



Where are they now?



Brittany BRADLEY-CANE (MPlan)

Brittany Bradley-Cane currently works as a Planner Level 2 at the Christchurch City Council. She started with the Council in mid-2015 as a Planning Technician on a casual basis whilst studying for the Masters in Planning at Lincoln University. This position mainly involved processing simple residential land use consents, giving advice to the general public and processing some Property Information Memos (PIMs). Following the completion of her Masters Degree, she has worked as a Planner Level 2 at council on a full-time basis. This role predominantly involves processing resource consent applications, attending pre-application meetings, and carrying out planning checks on Property Information Memos (PIMS). She has progressed to processing a wide variety of land use applications with increasing complexity and expert involvement.

Brittany graduated with a Bachelor of Science (2012-2014) from University of Canterbury before doing the Master of Planning (2015-2016) at Lincoln University. A significant contributing factor to Brittany choosing to attend Lincoln University was the

accreditation of the Master of Planning course by the New Zealand Planning Institute. For Brittany, completing the Masters in Planning Degree has been rewarding in a variety of ways: she has made some amazing friends; has been taught by experienced and knowledgeable lecturers; and has gained essential qualifications for a career in planning. Attending Lincoln University has challenged her way of thinking and has led to a wonderful job opportunity and some interesting adventures. Brittany emphasises that whilst resource consent planners do not write the District Plan, their role is pivotal in ensuring that the outcomes sought in the District Plan are achieved. Their collaboration with experts and applicants can lead to improved designs and overall better outcomes for the city. For young planners, mentoring from more experienced planners plays a pivotal role in their development.

Brittany's advice for young student planners is to do research before enrolling in a course and ask course co-ordinators for advice as while you will always come across challenges and sometimes failures this gives you experience and perspective. And actively seek out work experience opportunities – they can lead to full-time work when you finish studying.



Nikki Callinan (BEPP(Hons))

Nikki Callinan studied the Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Planning (Hons) finishing in November 2016. Nikki currently works at Ashcroft Homes in Auckland in the planning and subdivision management team, writing Land use/Subdivision resource consents for clients who are building houses with Ashcroft Homes and who want to subdivide their site. She helps manage these subdivisions - consulting with engineers, putting drainage out to tender and organising the drainage works, applying for services to install to their site such as power and telecommunications, and applying for s.224c certification so they can get certificates of title. What she likes about her job is that she gets to see the client's development progress from resource consent stage to the house getting built and the subdivision being finalised. She likes the variety of both planning and subdivision management.

Nikki's time at Lincoln University helped contribute to her current role as the different courses taught her report writing and provided her with a good background to the resource consent process. Her time spent at Lincoln University was a lot of fun. She jokingly says that if you can get through Hamish's LWST 602 class (Advanced Resource Management and Planning Law) you can get through almost anything in life.

Nikki really enjoys her chosen career but does want to further develop her planning skills. She would eventually like to work in urban design and planning to build on research she did in ERST 698 on the revitalisation of town centres and urban regeneration.



Rachel Cottam (BEPP(Hons))

Rachel is a Planner Level 2 in the Resource Consent Unit at Christchurch City Council. Her career choice was made when she was at Lincoln High School and heavily involved in Lincoln High Schools Enviro Council and in Lincoln and Rolleston's Envirotown. Since Year 11 of high school she has wanted to make a positive input into managing the environment and that is where she discovered the Environment Management and Planning degree at Lincoln. Lincoln University has provided her with the background knowledge and perspectives to understand the context of the processing resource consent and understanding other specialists input. She believes her Honours year in 2016 was her best year as it has helped her the most in her job mainly due to working on real life scenarios in her many papers, understanding case law and the importance of interpretation and different perspectives. Overall, Rachel sees Lincoln University as providing her with multiple life skills and experiences which have helped her to get where she is today.

Rachel's main role at Christchurch City Council is processing subdivision and some land use consents. She has also been doing both brownfield and greenfield developments and would like to increase complexity with her subdivision work. Rachel thoroughly enjoys her job at Council and hopes to increase her skills as she would like to develop into policy planning and/or urban design later in her career.



Sin Meun How (MPlan)

Sin Meun How was one of the seven students in the first batch of Master of Planning. Meun, as she is more fondly known, returned home to Malaysia after graduating in November 2016 to continue her service with the Malaysian Government. She is currently serving as the Senior Assistant Secretary at the Senior Citizens Unit, Policy and Strategic Planning Division of the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. Her main role involves assisting in reviewing and formulating policies and strategies for the well-being of senior citizens in Malaysia.

Meun found she couldn't connect the dots between older persons and planning when she was first posted to her current role nine months ago. But she later learnt that careful planning by local governments on the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services play an important role in improving the well-being of older persons. One of the areas she's currently focusing on is to study recommendations by various parties to empower local governments in Malaysia to take on more responsibilities to provide for senior citizens. She thinks that what she has learned at Lincoln, especially systematic comparisons of planning legislations and institutional structure between different countries, sustainable development policy planning and research skills have all equipped her with the foundation needed in reviewing consultant's reports, benchmarking international best practices and preparing for policy papers.



Matthew Klomp (MPlan)

Matthew completed a Master of Planning at Lincoln University in 2016. His dissertation was on the topic of mixed community housing which he found interesting given New Zealand's history as a welfare state and the current housing environment. Prior to this he studied at the University of Canterbury and University of Otago towards his Bachelor of Science. His interest in studying planning was sparked by an introductory lecture to the Master of Planning course at Otago. Matthew describes his time at Lincoln University as challenging and incredibly rewarding. The theory and practical knowledge he gained from his studies was able to be directly applied in his current job and he strongly recommends that every budding planner make the effort to get some relevant work experience before they step into full-time work.

Matthew's current role is as a planner in the Resource Consents Unit at the Christchurch City Council. This involves the processing of resource consent applications of varying nature and complexity as well as attending pre-application meetings with prospective applicants and general advice to the public. He finds this work fulfilling and can see himself continuing to practice planning for the foreseeable future.



Ella Shields (BEPP(Hons))

Ella is working as a Consultant Planner at Planz Consultants (a private planning and resource management company) in Christchurch. In this role she prepares resource consents on behalf of private clients, processes resource consents on behalf of councils and prepares scoping reports based on planning requirements for developers. She is enjoying working as a consultant in the private sector because of the experience she gets working for a range of clients under district and regional plans, in both Christchurch and around New Zealand.

After attending Southland Girls High School, Ella chose to study the Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Planning Honours Degree at Lincoln because of her interest in New Zealand's natural resources. The small community feel of Lincoln appealed to her as did its strong links to the rural sector. Her course gave her a solid grounding in planning practice and theory, an insight into contemporary planning issues and also enabled her to gain a New Zealand Planning Institute accredited degree. While studying, she did a summer research scholarship with the Waihora Ellesmere Trust. This research taught her the value of effective communication, organisation and building relationships, which she now knows are key skills in planning. In the future she hopes to venture further afield to the UK and experience planning in a different context and under different legislation. The opportunities are only growing in this field, so who knows where planning will take her!



James Tapper (MPlan)

James began studying a Masters of Planning at Lincoln University in 2015 and subsequently completed the course at the end of 2016. During that time, through the help of the Director of Planning Programmes at Lincoln he was able to obtain a summer job at Planz Consultants - a planning and resource management consultancy based in Central Christchurch. He continued to work part-time at Planz during the second year of his masters course before gaining full time employment with them at the end of the year. James says he has been incredibly well looked after by Planz, to the extent that they have even allowed him a 6 month sabbatical to play cricket in the UK! He feels very fortunate to have secured an ideal planning job in his hometown, and his time at Lincoln played a significant role in making that possible. The flexible and wide ranging course options at Lincoln, as well as the Environmental Management Department's pragmatic and personalised approach to study were major draw cards for him in opting to study at Lincoln. Throughout the course he was able to study a number of topics including environmental policy, water quality, resource management law and sports facility development. This not only equipped him with the skills needed to enter the workforce, but also taught him how to think independently which he has found to be a critical skill in his planning career to date.



Jessica Manhire (MPlan)

Jessica Manhire is a graduate policy planner at the Waimakariri District Council, her main task being to assist with the preparation of the new District Plan. She has helped to prepare issues and options papers for early consultation and project plans as well as assisting with the District Development Strategy which sets out the

Her time at Lincoln University was directly relevant to her current role. For instance, they had group projects where they had to research and work as a team, creating mock policy documents and plans on difficult topics such as housing and urban development. Whilst at university she was also able to get her first planning experience working as a casual processing resource consents. The complexity of policy issues fascinates her as does the opportunity to work with others to try to solve issues and consider a range of information and possibilities to make a tangible difference.

Jessica feels that there is still a lot to learn. In the short-term she would like to become a more experienced planner, and be involved in all stages of developing a plan.

framework to guide the District's anticipated growth for the next 30 years. This will help to inform the District Plan. She has enjoyed being involved in a team environment where policy issues and planning frameworks are explored and discussed. And she loves the team of highly experienced planners she works with as they accept her and her ideas, despite being the only junior in the team. She is really enjoying her career so far.

Jessica first got interested in caring for the environment in high school as she felt that more could be done to look after it. This led her to take papers such as environment and society and environmental politics and policy as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree. Then she chose to study the Master of Planning at Lincoln University (2015-2016) because the degree had an environmental policy focus, and being close to home was a bonus.