

# Building Pulse 2020

# Speakers.

**We are honoured to present our Building Pulse Keynote speakers and presenters for 2020. This is your chance to listen and absorb, learn and grow your knowledge of the latest topics from our leading experts.**



## **Chris Bunny.**

**Deputy Chief Executive,  
Building, Resources and  
Markets and Key Note Speaker**

Chris leads MBIE's Building, Resources and Markets Group. The Group's role supports a fair, competitive business environment and well-functioning building and construction, telecommunications, and resources markets. It also serves as the Government's Procurement Functional Leader and the

Government's Property Functional Leader.

As part of his role, Chris oversees the Building System Performance branch, which is responsible for providing policy and technical advice on New Zealand's building system, rules and standards, and implementing building legislation and regulations.

Chris has held various public sector policy roles in New Zealand and abroad including The Treasury (New Zealand and United Kingdom) and the Ministry of Social Development. He also spent time in the UK supporting government procurement of infrastructure (mainly schools and urban regeneration projects).



## **Greg Ward.**

**MC and Key Note Speaker**

Through more than 30 years presenting on stages and digitally at over a thousand conferences and events, engaging with half-a-million attendees through 30 countries, Greg Ward is one of Australasia's leading MC's, Virtual Presenters and Speakers.

Greg shares his experience of peak performance and leadership in

business and at events around the globe, revealing how coming to terms with his own lived mental health experience was the catalyst to becoming a champion for change.

Greg is a life-long student of behaviour and is obsessively curious about humans. He believes that to truly understand others, you must first be obsessively curious about yourself.



## John Sneyd.

**General Manager MBIE - BSP**

John leads the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) Building System Performance branch, the government's lead advisor on the building regulatory system, including the New Zealand Building Code.

John comes from a government, legal and regulatory background, and spent five years as the Chief Legal Advisor at the former Department of

Building and Housing before moving to a senior management position in another government agency.

John's team are actively pursuing innovation through the building regulatory system, to make the system more efficient, lift the quality of building work, and provide fairer outcomes if things go wrong. They are also leading the 'Building for climate change' programme, a plan to reduce emissions from buildings during their construction, while also preparing buildings to withstand changes in the climate.



## Andrew Eagles.

**Chief Executive - NZGBC**

Andrew is a qualified economist with more than fourteen years' experience in the built environment. Working for consultancies, associations, government and built environment charities, he has a wealth of knowledge in housing, market mechanism, advocacy and the construction supply chain.

Andrew joined the New Zealand Green Building Council in September 2016 as Chief Executive. The New

Zealand Green Building Council is the country's leading not-for-profit for the sustainable built environment. As well as exemplary research, the NZGBC oversees Homestar and Green Star the award-winning certifications for New Zealand homes and buildings. NABERSNZ, the tool for confirming performance of offices in use, is also rising in popularity.

Andrew is sometimes asked to speak on panels. There are many great women speakers in the construction and property sector. Andrew has made a commitment to not speak on all male panels. The NZGBC can assist in connecting you with speakers if that would be of use for your event.



## Singh Kamboj.

**Technical Manager - James Hardie**

I have been working with James Hardie NZ for the last 18 years managing the new product testing and developing product technical specifications. A civil engineer by profession has been in the building profession ever since graduating. At James Hardie we take pride in developing new products and building solutions that are easy to use and meet the customer needs.



## **Graeme Robertson.**

### **Structural Engineer at Mitek**

Graeme has been involved in various parts of the building industry for over 35 years, most recently as a residential project manager. He has a keen interest in the technical aspects of building. His broad and hands-on experience (LBP Carpentry and Site 2) ensures a practical approach. Graeme's main focus for the team is delivering systems information to Councils and TA's throughout New Zealand.



## **Tom Mahony.**

### **Principal at Mahony Lawyers**

Tom has broad experience advising on a range of commercial, trust and property matters. He is focused on building lasting, trusting relationships with clients, and strives to provide practical and pragmatic advice. Tom's knowledge of the commercial world enables him to advise clients on their day to day business affairs, and ensure their personal legal arrangements are

to their benefit. Outside of legal practice, Tom is an ardent Marist St Pats supporter and is Honorary Solicitor for the Club. He is also the Chair of the St Patricks College Wellington Foundation, Chairman of the M & T Olechnowicz Scholarship Fund and a member of the New Zealand Law Society Standards Committee (Early Resolution Service).



## **Robert Campion.**

### **Technical Manager - Window & Glass Association of New Zealand**

Rob has almost 35 years in the window industry, primarily in technical, design, testing and project management roles. Prior to taking up his current position he'd served on the WANZ technical committee for almost 20 years and represented the industry as a member of the E2/AS1 working groups.



## John Burgess.

### Senior Sustainability Scientist at BRANZ

John Burgess has worked for BRANZ Ltd in various capacities for over thirty years. A lot of this time he has spent looking out the window – or more specifically out many different windows. Some of these windows have had condensation, some have made the rooms cold, some have had low emissivity films, or allowed solar

overheating, some have moved excessively, broken in earthquakes or leaked air, some have leaked water, and some have been non-compliant with the NZ Building Code. All of them have delivered some level of performance, and all of them could have been improved. John hopes to be able to keep looking out the window for a while longer.



## Rod Newbold.

### Commercial Manager at Steel

I have 45 years' experience in the long run roofing Industry, dating back to when corrugate was only run in standard lengths, and Colorsteel roofing was unheard of. I am still learning.

I am a Life Member of NZ Metal Roofing Manufacturers Assn, Editor in Chief of version 3 of the Profiled

Metal Code of Practice, and co-judge of the 2019 Roofing Games.



## Tim Strang.

### Principal Engineer Environmental for global engineering consultants WSP.

Watch this space for Tim's Bio.





## Simon Thomas.

**National Manager of the Building System Assurance Team in the Consumer Protection and Standards Branch of MBIE**

Simon is the National Manager of the Building System Assurance Team in the Consumer Protection and Standards Branch of MBIE. The Building System Assurance team regulates BCAs and TAs and building products, administers the

earthquake prone building register and the CodeMark scheme, operates the Multiproof scheme and investigates serious building failures. Simon has a broader legal and investigations background.



## Helen Davidson.

**General Manager at Engineering New Zealand**

I joined Engineering New Zealand in February 2016 and I'm responsible for leading our legal and public affairs work, including complaints resolution, governance, communications, policy and thought leadership, as well as our people function. I have over 15 years' experience in law, complaints management and policy.



## Greg Simmons.

**Founder & CEO of Insol Ltd**

As the founder and CEO of Insol Ltd, Greg Simmons has been involved in the façade industry for 16 years. Construction, engineering, and manufacturing run through his veins, with family history dating back four generations all specialising within these disciplines. Greg has played an integral part in setting up the advanced processes and facade solutions that Insol now provides, pushing the barriers of quality and

design norms. His perfectionist style reflects in the attention to project dynamics and technical consulting on the right selection in facades. In short span, Greg and his team have positioned the company as one of the top façade processors in New Zealand with a special focus on Design, Engineering, and Quality. With the latest substantial growth Insol has had over the last few years it has allowed a greater focus on research and development. Looking towards the future of Façade solutions, Greg has actively been involved in creating and developing platforms for new ways to test the limits of design.



## Nathan Speir.

### Partner at Rice Speir

Simon is the National Manager of the Building System Assurance Team in the Consumer Protection and Standards Branch of MBIE. The Building System Assurance team regulates BCAs and TAs and building products, administers the earthquake prone building register and the CodeMark scheme, operates the Multiproof scheme and investigates serious building failures. Simon has a broader legal and investigations background.



## Kiran Saligame.

### Senior Geotechnical Engineer at MBIE

Kiran Saligame is currently employed with Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) as Senior Geotechnical Engineer within the Building System Performance branch to provide expert geotechnical engineering advice to support work across MBIE on complex issues in relation to the NZ Building Code,

NZ Building Act, various compliance documents, standards development, amendments to Verification Methods and Acceptable Solutions



## Pat Mawson.

### Chair EBANZ

Pat Mawson is a licensed builder living in Hawkes Bay with his partner and two young boys. Together with Nils Rock, their building company "R M Strawbale Ltd." specialises in Strawbale houses with a focus on natural and non toxic materials. Pat has been plastering houses with clay plasters and lime plasters for the past ten years and loves learning and experimenting with both materials. Before becoming a builder Pat

worked in the forest industry and still has a strong interest in trees and timber, especially NZ grown alternative timbers.

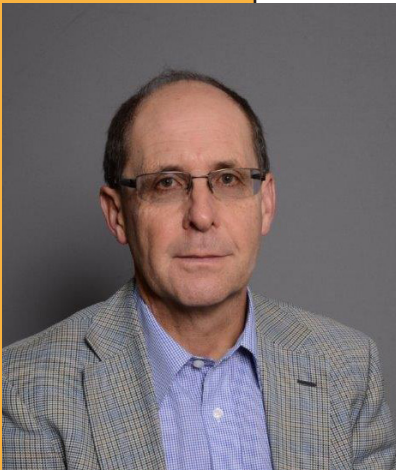
Pat is a licensed builder living in Hawkes Bay and Co director of RM Strawbale Ltd, a small building company specialising in Strawbale and Earth construction. Pat is currently chair of the Earth Building Association of NZ whose mission is to "promote the art and science of earth and natural building".



## **Martin Pratchett.**

### **Engineering Practice Manager at Engineering New Zealand**

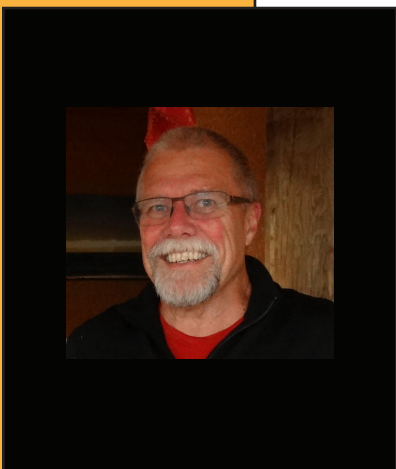
Martin Pratchett is the engineering practice manager at Engineering New Zealand. He previously worked as a structural engineer in Lower Hutt, Wellington.



## **John Gardiner.**

### **Managing Director at Building Confidence Ltd**

John Gardiner is a former Determinations and Assurance Manager with MBIE. He is now a consultant providing services to the building sector with a focus on assisting organisations develop quality information to help improve decision making.



## **Peter Thorby.**

### **Director at Tekton Group Ltd**

My various roles in the building and construction sector have provided me with the opportunity to lead teams of technical experts, and contribute to the strategic business directions of key organisations.

My role in Tekton Consulting provides support for innovation and growth of the NZ building and construction sector.

Tekton Consulting provides services to the sector to help with navigating the regulatory system and provide technical support for products and systems used in the building and construction sector.

Among its services are support for regulatory schemes such as Product Certification ("CodeMark") and "MultiProof", and assistance with product technical statements for meeting Building Act obligations.



## Linda Wells.

### Motivational Speaker

Linda Wells is a sought-after speaker and consultant in the business arena. As The Business Behavioural Intelligence Specialist, Linda has developed leading plans of action specifically for people who are seeking change and want better outcomes for themselves. From the moment she steps on the stage Linda captivates the audience as she outlines new perspectives on

how humans respond and reveals why stress and anxiety should not be tolerated and how to fix it. Linda has delivered presentations, seminars, and workshops to businesses and individuals throughout New Zealand, Australia, and North America, and she has won many awards for her skills and successes. Linda is the author of a recently released book, titled 'Transforming Your Stress Into Business Success'



## Mark Smith.

### Structural Engineer at Mitek

Mark Smith is a Structural Engineer who has worked for most of his career with structural timber, initially in the UK with an engineering consultancy, then with truss and frame fabricators and now with building component suppliers Mitek.

His experience ranges from timber framed domestic housing, multi storey apartments to schools. He is a PassivHaus consultant, and was involved in a number of high profile PassivHaus projects in the UK before moving to New Zealand 2 years ago.



## Matt Bishop.

### BVT Founder

BVT Founder, Matt Bishop, is driven by his vision to revolutionise the engineering industry. He believes it's time to shake up traditional ways of working in favour of more progressive thinking, and he's hard at work doing just that.

Matt is an Engineer/Entrepreneur and has been working in the New Zealand construction industry for 11 years. He

is an expert in Interiors Construction and Construction Technology, and is currently putting these two together to create NZ's leading Interiors Engineering firm.

Matt has an extensive global network and is a highly sought-after public speaker as one of New Zealand's leading engineering advisers. He was educated at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand and at Harvard Business School.



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