

Water New Zealand Stormwater Group and Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)

Water New Zealand's Stormwater Group and CIWEM's New Zealand Steering Group welcomes all members and non-members of both organisations to attend a joint Regional Meeting in Wellington. Drinks and nibbles sponsored by WSP-Opus before and after the presentations. Share this invite with colleagues who have an interest in the water environment in the Wellington Region.

Date: Wednesday 14th November, Doors Open for drinks/nibbles at 5.00pm. Presentations start at 5.45pm

Venue: WSP Opus, Level 10, Majestic Centre, 100 Willis Street, Wellington

RSVP: Register online at Water New Zealand; or to Vicki McEnaney (vicki.mcenaney@waternz.org.nz) by 13th November.

Presentations include:

Urban Water Principles

Sarah Boone, Ministry for the Environment

Sarah will discuss the collaborative process that the Ministry for the Environment has run over the past year to develop a set of Urban Water Principles – a vision to aid in the alignment of government, the three waters and development sectors toward better environmental and social outcomes. This piece of work has been progressed by the Urban Water Working Group – an expert advisory group convened by the Ministry. Stormwater management practices play a prominent role in this vision as they are strongly linked to the ecological health of many receiving environments.

Sarah is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Ministry for the Environment where she leads several projects related to urban water environments and 'three waters' infrastructure, including acting as the secretariat for the Urban Water Working Group. She has previously worked in a range of water-related policy areas, in both urban and rural contexts. Sarah has an interdisciplinary academic background which spans a range of policy and economic studies as well as various branches of water, climate and environmental science.

International Urban Water Management – Lessons from a Winston Churchill Fellowship trip

Stu Farrant, Morphem Environmental

Stu Farrant will present on the findings and highlights of his recent Winston Churchill Fellowship travels. The fellowship was awarded to travel to Europe and the USA and look at the enabling factors which have supported leading cities implementation of improved urban water management. Visiting Hamburg, Copenhagen, Malmo, Stockholm, Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, Stu met with municipalities, researchers, utilities, and practitioners and looked at a huge array of good (and bad) examples. These offer potential to learn how different environmental drivers, policy, political will and applied research have resulted in change to the business as usual approach to urban water. With ongoing change at a national and local Wellington level it is hoped that lessons learnt through the fellowship can help support better urban water quality outcomes closer to home.

Stu is an Ecological Engineer and Southern sector manager for Morphem Environmental with a passion for Water Sensitive Urban Design and the progression towards a more integrated approach to urban water management. Having previously worked with industry leaders in Melbourne for over 5 years he has delivered projects at a range of scales across New Zealand, Australia, Middle East and South Asia and along this journey has gained insights into the success factors and pitfalls which influence outcomes.