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CHRISTCHURCH YGP Symposium

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2025

The Canterbury Branch are hosting their 2025 YGP Symposium on 12th November 2025. The YGP symposium is a one-day event where young professionals in the geotechnical industry gather to learn and share about their previous work projects, or area of research.

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?

South Island based members of NZGS (under 35 and/or less than 10 years' experience). We want people from all levels of experience; from Master's & PhD students to people slowly earning their stripes in the industry.

What is required of me?

To register you need to provide a 100 to 300 word summary of a geotechnical topic which you can commit to making a

10-15 minute presentation on at the event. This could be:

1. A project that you have worked on and learnt something from.
2. An original investigation or examination of a topic.
3. A research paper that intrigued you.
4. Other - The sky is the limit! Present anything related to GIS, Geomorphology, Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology or Geotechnical Engineering.

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?

Please email your presentation summary (abstract) to **chchygp2025@gmail.com**.

Don't forget to put down, your name, occupation, and company /university within the abstract.

The due date for registration and presentation summaries (abstracts) is Friday 27th October 2025.

We will be in touch with everyone who registered in early November.. Prepare your presentation slides and practice, practice, practice.

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What will the day look like?

An anticipated schedule is set out below:

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
5pm	Dinner for all attendees + informal awards to best presenters

Event Details

VENUE: Aurecon Office, Level 2, Iwikau Building,
93 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch 8013

What is the cost?

The cost will be \$200 + GST per person. This includes catering on the day, and dinner after the event.

Is there a prize?

The person who gives the best presentation (as selected by the mentors) will be awarded \$1,500 toward professional development.

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.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact the organisers at
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