

# NZPI

# DISTINGUISHED

# SERVICE AWARD

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## Justine Bray

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A Full member of NZPI since 1994, Justine has almost 35 years' experience of planning practice. With an impressive and varied portfolio of work, she is highly respected, both for her technical abilities and her willingness to provide leadership and mentoring within the sector. Her commitment to helping develop best-practice protocols for the industry through her work, and her active engagement in the Institute's educative endeavours bear witness to Justine's positive impact on planning practice within New Zealand over several decades.

After attending the University of Auckland and then graduating with a second master's degree, from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, Justine joined a small multi-disciplinary consultancy firm in Auckland, where she worked for nearly three years before relocating to the Waikato to work in the policy arm of Hamilton City Council. She then joined North Shore City Council working also in the policy space and it was at this point she obtained her Full membership of the Institute. During her time at the council, she was responsible for drafting various policy documents and amalgamating those which North Shore inherited after local body reorganisation in the early 1990's. After three years she returned to consultancy and has held a variety of positions at WSP, most recently as a Technical Principal – Planning.

Justine's active engagement in supporting the professional development of colleagues across the sector has added to the reputation and the qualitative output of the profession. Justine has provided national training courses in designations best practice as part of Te Kōkiringa Taumata, The New Zealand Planning Institute's continuing professional development programme and sits on the Institute's Full membership candidate interview panel. She has been a presenter on the Ministry for the Environment's "*Making Good Decisions*" programme for prospective commissioners, provided best-practice content for professional body websites and runs refresher courses for council staff.

Through the nature of her involvement in the planning sector over the past 30 years, as an employee, as a member of the Institute and a member of the broader planning community, Justine has demonstrated that her work is more than a personal career path. Her commitment to professional education, mentoring and supporting her fellow planning colleagues shows Justine to be an exemplar of collegiality and professionalism within planning in Aotearoa New Zealand and so we are proud to award Justine Te Kōkiringa Taumata / NZ Planning Institute's Distinguished Service Award.