

Creating Communities of Learning

**Australasian Professional Legal
Education Council Conference
13-15 November, 2014**



Hosted by
Institute of Professional Legal Studies
New Zealand

Venue
AUT Law School campus
Auckland

APLEC Conference 2014

The 2014 APLEC Conference is hosted by the Institute of Professional Legal Studies (IPLS) in Auckland, New Zealand. The Welcome Reception on Thursday evening will be held at the IPLS Auckland learning centre while the conference sessions will be held at the AUT Law School Campus, 120 Mayoral Drive, Auckland Central.

Conference Theme

“A community is a group of people who are socially interdependent, who participate together in discussion and decision making, and who share certain practices that both define the community and are nurtured by it.” (*Bellah, Madsen, Sullivan, Swidler and Tipton (1985), in their book Habits of the Heart*)

Another definition of community is “an environment in which people interact in a cohesive manner, continually reflecting upon the work of the group while always respecting the differences individual members bring to the group.” (*Graves, 1992*)

It is expected the 2014 APLEC conference will explore the elements of community: mutual interdependence among members, sense of belonging, connectedness, spirit, trust, interactivity, common expectations, shared values and goals.

Call for Papers Now Open: Presentation Formats & Submission Guidelines

Individual Papers:

- 45 minutes (30 minutes presentation; 15 minutes discussion)
- A submission for an individual presentation may take the form of an abstract (500 words not including references) or a full paper.

Panel/Workshop Sessions:

- 90 minutes (70 minutes presentation; 20 minutes discussion)
- Submissions for panel or workshop sessions led by presenting teams are encouraged. A panel or workshop proposal may take the form of an abstract (750 words not including references) or full paper.

Submissions should be sent to aplec14@ipls.org.nz

The Conference Dinner

The conference dinner is to be held at Euro restaurant on Auckland’s Viaduct commencing 7.00pm. Delegates are responsible for their own transport arrangements however Euro is a 15 minute walk from the conference venue.

Euro is owned and managed by Simon Gault, one of the leading lights in New Zealand’s culinary scene and judge on New Zealand Masterchef for the past three years. <http://www.eurobar.co.nz>

Conference keynote speakers

Day One - Plenary Session: Associate Professor Shirley Reushle, Deputy Director, Australian Digital Futures Institute, University of Southern Queensland

Shirley is the Deputy Director of the Australian Digital Futures Institute. Shirley's principal research interests are in digital communities, online pedagogy and technology enhanced learning spaces. She has taught online in Higher Education for fifteen years and her doctoral research was in transformative approaches to professional development for online educators. Shirley has also held the positions of Senior Lecturer in Online Pedagogies in the USQ Faculty of Education and Principal Advisor, Learning and Teaching, with the USQ Division of ICT Services. She regularly consults and conducts workshops in designing and facilitating online learning and has authored and co-authored articles on the future of Higher Education, transformative learning, online learning design and the creation and evaluation of learning spaces.



Day Two - Keynote Address: Leah de Wijze, Senior Educational Designer, Open Polytechnic, New Zealand

With a background in education overseas and in New Zealand, Leah is a Senior Educational Designer for The Open Polytechnic, New Zealand's national provider of distance education with over 30,000 students. This leadership role has responsibilities that include the design and development of materials for open and flexible learning. Leah has designed blended and online learning packages for a range of professions and vocations. She has also introduced learning and development strategies and frameworks that have been applied at an organisational level.



Day One – Expert Speaker: Trevor Nesbit, Senior Lecturer, Information Systems, University of Canterbury

Trevor is currently researching the use of technology in education, initially focussing on eLearning and moving more into the use of mobile technologies in education.



Draft Programme

Thursday, November 13

IPLS Learning Centre, Level 9, 92 Albert Street, Auckland Central.

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| 5.30pm | Welcome reception |
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Friday, November 14

AUT Law School Campus, 120 Mayoral Drive, Auckland Central

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| 9.30am | Plenary Session – Associate Professor Shirley Reushle, Deputy Director, Australian Digital Futures Institute, University of Southern Queensland | | |
| 10.30am | Morning tea | | |
| Streams | Collaboration in the classroom | Sustaining a sense of community online | Optimising the latest tools and technologies |
| 11.00am | Delegate presentation 1 | Delegate presentation 2 | Trevor Nesbit, Senior Lecturer, Information Systems, University of Canterbury |
| 11.45am | Delegate presentation 3 | Delegate presentation 4 | Delegate presentation 5 |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Delegate presentation 6 | Delegate presentation 7 | Delegate presentation 8 |
| 2.15pm | Delegate presentation 9 | Delegate presentation 10 | Delegate presentation 11 |
| 3.00pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 3.30pm | Workshop opportunity, panel session or additional presentations | Workshop opportunity, panel session or additional presentations | Workshop opportunity, panel session or additional presentations |
| 5.00pm | Day One Close | | |
| 7.00pm | Dinner – Euro restaurant, Auckland Viaduct | | |

Saturday, November 15

AUT Law School Campus, 120 Mayoral Drive, Auckland Central

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| 9.00am | Day Two Keynote Address – Leah de Wijze, Senior Educational Designer, Open Polytechnic, New Zealand | | |
| 10.00am | Morning tea | | |
| Streams | Collaboration in the classroom | Sustaining a sense of community online | Optimising the latest tools and technologies |
| 10.30am | Delegate presentation 12 | Delegate presentation 13 | Delegate presentation 14 |
| 11.15am | Delegate presentation 15 | Delegate presentation 16 | Delegate presentation 17 |
| 12.00pm | Conference Close | | |
| 12.15pm | Lunch | | |

Important Conference Dates

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| 1 July | Registrations and Call for papers now open |
| 3 October | Deadline for call for papers |
| 10 October | Notification of acceptance |
| 17 October | Early Bird closes |
| 3 November | Registrations close |
| 13 November | Conference registration and welcome drinks |
| 14 November | Conference and dinner |
| 15 November | Conference continues – closing at 1.00 pm |

Social Calendar Open to Accompanying Guests

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| 14 November | Conference Dinner |
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7.00 pm, Euro restaurant, Auckland Viaduct

Heads of Courses Meeting, Thursday 13 November

The APLEC Heads of Courses meeting will be held on Thursday 13 November commencing at 10.00 am at the IPLS Auckland Learning Centre, Level 9, 92 Albert Street, Auckland Central.

Contact Elizabeth Loftus for details (eloftus@leocussen.vic.edu.au).

Registration

A separate registration form is available.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation bookings.

(Rankings from tripadvisor.com out of 77 hotels in central Auckland)

- **Copthorne Hotel, 150 Anzac Avenue, Auckland 1010 +64 9 379 8509** (Ranked #32)
An APLEC Conference rate has been negotiated based on single room occupancy. When making the individual reservation, delegates should quote the group block number 112638. The hotel will require a credit card to guarantee each booking. The rate is confirmed at NZ\$150.00 including GST per room per night.
www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/copthorneaucklandcity
- **Pullman Auckland, Cnr Princes St and Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland Central. +64 9 353 1000** (Ranked #15). An APLEC Conference rate has been negotiated based on single room occupancy. When making the individual reservation, delegates should quote the group block code ref # APLEC. The hotel will require a credit card to guarantee each booking. The rate is confirmed at NZ\$210.00 including GST per room per night. Email your enquiries to h8219-re01@pullmanauckland.co.nz or pullmangroup@pullmanauckland.co.nz
www.pullmanhotels.com/Auckland
- **Hotel DeBrett, 2 High Street, CBD, Auckland Central. +64 9-925 9000** (Ranked #2) www.hoteldebrett.com
- **CityLife Auckland, 171 Queen Street, Auckland Central. +64 9 302 1277** (Ranked #9) www.heritagehotels.co.nz/hotels/citylife-auckland
- **Park Regis Auckland, 58-60 Queen Street, Auckland Central. +64 9 309 9979** (Ranked #56) www.parkregisauckland.co.nz
- **The Langham, 83 Symonds Street, Auckland Central. +64 9 379 5132** (Ranked #4) www.auckland.langhamhotels.co.nz
- **Rendezvous Grand Hotel, 71 Mayoral Drive, Auckland Central. +64 9 366 3000** (Ranked #8) www.rendezvoushotels.com/auckland