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## The New Zealand Modelling User Group (NZMUGS)

NZMUGS is a new sub-group to the IPENZ Transportation Group dedicated to promoting the interests of modelling within the transportation industry in New Zealand.

It is the intention that the group will represent all aspects of modelling including micro-simulation and wide-area/strategic modelling, as well as emerging areas such as pedestrian and accessibility modelling.

NZMUGS was developed as a response to an industry need to address the lack of micro-simulation guidelines in the New Zealand Economic Evaluation Manual (EEM) and the constant debate about modelling best practice. Since its inception, NZMUGS has become a focal point for investigating issues, broadcasting training opportunities and providing information on a wide range of modelling packages.

The group is non partisan and the committee is made up of key modelling people from a range of consultants and local and central government authorities from New Zealand and Australia.

NZMUGS currently has around 100 members.

## Projects for 2010

NZMUGS is currently working on the following projects:

- Further development of the Modelling Peer Review Guidelines;
- Continued development of the Micro-simulation Modelling Guidelines;
- Developing guidelines on issues relating to traffic forecasting; and
- Developing a paper setting out suggestions for improvements to traffic modelling matters in the EEM.

## Committee

Position	Person	Company / Organisation
Chairperson	Ian Clark	Flow Transportation Specialists
Vice Chairperson	James Tinnion-Morgan	Opus International Consultants
Administrator	Gavin Smith	Opus International Consultants
Treasurer	Kerstin Rupp	Sinclair Knight Merz
Conference Organiser	Richard Sprosen	Opus International Consultants
	Darren Fidler	Sinclair Knight Merz
	Andrew Mein	Aurecon
	Andrew Murray	Beca Infrastructure
	Terry Church	Flow Transportation Specialists
	Mike Vincent	Greater Wellington Regional Council
	Angus Bargh	Traffic Design Group
	Urie Bezuidenhout	Da Vinci Transport Solutions

## NZMUGS Membership

To join the NZMUGS mailing list, go to <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/NZMUGS/> and click on 'Join This Group'.

Alternatively email:  
NZMUGS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

## 2010 Conference

Our third conference will be held in **Christchurch in September 2010**. Please contact Richard Sprosen (conference organiser) for more details regarding attendance, presenting or sponsorship at: [richard.sprosen@opus.co.nz](mailto:richard.sprosen@opus.co.nz)



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Next conference...  
**September 2010 in Christchurch!**



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