

Local Government New Zealand Conference 2016

The 2016 Local Government New Zealand Conference (LGNZ) and Excellence Awards were held in Dunedin from 24th -26th July.

The conference focused on place making – creating places where people love to live, work and play. There was a strong focus on leading change and building places for tomorrow where families and businesses can prosper.

Approximately 565 delegates attended, such as Mayors, Chairs, Chief Executives, Councillors and Senior Management from New Zealand's councils, along with key players from the private sector, business, government and non government agencies.

President Lawrence Yule opened the conference followed by the Dunedin Mayor David Cull. John Key Made also addressed the conference.

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Monday 25th July

The first key note speaker was Greg Doone, Director at Price Waterhouse Cooper.

Keynote: "Tomorrow's places: our communities in 2050"

His presentation was the best of the day, He covered off the main influences for the next 35 years, this will be the development of the IT sector, driver less cars and busses.

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Troy Pickard, President of the Australasian Land and Groundwater Association (ALGA) and Mayor of Joondalup, Perth, presented next:

Keynote: "An international perspective on tomorrow's places"

His speech was delivered at a higher level. I did not find anything from the speech that we could use.

Lawrence Yule, President of LGNZ and Jonathan Salter, Partner at Simpson Grierson then presented:

Keynote: "A fresh approach to resource management"

Talking about the review process of resource management.

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Jeb Brugmann, Founder of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and Local Governments for Sustainability and Managing Partner of The Next Practice presented:

Keynote: "Building resilient places"

Jeb gave a review of best examples from around the world of best practice for the use of green waste. One that was very interesting was a city in Stockholm using farm waste to create methane to run their busses.

Master Class

Peter Kageyama - this was the best presentation of the whole conference, this is what I would say is the gold nuggets to take away.

Peter talked about how to get involved with your community using art.
Question asked "When you are doing a project where is the fun with it "
He used examples such as the big blue bear



This is outside the art museum in Denver, Its one of the most photographed subjects in the area.

He used examples found in New Zealand like the Hairy Maclary statues in Tauranga.



I like the way he talked about getting the community on side and getting them empowered to help with the work.

Steps to take:

- Identify your co-creators
- Bring them together
- Ask them for help
- Amplify what they naturally do
- Provide resources _not necessarily Money
- Ask them to identify other co-creators

Smaller Local projects

Peter states some of the best events created where for small start-up projects. The offer went out for local groups to do fun stuff in the parks. A grant of \$500 for each project was given and from these projects the good ones would rise to the top and become bigger events. What it did uncover is many creative people live in our community and given the opportunity can excel.

He gave an example of an artist that used a chemical etcher to spray on the concrete and when it rains the art appears, when dry it disappears.

<https://www.facebook.com/fortheloveofcities/?fref=ts>

He did talk about Cave people, citizens that complain about veritably every thing

Wikipedia: **CAVE People** (an acronym for *Citizens Against Virtually Everything*) is a pejorative term for citizens who regularly oppose any changes in their community, organization or workplace.^{[1][2]} The phenomenon is linked to the so-called NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) phenomenon in which residents oppose a development ostensibly on the grounds of it being inappropriate for the local area.^[3] While the NIMBY phenomenon is typically related to development issues, CAVE people, as the name implies, oppose virtually everything.

This attitude is manifested in opposition to changes in public policy as varied as tax levies, sewer rates, public transportation routes, parking regulations and municipal mergers or annexations. CAVE People often express their views publicly by attending community meetings,^[4] writing letters to the local newspaper, or calling in to talk radio shows.

He gave a way to combat the cave people that was interesting. He also discussed those who are attached to their city.

40% said they were not attached
36% netural
24% attached

The example of love notes is used - sometime the smallest change for the better can make a big difference.

He has a Ted Talk : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0QdmrK2CPM>

The last night was the Awards

The LGNZ Excellence Awards are designed to showcase council projects, programmes and people who have made a real impact in local communities.

The Excellence Awards recognise and celebrate excellent performance by councils with regard to community engagement, environmental impact, infrastructure management, economic development, cultural vibrancy, and overall value and service delivery.

This year was the third year the awards have been held and saw the highest number of entries received with a total of 62 applications from councils around the country. The judges said that the calibre of the nominations was extremely impressive and the entries showed real examples of the local government sector delivering value and exemplary services to our communities.

Auckland Council, Hunua Ranges Pest Management Programme won the Air New Zealand Excellence Award for Environmental Impact

The full award list can be found here:

<http://www.lgnz.co.nz/home/news-and-media/2016-media-releases/winners-of-the-2016-excellence-awards-named/> and https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=lgnz+2016