Citation for Fellow Award

Malcolm Douglass

by Kim Seaton*

From time to time the New Zealand Planning Institute invites members to become Fellows of the Institute. Criteria for the Fellow Award include having been a full member of the Institute for at least 10 years and the candidate having rendered conspicuous service to the planning profession. The invitation to become a Fellow was only introduced by the Institute in very recent years and to date few members of the profession have received the prestigious invite.

In June 2009, Christchurch-based consultant Malcolm Douglass received a Fellow Award. His citation described Malcolm as strongly deserving of the Fellow Award, easily satisfying the award criteria in a number of different facets. He has had a long and varied career in the planning profession and has been a member of the New Zealand Planning Institute since 1971.

Malcolm came to the planning profession as a highly experienced traffic engineer, before moving into the planning field. Malcolm has practiced at all levels of the profession from District Plan work with the consulting firm of Gabites Porter, to the pioneering work that he did with the Waikato United Council before becoming the Chief Executive of the Canterbury United Council in 1984 and keeping that same role for the Canterbury Regional Council when local government reform established the new organisation. Malcolm led and managed the amalgamation of thirty-three Councils and Boards into a single unit to serve the new functions of this regional organisation in a single year. In 2001 Malcolm set up his own planning practice and has since worked for a range of Central and local government clients in the strategic, transportation, community and resource management planning areas. He still guest lectures at Lincoln University.

In the many years that Malcolm has worked he has always been a strong advocate for planning, as long as it was practiced with the correct and dedicated degree of professionalism that he demonstrated in his own practice. Above all Malcolm has always been a very ‘gentlemanly’ man who has shared his knowledge and experience broadly and with many young, and not-so-young, planners and still passionately believes in the value of and the need for planning. A more deserving Fellow would be hard to find.

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New Zealand Geographical Society Award

Professor Harvey Perkins

The New Zealand Geographical Society has awarded Professor Harvey Perkins the ‘Graduate research supervision in Geography’ award. Harvey is in Lincoln University’s Department of Social Science, Parks Recreation, Tourism and Sport and among his many contributions to planning in New Zealand he was co-editor (with Professor Ali Memon) of two of the leading books on environmental planning in New Zealand and numerous articles on aspects of urbanisation. Among his current taught courses are ‘the Living City’ and advanced ‘Qualitative Research Methods’. His current research focus is on Rural and Urban Transformations with recent book chapters and articles in leading international planning journals on housing, real estate and rural landscapes.

Awards for Lincoln Students

Tim Breese

Tim Breese has been awarded the 2009 John Hayward Memorial Prize. This prestigious prize is awarded to the most outstanding Master of Environmental Policy student who has completed the degree, based mainly on academic performance in all the core/compulsory subjects of the degree. It was created after the death of John Hayward (in 1991), who was the founder, and for a long time director, of the Centre for Resource Management and of the Masters of Science (Resource Management) degree, the precursor of the Master of Environmental Policy. Tim also completed the required electives which enable him to become a Graduate Member of the NZPI. Congratulations, Tim!

Adrienne Lomax

Adrienne Lomax has won the Thomson Reuters Academic Prize for 2009. This prize (formerly the Brooker Prize) is offered by Thomson Reuters, the major publisher of legal materials relevant to planning and environmental management in New Zealand. It offers awards to planning/planning law students at universities throughout the country and the criteria varies from university to university. At Lincoln the prize is awarded each year to the student who has gained the best grades when completing the required core set of first year MEP courses: ERST 630, ERST 631, ERST 632, ERST 633 & MAST 603. Adrienne is a part-time MEP student who completed the core courses in 2009 and will complete her MEP in 2010. She has also been a key member of the Editorial Team for every issue of LPR/LUPR and is a student member of the NZPI. Congratulations, Adrienne!

Jess Corkran and Josh Thompson

Congratulations to Jess Corkran and Josh Thompson, two third and fourth year Bachelor of Landscape Architecture students from Lincoln University who jointly won the Ministry of Transport (MoT) Award for the Best Student Research Project/Paper up to Master’s Level 2009, at the 2009 Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Awards. Their project was completed as part of the required course work for the Introduction to Transport and Logistics paper taught by Dr Jean-Paul Thull at Lincoln University. Lincoln students have had particular success at these awards in recent years with Kerstin Rupp receiving the CILT award for the Top Student in a Post-graduate Diploma or Degree Course in 2008.

Jess and Josh’s project was a Woolston Revitalisation Proposal based on the idea of shifting major logistics operations from Woolston into the airport noise protection zone west of the city. This would allow for the revitalisation of the Woolston area as a residential area close to the city, beaches and the recreational Port Hills area.