



EDITORIAL

Life and planning in Christchurch continues to be dominated by attempts to rebuild after the series of 11,000 plus earthquakes that have shaken the region since September 2010. Although the shakes are now largely inconsequential the ongoing de-construction and reconstruction of the city and related infrastructure continues to make travelling tomes, mental maps and senses of place quite ephemeral. They have also created a variety of opportunities for research and analysis and it should not be surprising if this and subsequent issues of this journal feature a number of articles on risk and resilience themes. Consequently, this issue leads with Nick Kirk's article exploring some of the opportunities that the quake has created, and this theme is continued in Grace Duyndam's exploration of a future Chinatown for the city. Michelle Ruske's analysis of the life and quake-related death of a controversial shorefront apartment block completes a trifecta of quake articles.

Moving further afield, Bailey Peryman and Shane Orchard explore the values and management of surfing breaks, an area of planning in which New Zealand leads the world. This marine theme is continued in the analysis of the policy processes inherent in the development of New Zealand's offshore marine management legislation in Lara Peter's report.

Property rights and their expression and containment lies at the heart of much planning. *LPR* is therefore very happy to be able to provide the full unabridged version of Derek Hall's excellent article on this theme that was previously published in two parts, one of which was unfortunately abridged, in issues 185 and 186 of the *Planning Quarterly*. The role of iwi management plans, a key component in Maori expression of their rights in 'property' is discussed with a post-modern twist by Angelika Schoder. The challenge posed by indigenous groups to traditional professional planning is mirrored in the spirited challenge provided by Roger Boulter in his comment in this issue. We encourage debate amongst planners and look forward to responses from members of the profession to Roger's views.

In this issue we again provide an outreach section that includes our 'agony aunt' column – Planning Pains - and also update the profession on particular planning activities or groups – in this case the Southern Environmental Trust and the Waihora Ellesmere Trust. A selection of planning relevant theses and dissertations completed in 2011 at Lincoln University is also included in an attempt to make recent research more accessible to the profession. The issue also introduces a relatively new staff member, Dr Mike Mackay and provides an update on some of our recent graduates.

I apologise for the lateness of publishing this particular issue. I expect to be back to our normal publishing timeframes by the end of 2013. Feedback on this issue and ideas for future issues would be most welcome.

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