

# New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities



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## *Seminar Series*



Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtago

## **Indigenous knowledge and sustainable urban design**

An exploration of sustainable and regenerative design with reference to pre-contact Maori built environments. The goal is to develop architectural and urban design strategies that are not energy or resource neutral but rather generative producers (of energy, ecological habitat, food, water) linked into the energy and resource flows of the surrounding environment.

**Wednesday, 9 September, 5.30-7.00pm**

**5:30-5:50**      **Amanda Yates** – is a registered architect and academic. Since beginning her research-based architectural practice in 1999 she has focused on developing contemporary architecture influenced by the technologies and spatial qualities of pre-contact Maori built environments. She has continued to develop this architectural built research since joining Massey University's Spatial Design programme. Amanda whakapapa's to Ngati Whakaue, Ngati Rangiwewehi, Rongowhakaata, and Ngati Pakeha.

**5.50-6.10**      **Shaun Awatere** (Ngāti Porou) is a resource economist whose work involves allocating economic values for all kinds of services that do not have an identifiable "market" value. Natural environmental processes come into this category. He and his colleagues have been working to improve the incorporation of Māori values into local government planning, at least in part, by developing the systems and processes that will enable Māori values to be integrated into urban design and development.

**6:10-6.45**      **Practice perspectives**

- **Wiki Walker**, Ngati Hine, Manukau City Council  
Environmental Policy Planner (tangata whenua).
- **Ngarimu Blair**, is a Trustee on the Ngati Whatua o Orakei Maori Trust Board. He whakapapa's to Ngati Whatua, Te Uri o Hau, Te Taou, Nga Oho and Te Uringutu. His work on behalf of Ngati Whatua o Orakei has involved Treaty claims research and negotiations, establishing Auckland's largest ecological restoration project and designing a sustainable village strategy on tribal lands at Orakei.

**6:45-7:15pm**      **Questions and discussion**

**Auckland:** University of Otago House, 385 Queen St, Level 4,  
Lecture Theatre 4.01

Video link up to **Wellington:** Victoria University, Pipitea Campus,  
Rutherford House, Lecture Theatre 1.

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