

EDITORIAL

It is as much with great relief as with great pleasure that we bring you Volume 5 of the Lincoln Planning Review.

It is becoming something of a cracked record, but the legacy of the Canterbury seismic events of the last three years continue to haunt us. However, thanks to the diligent work of our team of student volunteers, ably led by Ange van der Laan and Roché Mahon, we have overcome heavier than normal pressures on staff time and facilities, software glitches, staff and student turnover and the many pressures on student time. To achieve this, we made the decision in mid-year to combine issues 1 and 2 of this volume so that we can get back to our original publishing routine of a Volume each calendar year.

This issue bears the imprint of the 'quakes, with several articles and conference reports related to disaster risk reduction and recovery experiences. In particular, Su Vallance and Robert Love's examination of the role of the small community of Diamond Harbour in recovery planning provides both theoretical insight and practical comment and Simon Lambert reflects on indigenous planning in the disaster risk and recovery context. Other articles represent a return to more general planning issues with Jack Christensen critically reviewing the concept of compact cities and Robert Krausz's equally international examination of the problems of 'unacknowledged supermegaprojects' such as ambitious 'Zero-Waste' programmes. Roy Montgomery's thought provoking historical exploration of the names of streets in Aranui combines both planning scholarship and disaster recovery, while Phil Holland's auto-ethnographic study of the social unsustainability of dairy farming in New Zealand challenges key assumptions underpinning the rationale of intensified dairying policies.

There are also our usual updates on former students, significant conferences and staff profiles, this time featuring recently retired Ian Spellerberg and the retiring Ton Buhrs, as well as an interview with Crile Doscher. Finally, *Planning Pains* provides the results of a survey on the value of NZPI membership in the private sector which may surprise many.

We look forward to bringing you many new peer reviewed articles and information in 2014!

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