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REGENERATE CHRISTCHURCH APPOINTS THREE NEW MANAGERS

Regenerate Christchurch, the organisation established to lead regeneration across Christchurch, has announced the appointment of three new managers.

The organisation has appointed development specialist Rob Kerr to the role of General Manager, Residential Red Zone, James Lunday, an urban designer and planner, as General Manager Strategy and Regeneration Planning and engagement specialist Chris Mene as General Manager, Partnerships and Engagement.

The organisation currently has an interim staff of 15 and is the process of employing a core team of 25 staff.

Regenerate Christchurch Chief Executive Ivan lafeta says the appointments of Rob, Chris and James to these important roles reflect the focus Regenerate Christchurch has placed on the significance of regeneration for the community's social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing.

"These leaders will drive the work of the organisation over the next five years, partner with communities on planning and engagement and help deliver dynamic and exciting regeneration outcomes for our city," says Ivan lafeta.

Newly appointed General Manager, Residential Red Zone, Rob Kerr has an engineering background and brings a wealth of technical and leadership experience to Regenerate Christchurch.

"Rob became involved in earthquake work immediately post the 2010 quake as Infrastructure Recovery Manager for Waimakariri District Council and has remained close to the recovery and rebuild ever since through a number of leadership positions, most recently as Development Director for Ōtākaro Limited," says Ivan lafeta.

"Rob brings a strong community engagement focus to all of his projects through an inclusive and consultative approach."

Key projects that Rob has led include the Te Papa Ōtākaro /Avon River Precinct, Margaret Mahy Family Playground and the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial.

Hailing from Scotland, James Lunday, Regenerate Christchurch's new General Manager, Strategy and Regeneration Planning is an urban designer/planner with 35 years' experience on major transformation projects internationally including roles in Australia and the United Kingdom.





“As well as extensive national and international experience, James also has a long involvement in Christchurch, working on significant plan changes, urban design projects and buildings,” says Ivan Iafeta.

James is regarded as a leader in the urban design profession, playing a role in the Manukau and Auckland Urban Design Panels as well as working as an urban design adviser to NZTA.

“Our new General Manager, Partnerships and Engagement, Chris Mene is an engagement specialist who has played a significant role in post-earthquake crisis response, recovery and transformation facilitation with communities around greater Christchurch,” says Ivan Iafeta.

One of only two New Zealand-based accredited trainers and hands on practitioner of the International Association of Public Participation, Chris also contributes to Christchurch via his extensive involvement in the health, education, local government, social service and philanthropic sectors.

“Chris will play a key part in ensuring that Regenerate Christchurch engages communities in a meaningful and respectful manner to ensure they are able to fully participate in planning and be involved in decision-making processes that affect them.”

“We’re very pleased to be able to appoint such talented individuals with this breadth of skills and experience – especially in working with the local community – to these important roles,” says Ivan Iafeta.

“To date we’ve been very pleased with the level of interest in working with Regenerate Christchurch, with over 200 expressions of interest received through our website.”

Rob, James and Chris will commence in November. Recruitment for additional roles with Regenerate Christchurch will be underway in the coming weeks.

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