Where are they now?

Katie Collins

Katie submitted her Master of Resource Studies thesis in January 2011 and is now working for the new Auckland Council based in the Takapuna office. She is a Water Specialist in the Environmental Strategy and Policy Department. The Water Unit sets the policy direction for the management of all types of water across the Auckland Region. Katie’s initial project is closely related to her thesis topic, looking at stream restoration and what makes a successful project.

Sarah Pritchett

Sarah completed a Masters in Resource Studies in 1998 and has worked for the Sustainability Trust and as an independent waste consultant in Wellington. She has just returned to live on the Banks Peninsula after visiting the UK on a Winston Churchill Memorial Fellowship to see how organisations over there successfully engage the public in waste minimisation.

Matt Robinson

After completing his Bachelor of Environmental Management and Planning, Matt has been employed at the Waimakariri District Council based in Rangiora, North Canterbury. Matt deals with the processing of resource consent applications and privat plan change requests, along with general public enquiries, and initiating Councils own District Plan changes.

Matthew Watkins

Matthew completed his Masters of Environmental Policy in 2010 and is now working for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific as a project associate in Bangkok, Thailand. He is currently supporting the implementation of a payment for ecosystem services project in Aceh, Indonesia and the development of regional knowledge network on the use of market-based instruments in environmental policy for Asian and the Pacific.

Mike Vincent

Mike graduated from Lincoln with a BRS in 2005. Following this, he worked as a Policy Planner for the Thames Coromandel District Council. Mike then accepted a heritage planning position with the Tauranga office of N.Z. Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) dealing in Regional and District policy planning. Mike is currently working as a planner for the NZHPT Christchurch office with a focus on earthquake resource consents. The recent spate of earthquakes in the region has seen an increase in demand for planners with heritage expertise.

of Environmental Policy Awards:

010 John Hayward Memorial Prize

Congratulations to Adrienne Lomax who is the recipient of the 2010 John Hayward Memorial Prize. The John Hayward Memorial Prize is a distinguished prize awarded to the student who completed their Master of Environmental Policy (MEP) with the best academic results in the core papers of the degree. It should be noted that Adrienne is a very deserving winner of his prize and a consistent high achiever, being the recipient of the Thomson Reuters Prize in 2009. This prize also holds special meaning given that it was created after John Hayward's death in 1991 who was not only a long-serving director but the founder of the Centre for Resource Management and of the Masters of Science (Resource Management) degree, the forerunner of the MEP. A valued member of the LPR team, we wish Adrienne a hearty congratulations.

010 Thomson Reuters Prize in Resource Management

Congratulations to Shaun Coffey who is the recipient of the 2010 Thomson Reuters Prize in Resource Management. Shaun is a clear winner of the award which recognises the student who completed the set core of first year Master of Environmental Policy papers to the highest academic standard. It must be noted that in previous years the courses have included ERST 30, ERST 631, ERST 632, ERST 633 & MAST 603, however in 2010, MAST 603 was not offered and hence alternative MEP courses were considered. Shaun is no stranger to being mentioned in LPR and in Volume 2, Issue 2 an article titled “Collaborative Environmental Governance Down Under, in Theory and Practice” summarised the summer research project he was working on with Bailey Peryman and Ann Brower.

Ian Spellerberg EIANZ fellow

Congratulations must go to Professor Ian Spellerberg who has been made a fellow of the EIANZ (Environment Institute of Australasia and New Zealand). This is a fantastic achievement, specially given that Ian is now one of only three honorary fellows of the institute. A fellow membership recognises extensive service and highly valued contributions to the profession, as well as a highly respected professional nature, just to name a few. The president of the EIANZ must offer his invitation to a member of the institute for them to be made a fellow. The citation included comments about Spellerberg’s “extensive CV” and outstanding contribution to the institute as well as his proven leadership “on matters of national and international significance relating to ecology, nature conservation, environmental education and environmental best practice.”