

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
18-19 May 2023 Whakatū Nelson

NZILA__FIRTH CONFERENCE 2023

Growing pains



Tuia Pito Ora
New Zealand Institute
of Landscape Architects

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Repurposing rustic timbers



Tena koutou e te
whānau he mihi nui ki
a koutou katoa
Ko te tūmanako ki
mua rā, haere mai
nau mai ki Whakatū.

He Waiata:
Tuia Pito Ora

We welcome you to Whakatū Nelson.

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2023 NZILA Firth Conference. The theme for the 2023 conference is "Growing Pains", a topic I'm sure is relatable to us all. During the conference we will discuss growth and how this impacts on our environment, our culture and importantly how do we retain the magic of our places alongside the need to grow.

We are pleased to have such high calibre speakers joining us from Aotearoa and around the globe to share their experience. Thank you to our international speakers for being willing to travel such long distances to be with us.

Thank you to Firth, our naming rights sponsor, and all of our sponsors joining us here in Whakatū Nelson. Your support makes this conference possible.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to our creative panel for 2023: Luke Porter, Rory Langbridge, Claire McAuley, Nada Toueir, Stuart Dun and Vicki Clague. Thank you for delivering an excellent program.

We look forward to the sharing of ideas, research, knowledge and practice that will occur over the coming days.

Thank you for joining us.

Nau mai, haere mai

Henry Crothers

NZILA President

Tuia Pito Ora

Nā Lynette Tawha i tito
(nee Tamarapa)

Tuia ki runga,
Tuia ki te raro,
Tuia te taura tangata (o)
Male only: TUIA Pito Ora!

E kore e wareware, ngā
kupu a ngā tupuna
Whatu ngarongaro he
tangata, toitū te whenua

He huinga tangata,
E manaaki ana (i) te whenua
Ko te oranga o Papa,
Te mauri o Tāne...
Ko te hā o Tāwhiri,
Te aho ki a Ranginui...

E pupuri nei tātou o
Tuia Pito Ora, auē!
E pupuri nei tātou o
Tuia Pito Ora, hui e, taieki e!

Tuia ki runga
Tuia ki raro
Tuia te taura tangata (o)
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Tuia Pito Ora

Composed by Lynette Tawha
(nee Tamarapa)

Connect us above
Connect us below
Connect us as a collective group Tuia
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We shall not forget the words of our
ancestors "That man shall perish, but the
land still remains"

We are a collective,
Who care for/preserve the land
For the well-being of Papa (Mother
Earth)
The essence of Tāne (nature)
The breath of Tāwhiri (the air/winds)
The cord (that keeps us connected)
to Rangi (the skies)

This is what we retain at
Tuia Pito Ora,
This is what we want to remain,
as a collective!

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Thursday 18 May

8.00am Registration desk opens	Trafalgar Centre, Paru Paru Road. Collect your lanyard and conference programme.
8.30am Whakatau	Whakatau welcome followed by tea and coffee.
9.00am NZILA President	Henry Crothers welcomes all delegates to the 2023 NZILA Firth Conference.
9.10am - 12.40pm Growing Pains	Growing Pains - Session One MC – Henry Crothers
9.15am Kotchakorn Voraakhom	LANDPROCESS: The Global and Local Climate Adaptation Design Living in uncertainty, land and its changing process are significant indicators for helping us to better understand and defend urban ecosystems in times of climate crisis. Returning to our natural waterscape is not an option; it is the only way to survive. Creating urban spaces that allow for the free flow and penetration of water, wind, and people is essential to the survival of many water-based cities. Kotchakorn Voraakhom is a landscape architect from Bangkok, one of the densest climate-vulnerable areas in the coming decade. Understanding the city's historical resilience and adaptive ways of living with water is evident in the indigenous process that is crucial in waterscape urbanism needed for Bangkok's future on the Chao Phraya delta. Boffa Miskell  Kindly sponsored by
10.15am Jeremy Butler Alan Gray	Nelson focused greenfields and urban centres Jeremy will look at the recent history and trajectory of the Nelson and Richmond centres. He will discuss what future growth might look like based on today's policy settings and with an eye to RM legislation reform. Alan will focus on the opportunities growing pains can represent to New Zealand regional centres with aligned and bold thinking to recover and re-connect to Nelson's urban identity.
10.35am - 11.05am Morning Tea	Collab Lounge Kindly sponsored by 

Thursday 18 May

11.10am Garth Falconer	Heart of Wānaka Town Centre Plan 2023 After failed attempts over 15 years to create a masterplan for Wānaka town centre, Garth Falconer, local landscape architect, organised a public meeting to discuss options of going forward, from there a cross community steering group was formed to address the challenges of a fast growing but divided community/demographic.
11.30am Marta Karlik-Neale	The hazard agnostic nature of nature. Lessons from the Wellington Resilience Strategy on the role of ecosystem services in adaption and decarbonisation pathways. Whether it is blue carbon, soft flood defences, or land management practices aiming at improving water quality, ecosystems provide services that are proving to be vital to our climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. See how through a range of case studies from Nelson and the Wellington Resilience Strategy.
11.50am Catherine Hamilton co-presented with Dr Vivienne Ivory & Meg Back	Transforming Aotearoa's Tourism : Same same but different? Four case studies show how landscape architecture supports the transition to regenerative tourism. The government sees the foundations of post-Covid19 tourism shifting to a regenerative model. We have an opportunity to strengthen the burgeoning shift to a model that better reflects the authentic values of our people and places. Four cases studies will show how landscape architecture supports the transition to regenerative tourism.
12.10pm Prof Rob Adams	10 Steps Towards Successful Intensification of Cities This presentation will look at 10 steps that the City of Melbourne employed to achieve a successful transformation and intensification of its inner city. These moves transformed Melbourne from a failing inner city to being named the world's most liveable city on 7 occasions (annual Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Liveability Index).
12.40pm - 1.40pm Lunch	Collab Lounge Kindly sponsored by 

Thursday 18 May

1.40 – 4.45pm
Cultural Impacts - Session Two
Cultural Impacts MC – Luke Porter

1.45pm
Sibyl Bloomfield, Nick Sargent & Dr Kathy Waghorn
Rotorua: Kotahitanga; collective responses to relational place-based systems change
This presentation describes collaborative programme-wide research into Rotorua, a regional city undergoing great social and economic change, through a variety of built and landscape approaches, exploring concepts of food sovereignty, adaptative reuse and urban systems change. Huri Te Ao Hoahoanga, the new future-focused architecture programme at AUT, in response to our collective responsibility to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the climate emergency as a foreground to the practice of Architecture and built environment professions, explores strategies to enable such transitions towards holistic wellbeing.

2.05pm
Rowena Cudby, Barney Thomas, Aneika Young
Te Mana or Te Wai
Te Mana o Te Wai is a central principle of New Zealand's freshwater management framework, which recognizes the importance of involving Maori in decision-making related to freshwater management. Taiao representatives from the eight iwi of Te Taihuhu have formed a project to support this.

2.25pm
Barney Young, Keni-Duke Hetet, Aneika Young, Rowena Cudby
Impacts of Growth on Cultural Values
Growth affects cultural values and interests in a range of ways. This presentation will look at the cultural landscape in Te Taihuhu, some of the challenges to iwi as kaitiaki in managing growth effects, and ideas for culturally appropriate design in new developments.

3.00pm – 3.30pm
Collab Lounge
Afternoon Tea

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3.35pm
Cultural Impacts Panel Discussion
Chair - Jacky Bowring with:
Keni-Duke Hetet, Barney Thomas, Tama Whiting, Aneika Young, Kotchakorn Voraakhom.

4.35pm
Wrap and Karakia

6.00pm – 9.00pm
Conference Dinner
The Freehouse, 95 Collingwood Street
Conference casual dining at The Freehouse, 95 Collingwood Street Nelson. Your drink tokens are found in your lanyard. Join us for mixing and mingling and delicious Salvitos pizzas and salads between 6pm and 9pm.

Friday 19 May

8.00am
Registration desk opens

8.30am – 12.30pm
Environment - Session Three
Environment MC – Henry Crothers

8.35am
Bernice Cumming
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8.45am
Prize Draw
PlaceMakers Earlybird Prize Draw
Five lucky earlybird registrants will each take home a \$1000 PlaceMakers voucher. Winners must be in the room to accept their prizes, or we will redraw for someone who is there.

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8:50am
Kate Orff & Tama Whiting
Landscapes to Spark Regional Transformation
What is the role of physical landscape projects in regional transformation? How can they have positive impact beyond their physical boundaries and engage communities in their conception and making? What is the role of built landscapes in building resilient and culturally aware communities? Four projects from the SCAPE office (in New York, Atlanta, Memphis, and Auckland/Tamaki) will be presented that highlight these challenges and opportunities for change and healing.

Showing work in:

- NEW YORK REGION- Harbor & shorelines (Kate)
- ATLANTA REGION – Chattahoochee Riverlands (Kate)
- MEMPHIS REGION – Tom Lee Park (Kate & Tama)
- AUCKLAND REGION – Te Ara Tukutuku (Kate & Tama)

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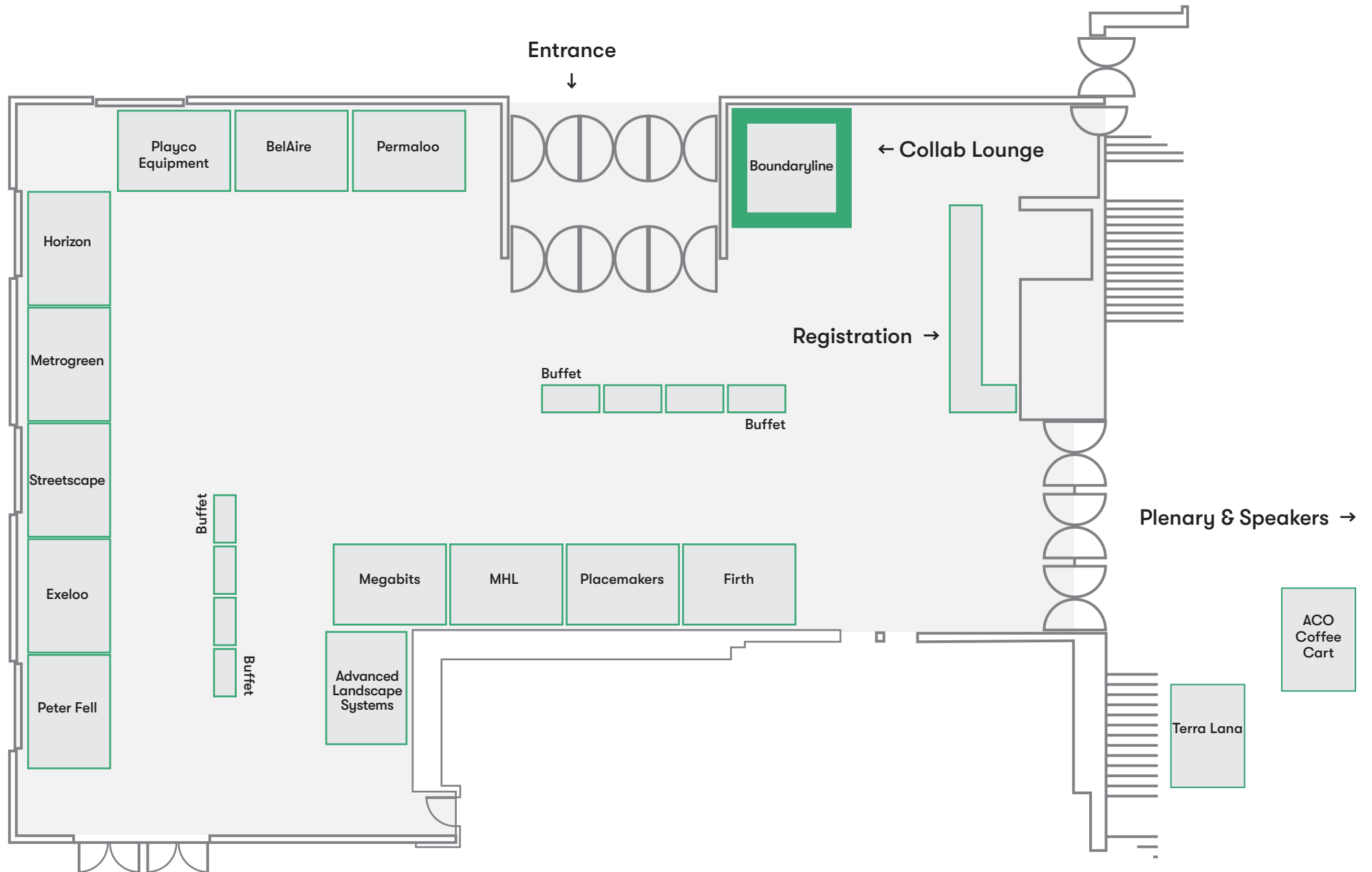
9.50am
Shannon Davis
Understanding the potential of the peri-urban to re-connect New Zealanders with whenua and food
The productive land surrounding New Zealand cities and settlements is increasingly under threat from urban expansion. This project investigates innovative peri-urban land-use possibilities that benefit both people and production within the contentious peri-urban zone, exploring the research question: How can landscapes for both people and production prosper within peri-urban Aotearoa through innovative spatial design, reconnecting New Zealanders with whenua and food.

10.10am – 10.40am
Collab Lounge
Morning Tea

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2023 NZILA Firth Conference floorplan




Friday 19 May

10.40am
Bruno Marques **President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)**
Setting the future direction and overview of IFLA.

10.50am
Jala Makhzoumi **Nature, Environment and Heritage: Landscape Architecture Approach to Sustainable Urban Growth**
Unlike larger cities, the landscape of provincial towns continues to manifest the lived in, mutually constitutive relationship people have with their natural environment. The urban morphology, aggregate features and their associated socio-cultural practices account, in large part, for these towns' urban distinctiveness and attractiveness. The threat comes from unregulated urban growth and development that fails to recognize the environmental, ecological, and cultural value of the urban landscape. A landscape architecture approach to future development has the potential to capitalize on the natural and cultural heritage, safeguard the urban environment and provide for continued quality living. In my talk I will draw on two projects, provincial towns in Lebanon and Iraq, to demonstrate the landscape approach and its contribution to enduring and meaningful futures.

11.50am
Simon Swaffield & members of the Climate Action working group **Update from the NZILA Climate Change working group**
Members of the NZILA Climate Change working group will provide some background on the urgent requirements for the development of the Climate Change Design Guidelines. The working group will also be seeking feedback from attendees.


12.30pm - 1.30pm
Lunch **Collab Lounge**
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Friday 19 May

1.30pm - 5.00pm
Unique – how do we retain our place? **Unique – how do we retain our place? - Session Four**
MC – Luke Porter

1.55pm
William Samuels, Jeremy Butler, Richard Brudvik Linder & Alan Gray **Shifting the Narrative: How Local Advocacy Can Challenge the Status Quo**
Regenerative urban development would benefit our region but remains unattainable without disrupting the current status quo. NelsonTasman2050, a think-tank of urban professionals, advocates for a more liveable and climate-conscious environment by proposing alternate approaches for our communities and decision makers. We will discuss our vision, mission and outcome-oriented initiatives.

2.30pm
Debate preparation **Debate**
Announcement of the moot for the debate and speakers work with attendees in workshops to plan for the debate.

3.00pm - 3.30pm
Afternoon Tea **Collab Lounge**
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3.30pm
Debate **Debate**
Chair: Judge David Kirkpatrick

4.15pm
Closing panel discussion **Closing panel discussion**
Closing panel discussion and final remarks from keynote speakers.

4.50pm
Poroki **Conference closing**

Save the Dates:

2024 NZILA Conference
16 - 17 May 2024
InterContinental Hotel
Wellington

2024 Awards Gala Dinner
Evening of 17 May 2024
Banquet Hall, Parliament
Wellington

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