

"How to Navigate a Coastal Career"

Eric Verstappen Early Career Panel

Date: 26 November 2020

Time: Panel discussions begins 4:30pm, but feel free to drop in from 2pm as we watch the NZCS Webinar called *Effects of sea level rise on coastal systems*

Venue: Mount Ocean Sports Club on Salisbury Wharf, Pilot Bay. Please go upstairs.

Panel Overview

A New Zealand Coastal Society event as part of the 2020 nationwide conference and in memory of the late [Eric Verstappen](#). The theme for the Panel is "*How to Navigate a Coastal Career*" and is aimed at young people at university, polytech, or those people who are in the early part of their careers or may be wanting to start a career in the coastal space.

We have gathered together a broad array of Panellists and will be hearing a bit from them about the challenges they have faced in the workplace, some of their achievements and motivations, things they might have wanted to have done differently, and dissect some of their failures!

We will also tackle other topics like exploring the power and values of networking and relationships. We will discuss the importance of confidence and the normality of nerves. We will dive into the tricky balancing act between home life and work life, and we'll discuss equal opportunities through lenses of gender, race, age and others.

Please do share this event, bring your friends and grab this opportunity to ask questions of our Panellists and then follow up with a korero over a light refreshment afterwards.

The Panel will run for about an hour and be followed by a social event and some drinks and snacks. The Mount Ocean Sports Club has a wonderful balcony out over the harbour from which to enjoy a water sunset.

Panellists

- Dr. Shari Gallop (Coastal scientist, University of Waikato)
- Lara Clarke (Hazard and risk planner, GNS Science)
- Dr. Michael Allis (Coastal engineer, NIWA)
- Laura Robichaux (coastal engineering consultant, PhD student)
- Josh Te Kani (Ngāi Te Rangi iwi youth co-ordinator).

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Laura Robichaux

Laura is a coastal engineer / scientist in the final stages of writing her PhD on the implementation gap in coastal risk management at the University of Auckland. She is also working remotely from the Mount for an American coastal engineering firm on projects in Florida and the Caribbean.



Lara Clarke



Lara is a specialist planner who has worked across a range of organisations and projects in the coastal space. She has nearly 10 years' experience and has worked within local government, in the private sector and been involved in all aspects of plan making, policy work and resource consents. She has also been involved in working to support the America's Cup infrastructure project in downtown Auckland. Lara now works in the research sector at GNS and leads a team seeking to improve the way we plan for natural hazards, climate change, and clean energy opportunities.

Dr Michael Allis

Michael is a coastal engineer at NIWA with a keen interest in coastal and oceanographic physical processes. His engineering interests include applied coastal geomorphology, coastal engineering and shoreline management, coastal hazard risk assessments, coastal adaptation to climate change, and human activity impacts in the coastal zone. Complementing his engineering work, Michael has research interests in deep-water wave breaking (breaking onset and energy dissipation), swash zone sediment transport and multiphase flow processes (aerated flow) and coastal adaptation to climate change. Michael lives in Tauranga with his 3 children and is often found in the water or on the beach.



Dr Shari Gallop



Shari is a marine environmental scientist at the University of Waikato, Tauranga. She is interested in the science of estuarine restoration, coastal hazards and morphodynamics. She is also on a journey exploring her whakapapa while learning about how to bridge western science and mātauranga Māori.

Josh Te Kani

Josh was born and bred in Tauranga Moana and was raised in and around our coastal marae. With a background in Communications and broadcasting, Josh works in local government in strategic Māori engagement at Tauranga City Council, supporting the development of hapū management plans and policy, with coastal issues a high priority for many hapū and marae in the region. Work at the interface of western science and Mātauranga Māori has been the focus of his work also as Vision Mātauranga knowledge broker for GNS in the RNC (Resilience to Nature's Challenges) supporting the work of environmental scientists and tangata whenua across the country.

