

2011 NZPI Awards

Lincoln University wins for the Lincoln Planning Review

Lincoln University received an Award of Merit at the New Zealand planning Institute's Annual Conference in Wellington this week for the Lincoln Planning Review. This is a competitive award process recognising: A meritorious contribution to the theory or practice of planning; or Meritorious service to the profession

The full citation reads:

"The Lincoln Planning Review is a Lincoln University student-organised, edited and managed initiative undertaken by volunteers on an extra-curricular basis. The first issue was published in 2009 and it is now the official journal of the Lincoln University Planning Association. It provides a forum for discussion and for disseminating research findings by students, academics and working professionals on New Zealand planning issues and is available free online at Lincoln University's Land Environment and People Research Centre.

Topics during 2010 ranged from applying habitat theory in Christchurch to Defence Force planning and bylaws for suburban owner operated brothels. A forum for the planning debates has addressed transition towns and the ECan Act.

NZPI recognises the Lincoln Planning Review as a medium for experiential learning that links undergraduates at Lincoln to the wider planning profession, and constitutes a very innovative and meritorious contribution to improving the teaching and practice of planning".

Lincoln Professor wins Gold

Prof Ali Memon has been awarded the New Zealand Planning Institute premier award at its conference in Wellington last week. This is only the third time in twenty years the Gold medal has been awarded.

The Institute Gold Medal Award recognises:

- Outstanding service to the profession, or
- Exceptionally meritorious contribution to the theory or practice of planning,
- The status of the award as the premier award of the New Zealand Planning Institute(r).

As the citation says:

"The Gold Medal Award acknowledges his exceptional sustained outstanding contribution to the profession through service, theory and practice."

Lincoln Alumni Clare Piper (nee Sargeant) also Recognised

Clare was awarded the Lance Leikis Graduate Award which recognises "A significant contribution by a Graduate Member of the profession to planning in practice, research, or Institute affairs". She is only the fifth recipient since it was first awarded in 1999.

Clare, an MEP(Hons) graduate of Lincoln University and currently a planner at Christchurch City Council started the Lincoln Planning Association and is on the Permanent Editorial Advisory Board of the Lincoln Planning Review. She has been a major force for promoting the interests of young planners and connecting the profession to the University. She delivers a lecture each year to the 3rd year professional planning class on planning practice which is one of the most valued parts of the course.

As the citation states:

"Clare's tireless efforts coordinating events and providing support and encouragement to Young Planners throughout New Zealand makes for a truly deserving Lance Leikis Graduate Award recipient".

