy Group. He is a former chairman of the Architects Education and Registration Board and in 2009 chaired the Government's Urban Taskforce.

He has taken the lead architectural role in a number of Auckland's heritage refurbishments including the Auckland Town Hall and Civic Theatre projects. He has led the architectural team on the Auckland University of Technology's Wellesley Campus redevelopment and has been the Jasmx director-in-charge of the new Auckland City Hospital, the Sylvia Park development and the Eden Park Redevelopment for the Rugby World Cup.

Richard has been involved in Auckland projects and masterplanning for over 30 years. His projects have won numerous architectural and property industry awards. Richard has a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Auckland, is a registered architect and a Fellow of the NZIA.

Richard says "I have joined the board of the Committee for Auckland because I strongly believe in the diverse work that the Committee undertakes and feel that I can complement the skills around the table."

Upcoming Events

The next **Dialogue Lunch** for the year is to be hosted by Jens Madsen, CEO Ports of Auckland Ltd on 7 June.

Other upcoming lunches include:

2 August – hosted by Rick Ede, CEO Unitec

6 September – hosted by Dean Ellwood, Partner Deloitte

4 October – hosted by Derek McCormack, CEO AUT

The next Maori Business Strategy Hui is being hosted by ANZ on 17 August.

Full details to follow closer to each event. To RSVP for any event call ph 300 1234 or email admin@aucklandnz.org

New Faces in the Committee for Auckland Executive Team



Lucy Baragwanath
Project Manager

Lucy Baragwanath grew up in Auckland. She has a varied background in travel, horticulture and resource management.

Funded by a FRST doctoral scholarship, Lucy examined the concept of globalisation in New Zealand, analysing the Government's Growth and Innovation Framework as a manifestation of the way in which related processes were being understood and acted upon. Having completed her PhD at Lincoln University, she spent 18 months as a postdoctoral fellow at Lancaster University in the Institute for Advanced Studies in Management, completing a comparative study of the UK Government's competitiveness strategy being implemented to try and realise its vision of a 'knowledge economy'.

Since returning to Auckland, Lucy has worked at AucklandPlus and Auckland City Council in the economic development unit, developing her academic knowledge of regional governance in practical ways; and as a research fellow at the University of Auckland investigating the wine industry and wine tourism on Waiheke.

A new look for Building Better Schools Through Business Partnerships

Te Puni Kokiri has been so pleased with the outcomes from matching corporate and low decile schools at the governance level – interacting with School Boards of Trustees and School Principals, that they have commissioned a second stage for the programme.

A number of partnerships have now lasted for three years and we are appreciative of the time and effort that our Members put into these special and complex relationships. Our aim is strengthen the current partnerships and add another 10 to the mix over the next year.

Nikki Carter is joining the Committee team to run the programme bringing another PhD for the office, this time in science. Nikki has the rare experience of being both a teacher and the Chair of a School Board of Trustees. Nikki's connections in the business world also make her a strong contender for this role. Partners in schools and business meet again for an annual Forum in July and Nikki is looking forward to getting going with a vengeance then.

The Committee is also to explore ways to increase the number of School Principals who are Maori. This will involve research into what is working well now, and how mentoring partnerships might be effective. Judy Hucker, just stepped down as Chair of MIT, will bring her attention and extensive experience to this task.

Special thanks to all the Trustees of Ed&Co and to Julie Donvin Irons for their work.



New Members

Anthony Hobbs
Chief Executive
Viaduct Harbour Holdings



Antony is the new Chief Executive of Viaduct Harbour Holdings Limited (VHHL). VHHL is a property investment company with a long-term interest in Wynyard Quarter and the Viaduct Harbour Precinct. It also manages significant areas of water space within Viaduct Harbour and Westhaven. It is not a property developer, but works actively to facilitate development by Lessees on its land.

Antony was previously at the Dilworth Trust Board as the Property Investment Manager and has some 24 years experience in valuation, property management and consultancy in Auckland, Wellington and Palmerston North.

Fraser Whineray
General Manager Generation
Mighty River Power



Fraser Whineray is responsible for hydro and thermal generation, spot and futures electricity trading, industrial sales and non-geothermal investment. He also plays a key role in Mighty River Power's stakeholder relations.

Fraser joined Mighty River Power from Carter Holt Harvey where he was Director Operational Improvement. Prior to that he held a number of senior roles in the dairy industry and also spent five years with Credit Suisse First Boston in New Zealand and abroad. He has considerable experience in performance management, strategy, M&A and international business.

Fraser has a Bachelor of Chemical and Process Engineering from the University of Canterbury and a Master of Business Administration from Cambridge University.

Neil Whittaker
Managing Director
Fuji Xerox NZ Ltd



Neil Whittaker was appointed Managing Director of Fuji Xerox New Zealand in 2004.

Neil has been with Fuji Xerox for 30 years starting in the technical department as an engineer. He moved into management, firstly Product then Planning and became a first line manager of Service & Logistics. From 1992 he ran all sales and operations for regions outside of Auckland. Three years later Neil took on the challenge of running the Auckland Operation and then operations nationwide.

Neil is passionate about good corporate citizenship and has been instrumental in Fuji Xerox's investment in education, charitable and environmental activities. Outside of work Neil is a keen fit enthusiast, an avid skier and recreational kayaker.

Harry Street
NZIA Member



Harry has been a Design Director with Creative Spaces since the establishment of the practice in 1991, overseeing major projects including North Harbour Stadium and TelstraClear Pacific.

Prior to Creative Spaces he was a director of Cox Richardson and Partners in Sydney where he played a major role in the design of the Canberra National Convention Centre and the Sydney Football Stadium.

Harry is currently chairman of the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Institute of Architects where he continues to actively promote the benefits of working with architects and the value of good architecture.

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