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AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND YGP Symposium

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The second Auckland & Northland Young Geotechnical Professionals' Symposium is happening on November 8th this year. It is a unique opportunity to gain presentation experience in a supportive environment, learn from each others' experience and network with other YGPs.

What is it?

A one day event where the young people of the local geotechnical industry gather to share and learn from each other. Hopefully you will not only learn but leave more enthused and motivated for your career. It is a shortened, local, less formal version of the highly successful ANZ YGP conference.

Who is it for?

Auckland & Northland based young members of the NZGS (under 35 and/or less than 10 years' experience). We want people at all levels of experience within this range, from first year graduates to those getting their first grey hairs.

I've applied to 13YGPC, can I still come?

Yes of course, this will be a great opportunity to practise your presentation skills in front of a smaller audience.

What is required of me?

To register you need to provide a 100 to 200 word summary of a geotechnical topic which you can commit to making a 10 minute presentation on at the event. The topic should be something that your peers can learn from. This could be:

- A project in which you have learnt something**
- An original investigation or examination of a topic**
- A resource or paper you find valuable for your work**
- An item of research**
- Other – it just needs to be something geotechnically relevant that others can learn from.**

The presentation should be at your level.

No written paper is required. There will be a short question time after each presentation. There will be two friendly senior mentors present on the day to provide advice and feedback.

What is the due date?

Your presentation summary is due by **Wednesday 9th October.**

Please email your summary to auckygp@gmail.com.

We will notify you of acceptance by early October.

Will everyone present?

Yes! Everyone will be required to present, so everyone gains the same experience and opportunities.

What will the day look like?

An anticipated schedule is set out below. Note that some of the presentation sessions might be split into streams to maximise the number of presentations:

Time:	Item
8.30am – 9.00am	Arrival/Rego, Tea & Coffee
9.00am – 10.25am	Session 1 – Opening & Presentations
10.25am – 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am – 12.30pm	Session 2 – Presentations
12.30pm – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 3.00pm	Session 3 – Presentations
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Mentor Talk 1
4.00pm – 4.30pm	Game / Activity / Challenge
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Mentor Talk 2 & Closure
6.30pm	Dinner + informal awards to best presenters

Where will it be held?

Grand Mercure Hotel, 8 Customs Street East, Auckland CBD

What is the cost?

The cost is expected to be around \$200, including dinner. We'll confirm this in a few weeks' time when we have a better idea of numbers.

Is there a prize?

The person who gives the best presentation (as selected by the mentors) will be put forward to present at the NZGS Symposium in Dunedin in 2020. NZGS have offered a scholarship to help towards costs.

There will also be a 'people's choice' award so it's worth your time practising your presentation in advance.

Presenter Declarations

If your presentation is related to a project you have worked on, you should get approval from your employer and the client prior to the event. You will be asked to complete a presenter declaration form indicating that you have obtained all the necessary permissions. Feel free to contact us if you need some help with this.

Presentation Guidelines

For the day to be successful your presentation needs to be of a high quality. We expect you to have spent 5 to 10 hours ahead of the event preparing and practicing your presentation. We recommend you:

- 1. Be clear of a few key points that you are sharing, make sure they are clear to the audience**
- 2. Don't clutter your slides, you only have 10 minutes – pictures and graphs with a few words are best. Good presenters don't just read from their slides.**
- 3. Don't have too many slides. As few as 7 or 8 may be adequate – more than 20 is probably too many.**
- 4. The audience hopes to be informed, inspired and entertained. Try and include a good mix of examples, factual evidence, illustration and personal stories where possible.**
- 5. Practice your presentation by yourself to hone your timing. The presentation time limit will be strictly enforced on the day and you don't want to be cut short of your punchline!**
- 6. Practice your presentation to a few others and improve it based on their feedback.**

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