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NELSON YGP Symposium

6TH NOVEMBER 2025

The Nelson Young Geotechnical Professionals' Symposium is happening on Thursday 6th November 2024. The event provides a great networking opportunity and a supportive environment to learn from each others' experiences.

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?

Young members of the NZGS (under 35 and / or less than 10 years' experience) based in the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough regions. No matter what your discipline or background, come along to learn, connect and have some fun.

What is required of me?

To register you need to provide a 100 to 200 word summary of a geo-related 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 three friendly senior mentors present on the day to provide advice and feedback.

What is the due date?

Registrations including presentation summary (abstract) are due by end of day 23rd October.

Registration forms can be found on the Engineering New Zealand website.

For any enquiries, please contact **nelsonygp25@gmail.com**

We will be in touch with everyone who registered at the end of October.

Will everyone present?

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

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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 – 10.30am	Session 1 – Opening & Presentations
10.30am – 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
5.00pm	Dinner for all attendees + informal awards to best presenters

Location:

WSP Nelson Office,
126 Trafalgar Street,
Nelson Central

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 towards professional development. There is also a 'people's choice' award so it's worth your time practising your presentation in advance.

Food

Attendees should submit any dietary requirements with their application.

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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