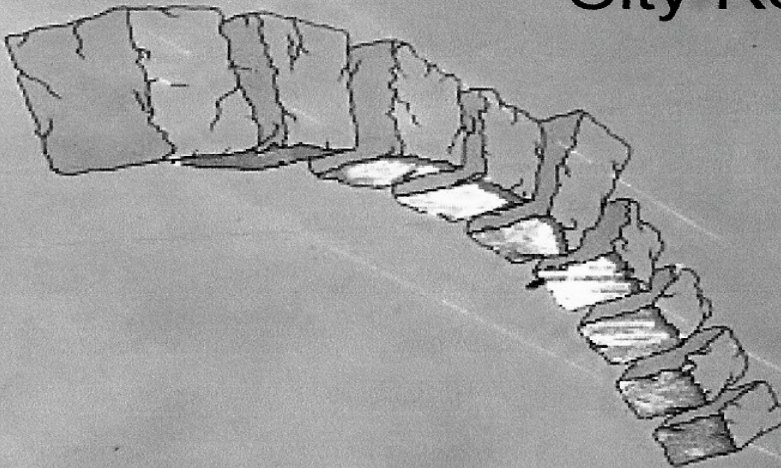




# Newsletter

August 2011

## Toward Respectful & Resilient City Renewal



Di Lucas, Landscape Architect, Lucas Associates

Neil Dawson "Nor-west Arch"

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker this year at the AGM is Di Lucas whose topic will be:

#### **Toward Respectful & Resilient City Renewal**

*"Understanding the character of underlying land assists in understanding land's resilience and site opportunities. Understanding the layers of nature and culture assist in defining sense of place. These fundamental ingredients informing landscape planning will be explored in considering how we might renew our city"* Di Lucas

Di Lucas is a prominent landscape architect and Director of Lucas Associates Ltd.

In her landscape architectural practice Di aims to achieve solutions in planning and design that are community friendly. Di has worked on a range of projects around New Zealand for communities, industry, private property owners and government agencies.

Di Lucas' business has been the recipient of the NZILA Charlie Challenger Award (2005) and the New Zealand Landscape Planning Gold Award (2008).

Members are invited to attend the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**On Thursday 8 September at 5.30 pm**

**Knox Church Hall**

**Bealey Ave**

**Guest speaker Di Lucas**

## Chairman's Report



Somebody recently informed me that the Civic Trust would have little to do now that all the heritage buildings had been demolished. This sombre comment showed little regard for the nearly 50 years of work of the Trust. While it is heritage battles that have given the Trust its highest profile in recent years, there are many other things that we stand for. Public participation in the planning process was a principal concern of the Trust founders in the 1960s.

We are distraught about the loss of so much of our built heritage. More buildings are listed each week by CERA for demolition. Where retention may have been possible, the financial imperatives and mindless haste has pushed owners into destruction. It is obvious that there will not be a lot of the central city left. The difficulty will then be that there is little to graft the recovery on to, heritage or not.

The Board is looking at reprinting *City and Peninsula*, jointly published in 2007 with the Akaroa Civic Trust. This book remains the best record of the heritage of Christchurch and Banks Peninsula lost in the earthquakes. We need external funding as the Trust is not in a position to underwrite the costs. There is also still a debt of \$40,000 from defending the Arts Centre against the Music School proposal.

The City Council will release its draft Central City Plan for public comment in August. This will be the first opportunity to see if there is a vision that builds on the identity of Christchurch. The Board will be making a submission and would welcome any input from members. Please make your own submissions.

The AGM and Awards will happen over the next couple of months and I invite you all to be involved in these events.

This is my last newsletter as Chair of the Trust, although I intend to remain on the Board. It has been a privilege to hold this position and I know that we will continue to make a contribution to this great city in a considered way.

**Tim Hogan**  
Chairman

## New Members

The Civic Trust welcomes the following new members: Vivien Bishop and Penny Griffith.

## CIVIC TRUST AWARDS 2011

Members are invited to nominate recent outstanding heritage and environmental projects to be considered for an award by the Civic Trust later this year.

The Civic Trust Awards ceremony this year will be held on **16 November 2011** at a venue yet to be decided.

**Nominations close on 30 September 2011**

Please address your nominations to:

Civic Trust Awards 2011  
P.O.Box 1927 Christchurch 8140

