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# Young IPWEA New Zealand

## *What's happening?*

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Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the Young IPWEA New Zealand "What's happening?" newsletter!

This newsletter has been prepared by the Young IPWEA New Zealand committee to keep our under 35 engineers and asset managers up to speed with what's happening in the Young IPWEA space in New Zealand and in Australia. The newsletter will be released bi-monthly so keep an eye out!

### The Committee

The New Zealand committee has been in force for a few years now and has been working hard in the background to ensure under 35's have all the help and assistance they need to succeed in their careers. Key focuses have been networking events, mentor programs and public speaking opportunities at conferences and branch meetings.

The committee is made up of ten representatives from the various New Zealand branches:

- Chris Chapman – Chair – Opus Palmerston North
- Sara Seel – Hamilton City Council
- Nicola Chisnall – Wellington Water
- Alexis Manirakiza – Auckland Council

- Kyle Randall – Fulton Hogan Hamilton
- Elliot Egan - Student ex Thames/Coromandel District Council
- Anu Ileperuma – Hastings District Council
- Scott Shaw – Downer Queenstown
- Caitlin Donovan – Waitaki District Council
- James Thorne – Opus Christchurch

### Asset Management Challenge

Young IPWEA (previously eNAMS) kicked off the Asset Management Challenge in early 2015 giving young engineers and asset managers the opportunity to learn more about asset management processes and practices from experienced industry professionals by providing asset management services to a New Zealand charity over an 18 month period.

Three New Zealand teams were formed and have been working very hard over the last 15 months.

The teams will present at the NAMs NZ Advanced Asset Management Forum in Wellington in November and the winning team will be selected by a panel of judges. Good luck to our teams!

### IPWEA Branch Meetings

Branch meetings are like mini-conferences and are a great networking opportunity. Get along to your next one and maybe even put your hand up to present on something interesting you've been working on!

Upcoming branch meetings:

- Northern South Island Branch – 19 Aug – Timaru District Council
- Otago/Southland Branch – 2 Sept – Gore District Council
- East Coast Branch – 16 Sept – Hastings District Council

### Professional Development

IPWEA offers a great range of training and professional development opportunities. All of which can be put towards your IPENZ registrations.

The NAMs NZ Advanced Asset Management Forum is on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November and is an excellent learning and networking opportunity. There is 50% off the registration for under 35's when attending with a full paying member from the same organisation so check out the programme at <http://nams2016.co.nz/> and register today!

Check out other upcoming IPWEA events on the event calendar at:

<http://www.ipwea.org/events/calendar>

**IPWEA 2016 Conference - Auckland**

The IPWEA New Zealand 2016 conference was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June at Sky City Auckland and was three days of excellent presentations and networking events.

A highlight of the conference was the Young IPWEA presentations held on the Saturday morning.

Following an update by Young IPWEA chair Chris Chapman, five presenters took to the stage and confidently spoke to a supportive audience regarding projects they had been involved in or managed or topics of interest to them.

The five presenters and their topics were as follows:

- **James Thorne** - Asset Managers and intuitive decisions; how to compare apples with oranges
- **Adam Leslie** - Best Practice for the use of bitumen treated base course
- **Charlotte Welch-Cropp** - Central Plains water - hitting highs on a large scale
- **James McCallum** - Roding from an aerial perspective
- **Megan Couture** - Planning the future, building the past

Well done to all five presenters and congratulations to Charlotte for taking out the people's choice award.

**Call For Abstracts**

The Call for Abstracts for the IPWEA 2017 Conference in Dunedin is open NOW! Start thinking about potential topics and be part of the 5x7 Young IPWEA presentations!



**Charlotte Welch-Cropp**



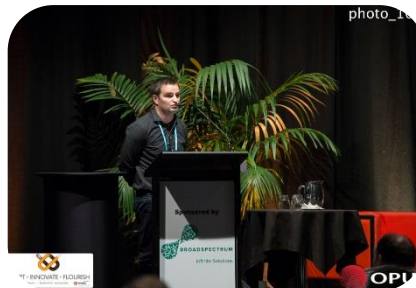
**Chris Chapman**  
Young IPWEA Chair



**James Thorne**



From Left: Charlotte Welch-Cropp, Adam Leslie, James Thorne



**James McCallum**



**Megan Couture**



A big thank you to MWH for sponsoring the Young IPWEA presentations at the 2016 IPWEA Conference!

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