

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

2.00pm – 5.00pm	Registration Desk Open
6.00pm – 10.00pm	Opening Ceremony, Awards and Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Goodman Steven Evendale & Reid</i>
Friday, 7 October	
8.15am – 9.15am	Registration Desk Open
9.15am – 10.15am	Keynote Address: <i>Professor Malcolm Grant</i> Science, Evidence and Values in Environment Dispute Resolution. <i>Sponsored by Lane Neave</i> Inaugural Tony Hearn Memorial Lecture
10.15am – 10.45am	AGM (<i>All members welcome</i>)
10.45am – 11.15am	Morning tea
11.15am – 12.45pm	Breakout Sessions Being an Expert Witness Urban Design Strategy & Growth – International Practices Regional Growth Strategies – A Canterbury Tale Finding Common Ground Visual Simulation Technologies - Accuracy and Uses
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm – 5.00pm	Study Tours Urban Waste Management – Kate Valley Landfill <i>Air Quality</i> – Christchurch Gondola Heritage – Historical Buildings/Inner City Urban Design and Development – South West Christchurch Conflicts Between Growth and Infrastructure – Christchurch International Airport Demands on the Coastal Marine Area – Lyttelton Harbour Traffic and Transport Analysis – Northern Christchurch
5.30pm – 6.30pm	Crowne Plaza Hotel – Drinks and Nibbles
7.00pm – 10.30pm	Dine Around (optional. See registration form for booking and cancellation details)

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7.00pm – Midnight	Canterbury Tales Conference Dinner <i>Sponsored by Wynn Williams & Co</i>

**NB: This programme is correct at the time of printing.
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Malcolm Grant CBE, MA, LL.D., Hon.MRPTL, Hon.FICS



Malcolm Grant was appointed as the ninth President and Provost of UCL (University College London) in 2003. He was previously Pro-Vice-chancellor of Cambridge University and a Fellow of Clare College. UCL was founded in 1826, originally as the University of London, and was the first university to be founded in England after Oxford and Cambridge. Today it is one of the big four UK research-intensive universities.

Professor Grant was born in Oamaru where he attended Waitaki Boys' High School, and went on to study law at Otago. He is qualified as a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand, and as a barrister in England and Wales. He was last year elected to the Bench of Middle Temple.

He has specialised in environmental and planning law and has written several books and papers, including as editor since 1981 of the Encyclopedia of Planning Law and Practice, and consulting editor of the Encyclopedia of Environmental Law. He is an honorary member of both the Royal Town Planning Institute, and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; and is a Life Member of the New Zealand Resource Management Law Association. He was appointed CBE in 2003 for services to planning law and local government; and in 2004 was appointed by the French Government to the rank of Officer dans l'Ordre Nationale de Mérite.

In public service, he was appointed Chairman of the Local Government Commission for England from 1996 to 2002, with responsibility for reviewing the structure, boundaries and electoral arrangements for local government in England; and Chairman from 2000 to 2005 of the Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission, which had responsibility for giving strategic advice to the UK Government on the implications of biotechnology for agriculture and the environment. In 2002-03, he led the UK National Public Debate on Genetic Modification, which reported in September 2003. He is currently Chairman of the Standards Committee of the Greater London Authority; and a Governor of the Ditchley Foundation.

Malcolm's paper will ask how either adversarial or mediative approaches to dispute resolution can unravel different approaches to the identification and management of risk, and address different understandings of evidence and proof within scientific method and legal process: and the mismatch between scientific risk-assessment and public opinion.

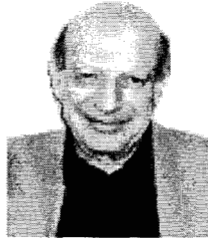


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Bob Meyer

Director of Planning, Cox Richardson Architects and Planners.



From 1969 to 1989, Bob Meyer was with the NSW Department of Planning and its predecessors. While with the State Government, he was Planning and Development Director of the MacArthur Development Board, which was responsible for a new city of 500,000 people and, as head of the policy branch, he was responsible for Sydney's 1988 Metropolitan Strategy.

In private practice, he has been responsible for a range of major urban and regional studies and development proposals in Australia and overseas, notably Greater Western Sydney - A Vision and Directions Strategy; masterplans for Pyrmont and Honeysuckle (Newcastle) for mixed use development on former waterfront industrial sites and a commercial centre strategy for Hobart City. He has recently completed a feasibility study for Molonglo, a new suburb for Canberra. He has completed several city expansion projects in Malaysia and China including Banda Amanjaya, Tai Yuan City and Suzhou City.

Between 1976 and 1982, he represented the Planning Institute on the National Capital Planning Committee, which was established to advise on the planning of Canberra.

From 1965 to the present time, he has been a part time lecturer and tutor in Urban Design and Planning at UTS in the schools of Architecture, Town Planning, Urban Estate Management and Land Economics. He is currently an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building at UTS.

He has also been guest lecturer at the planning schools at Sydney University, University of NSW, Macquarie University and University of New England. He has been a member of course advisory committees at UTS in Urban planning, Urban Estate Management and Land Economics.

He was the recipient, in 2003, of the Sydney Luker Memorial Medal awarded biannually for contributions to the science and practice of town and regional planning.

Bob's presentation is entitled "Planning Regions". Sydney's population is expected to reach 5.4 million people in 2031 and over 6 million by 2051, placing it in the mega city category. As a comparatively low density city, with an off-centre CBD, Sydney is facing increasing transport and social polarisation problems. Using Sydney, Australia's only global city as an example, Bob will present a concept of dividing the city into a number of viable sub-regions, each served by at least one sub-regional centre each containing employment and facilities expected in a metropolitan centre.

Bob links this to the New Zealand experience and will also highlight the similarities and differences between the approach to urban growth taken in Canterbury and Auckland.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

A. Being an Expert Witness

Appearing in court as an expert witness is often a daunting experience. The Environment Court has issued a new practice note, effective from 31 March 2005, which requires all expert witnesses to comply with the Code of Conduct set out in the practice note. This session will take you through the role of the expert witness and the Code of Conduct providing you with practical skills for this role. An Environment Court Judge, a lawyer and a planner, will provide their views on the role of the expert witness.

B. Urban Growth & Strategy – International Practices

Urban growth and strategy occurs all around the world. This session will provide an insight into the practices and experiences of the processes that occur in England, Australia and New Zealand. It will explore how the vision and strategy are implemented, leading to urban growth management. The presenters will discuss a range of issues arising in each country including government roles and responsibilities, private sector involvement, infrastructure charges, urban design and implementation and management.

C. Regional Growth Strategies – A Canterbury Tale

Every month, 400 more people make greater Christchurch their home. The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy is a collaborative initiative involving Christchurch City Council, the District Councils of Banks Peninsula, Selwyn and Waimakariri, Environment Canterbury and Transit New Zealand, to provide an integrated approach for the management of this growth. This session will examine the processes and solutions, providing a practical insight into the experiences of the project and providing tools and lessons for use elsewhere.

D. Finding Common Ground

'Urban design often involves a number of different players, from different sectors, seeking different solutions.'

How do people with differing view points come to agreements? People can work together using tools that add strength to each other's ideas. This session will show you how to do this by employing two practical methods of working cooperatively on an urban issue.

And, if the issue goes to the Environment Court and mediation is agreed, how can you help parties reach agreement? This session also covers ideas and techniques for dealing constructively with conflict.

NB: Limited to 40 delegates, places will be allocated on a first-in basis.

E. Visual Simulation Technologies - Accuracy and uses

Understanding the accuracy of visual images is of significant importance, as computer generated simulations are now commonly submitted as evidence in planning and Environment Court hearings. This is especially relevant in matters where visual assessment issues are under scrutiny. This session is a demonstration of what is required to create accurate visual evidence. The audience will be left with a reasonable understanding of the sorts of things to look for, and questions to ask the presenter of visual evidence, in order to determine the level of reliance which should be placed upon them. The session will also cover the uses that accurate visual tools are being put to with particular emphasis on the consultation process.

The breakout sessions will take place on Friday and Saturday

You will attend one breakout session each day. Please indicate your preferred breakout sessions when you register.



STUDY TOURS

The study tours will take place on Friday and Saturday

You will attend one study tour each day. Please indicate your preferred study tours when you register.



A. Urban Waste Management – Kate Valley Landfill

This study tour will visit the Kate Valley Landfill in North Canterbury. Designed to take the waste from Christchurch City and the districts of Hurunui, Waimakariri, Selwyn, Banks Peninsula and Ashburton, it is one of the new generation of landfills.

The coach will leave from the Christchurch Convention Centre at the earlier time of 12.45pm. Delegates will be able to enjoy a packed lunch while travelling north out of Christchurch into North Canterbury, past the once highly productive apple orchards now developed into the residential sections of Northwood, through Belfast and into the Waimakariri District. Here, the coach passes through Woodend and then the land rezoned for the development of the Pegasus Bay township, designed to cater for a population of 5000. The coach stops at the main office of Hurunui District Council, in the small service town of Amberley, for presentations by Hurunui District Council and Transwaste about the resource consent process and development of the Kate Valley Landfill.

The study tour then leaves Amberley, for a guided tour of the landfill site.

The coach will pass through the vineyards of Waipara, and will stop, on the return trip, at the highly regarded Pegasus Bay Winery, for a wine tasting, before returning to the Convention Centre.

This trip is limited to 45 delegates each day. Allocation will be on a first-in basis.

B. Air Quality – Christchurch Gondola

Travel by coach from the Convention Centre to the base of the Christchurch Gondola, on the Port Hills surrounding Christchurch. Ride up to the summit in the Gondola, enjoying a spectacular view of Christchurch and, more to the point, the air above Christchurch. What are the factors contributing to Christchurch's air "quality"? Does it comply with MfE Air Quality Standards?

If not, what *can* be done about it? How is the scientific technique of air-shed modelling being used in trying to solve Christchurch's air quality problems? These questions and more will be explored by a panel of experts in a session at the Gondola Summit Complex. From the Gondola base, travel by coach to the Sign of the Takahe for Devonshire Tea, and then return to the Convention Centre.



C. Heritage – Historical Buildings/Inner City



Ride the inner-city heritage tram. Visit inner-city redevelopments of heritage buildings, and other revitalisation projects. View the Arts Centre and proposals for redevelopment of Canterbury Museum Heritage buildings. Conclude with afternoon tea and a panel discussion on current heritage issues in *Our City/O Tuatahi*, Christchurch's original Council Chambers, built in 1887 and restored to original condition.

D. Urban Design and Development – South-West Christchurch

Depart by coach from the Convention Centre to visit the Warren and Mahoney designed South Christchurch Library and Service Centre, an award winning building that incorporates many sustainable design features. Continue on to Halswell to observe and hear about the environmental challenges associated with the extensive new subdivision development in this area. From here, travel through farmland and lifestyle blocks to Landcare Research at Lincoln for a presentation on research being carried out on low impact urban design and development. This will focus on design and development practices that use natural systems and new low impact technologies to avoid, minimise and mitigate environmental damage, reduce energy requirements and waste.

Return to Christchurch through the rapidly expanding satellite town of Prebbleton, after enjoying wine tasting and Canterbury ambience at Morworth Estate Winery.

E. Conflicts between Growth and Infrastructure -

Christchurch International Airport

Christchurch International Airport (CIA) is New Zealand's only uncurfewed international airport with 24 hour / 7 day a week operations catering for 5.4 million passengers and 156,000 aircraft movements annually. Located just 12 kilometres from Cathedral Square, CIA is readily accessible to Christchurch City, and State Highway 1 provides excellent linkages to communities and industries to the north and south.

A key planning objective at CIA is to provide for growth and facility expansion in a way that ensures that the airport can operate efficiently in its present location. Inevitably, the interests of the airport and those of neighbouring stakeholders sometimes come into conflict.

The guided tour of CIA and surrounds will highlight the complexities of the issues faced at the Airport / Urban boundary and will explain some of the strategies adopted in addressing potential conflicts. Issues covered include:

- Airport noise impacts – airport noise contours, engine ground running and industrial noise.
- Reverse sensitivity issues
- Bird strike – the effects of water bodies, agricultural practices and storm water disposal treatments.
- Environmental compliance and risk management – aquifer recharge zone

F. Demands on the Coastal Marine Area - Lyttelton Harbour

This study tour travels by coach from the conference venue to Lyttelton. The route to Lyttelton will be via Evans Pass enabling a "scenic view" of the City from the Port Hills and also of the mid reaches of the Harbour. Once at

Lyttelton, the tour will continue on board the comfortable "Black Cat" catamaran. There will be a one hour cruise on the Harbour.

On board the Black Cat, a commentary will be provided highlighting developments in the coastal marine area. The principle areas of interest will be related to Port Company operations in the Harbour, the inter-face between Port Operations and the urban township of Lyttelton. Pressure for expansion of residential development beyond the existing settlement areas and related landscape issues will also be discussed on board the Black Cat. The presentations will continue over refreshments to be provided at a venue in Lyttelton.

The return trip will be from Lyttelton again by bus via the Lyttelton Tunnel, back to the Conference venue. A speaker from the Port Company will discuss Port Operations and the demands placed on the Port given its location and the coastal marine area and as a neighbour to the Lyttelton township.

G. Traffic and Transport Analysis - Northern Christchurch



This study tour travels to the northern parts of Christchurch, viewing recent developments on the periphery of the city, including the Clearwater Golf resort development.

At Clearwater, a seminar on traffic and transport modelling will be held. Experts will discuss the principles of transport modelling and how this technique is applied in analysing urban growth options.

From Clearwater the coaches will travel to Rosebank winery for a wine tasting. On the way back to the conference venue, the buses will tour the Styx Mill and Northwood developments, two recent examples of differing urban growth options.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME



Thursday, 6th October 2005

Opening Ceremony, Awards and Welcome Reception

The organising committee acknowledges the generosity and support of the companies who are participating in the Exhibition Hall.

Time: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Christchurch Convention Centre

Dress: Smart Casual

cost: One ticket is included in each full conference registration. Additional tickets may be purchased from the Registration Desk for \$55.00 incl GST. Ticket price includes attendance, substantial cocktail food, beer, wine and juice.

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Friday, 7th October 2005

Crowne Plaza Hotel – Drinks and Nibbles

Time: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Enjoy a drink in the First Edition **Bar** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, located on Cnr Durham and Kilmore Street. One drink voucher is included in full conference registration. Additional beverages may be purchased on the night. *Nibbles kindly provided by Crowne Plaza Hotel.*

Dine Around (optional)

Time: 7.00pm – 10.30pm

These local restaurants are highly recommended. Due to demand, please indicate your preference on the enclosed registration form. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first in basis. Meals are at delegates' own expense. A \$25 cancellation fee will apply after Thursday, 29 September.

CuratorsHouse

'The essence of Christchurch' the freshest of local cuisine, stunning gardens, english architecture, river view, and great hospitality. Fully licensed, set menu only from \$50.00 per person.

Le Bon Bolli

The most awarded restaurant in Christchurch, Le Ban Bolli Restaurant, is themed to turn of the century Paris. The restaurant features an exciting, cozy brasserie and is a haven of fine French food, wine and conviviality. Fully licenced, set menu only from \$52.00 per person

Ironside Thai

A wonderful **variety** of tasty Thai dishes that are extraordinarily prepared and presented in a relaxed casual atmosphere. Fully licenced, a la carte menu available.

Annies Wine Bar

Annies Wine Bar & Restaurant is situated in the tranquil south quad of Christchurch's historic Arts Centre. Cuisine is modern New Zealand, inspired by our local fresh produce, as well as by dishes the world over and specialises in the local Canterbury wines. Fully licenced.

Indochine

A drinking and dining experience unlike any other in Christchurch – exotic euro-asian menu and cocktail list. Fully licenced.