

# ICTH 2019 Programme Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 14 February 2019

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



**International Conference on Transport & Health**  
*Smart Cities. Disruptive Mobility. Healthy People.*

Pullman Melbourne on the Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
4-8 November 2019

## Pullman Melbourne on the Park

Kerri Harris & Arlene Gollan, Event Coordinator

Kerri confirmed that the contract has been signed. It is vital that ICTH come up with the initial deposit of \$10,000 AUD. Kerri has been advocating on our behalf to the hotel administrators to delay the deposit payment due to unforeseen circumstances. Parsons Corporation committed a \$7500 USD sponsorship that was to cover the contract deposit. However, as of 1 January 2019, Parsons went through a company reorganization. Several members of the Parsons leadership were laid off and major cuts were made to the 2019 budgets. *The ICTH sponsorship was rescinded.*

Kerri provided a summary of the Pullman conference facilities, catering and room block. The Pullman is supplying poster boards free of charge. Also noted was the method of room reservation through the ICTH website to ensure delegates receive the discounted rate.

## Abstract Submission

ConFex Technologies will be providing abstract submission, peer-review and the on-line programme software capabilities. Claire Gerson has been assigned as ICTH technical support and will be on-site to assist with presenter slide decks uploaded to the portal, session surveys and other technical needs for ICTH presenters.

As of 18 February, the abstract submission portal is ready to open on **5 March** with a closing date of **9 May**. Depending on submission, the portal can be left open for an additional 1-2 weeks without hampering the peer-review process or publication by the Journal of Transport & Health (JTH). Both practitioner/case study and research abstracts will be accepted but scored differently to ensure fairness. In addition, full proposals will be accepted (3-4 abstracts), however, all abstracts must go through the ICTH peer-review process and be accepted for presentation.

The PC made the decision to have attendees evaluate each session. Surveys will be available ONLY through the on-line programme at the conclusion of each session. Session teams and room monitors will ensure that attendees are reminded to complete the evaluation survey prior to leaving each session. The two highest scoring

session teams will be announced and receive an award (TBD) during the Awards Luncheon scheduled on the last day of ICTH, **Friday, 8 November**.

## Early Registration

ICTH Early Registration was opened ahead of schedule in an effort to acquire the necessary funds for the Pullman contract deposit. To date, two (2) IPATH members have registered. The PC was/is asked to register within the next couple of weeks if permitted by their employer.

## Keynote Suggestions – 3-5 Needed

A complete list of keynote speakers is available at the end of these minutes, Appendix A. A survey will be sent out to the PC to vote on additional keynote invitations. To date, the following have been initiated:

- [Billie Giles-Corti](#) – CONFIRMED
- [Janette Sadik-Khan](#) – urban and transport planner, in charge of transport in New York, Bloomberg Associates. Karyn sent an email to her contact at Bloomberg Philanthropies on 14 February in which a response was received the following day. As instructed, Karyn sent a follow-up email to Ms. Khan's handler in which details were provided regarding ICTH.
- [Julie Anne Genter](#) Julie Anne Genter is an American-born New Zealand politician who is a member of the House of Representatives representing the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand. She is currently the Minister for Women, Associate Minister for Health and Associate Minister for Transport. She holds dual citizenship of New Zealand and the United States. Caroline and Hamish Recommend and are in the process of making contact to submit a speaker request. Due to Ms. Genter's schedule, it may only be possible to pursue a virtual commitment. If so, we will need to check with the Pullman to confirm Skyping capabilities.

We will also need to decide on a nominal stipend, travel and lodging expenses. *Sponsors needed!*

## Social Programme

Bicycling Tours: No update from Liang as he was not on the call.

Liang Ma has volunteered to research the bicycle Tours and check on the cost of using the University of Melbourne photographer. Bike docks available throughout the city however a helmet is required. Karyn will send an email to inquire on the status of the bicycle tours and securing a photographer.

Jude Carlton sent an email on 19 February with contact and potential sponsor information. Karyn will follow up.

### Walking Tours



Monique Bayer, Walk Melbourne, provided an in-depth description of the walking tours available through her company.

Group rates are \$61.75 or \$81.75 AUD (including all taxes) depending on the tour.

Four walking and tasting tours of Melbourne will be offered at different times over the course of the conference; in addition to days leading up to and following. A final offering will be determined in conjunction with the ICTH scientific programme in May.

- Coffee Lovers Walk
- Dumpling Discovery Walk
- Foodie Indulgence Walk (most popular with international guests and includes up to 8 tastings.)
- Rooftop Bars Walk

Each tour offers at least four tastings over three hours and includes guided commentary by a passionate local. Each tour is limited to 10 people. We could offer delegates separate sign up times throughout the conference. *It may be necessary to identify an additional walking tour company depending on ICTH registration and interest.*

## Welcome Reception - Old Melbourne Gaol

The ICTH Welcome Reception date, **Wednesday, 6 November 2019**, is on tentative hold pending a signed contract. Contract has been received from the Events Coordinator, Laura Reddaway. Laura and Karyn will speak the week of 18 February to determine the event budget and offerings in preparation for a signed contract.

## Melbourne Tourism Bureau – Caroline Vézeau

Unable to attend call

Melbourne Cup Carnival, **Tuesday, 5 November 2019** – Activities Pending

## City of Melbourne Grant Application

Karyn has requested to receive information from the City of Melbourne regarding its grant funding opportunities. The TPH Link/ICTH will be submitting a request for \$10,000 AUD to cover the cost of conference related expenses in Melbourne. **Applications will be available March 2019.**

## Australian Tax Accountability

Karyn has completed the Australian Business Number (ABN) application on-line and sent the required proof of identify (POI) to the Australian Tax Authority. Certified supplemental documents were mailed on **Monday, 11 February**. The ABN is a necessary first step to apply for Goods and Service Tax (GST) of 10% that **MUST** be paid on ALL ICTH registration fees. An ABN is also required to set up a bank account in country to pay ICTH vendor and service expenses.

## Sponsor Recruitment

*Deposit Required to hold the Pullman Hotel venue - \$10,000 AUD immediately*

Programme Committee (PC) members are encouraged to register at their earliest convenience. All ICTH PC members are entitled to the discounted IPATH conference registration rate of \$995 AUD.

Note that Karyn initiated a team competition to facilitate abstract submission/registration and sponsor recruitment. Each PC member will receive an ICTH registration waiver for securing a minimum of 15 abstract author submissions or a Gold Level sponsorship. If the PC member registers for ICTH and pays the early registration fee to assist with raising the initial Pullman deposit of \$10,000 AUD, said registration fee will be reimbursed once the competition requirements have been fulfilled.

The Sponsor Prospectus is available on the conference website at: <https://www.tphlink.com/ict-2019---melbourne.html> We have secured sponsor for six of the 12 high scoring abstract awards.

## **Training Seminars - *Action Needed***

ICTH is looking to offer dynamic training seminars on key performance metrics and programmes involving transport and health. Training seminars will be held on **Monday, 4 November**

- Complex Program Evaluation – Mel Crane
- Community Severance – Jenny Mindell
- Propensity to Cycle – Robin Lovelace
- TBD – Dr. Dia is checking on instructors for Autonomous Vehicles
- TBD – Suggestions?
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Payment is offered to session instructors at 50% of the registration fee of \$75 AUD per session/per person

Steve Abley, New Zealand, has been contacted by Karyn on 14 February. Steve suggested a [project on Walkability](#) however there is no decision at this time on whether or not this would be a training seminar or Hot Topic Workshop.

## **Hot Topic Workshops - *Action Needed***

ICTH is looking for exciting, innovative, out-of-the-box learning experiences to bring to delegates. Hot Topic Workshops will run in parallel with abstract sessions. Workshops are meant to be hands on and interactive. Each workshop will be 1.5 - 2 hours depending on the topic.

## **Marketing & Communications**

Karyn asked the PC member to check with their respective academic institutions and organizations regarding logo inclusion on marketing materials. This might also be a way to approach potential sponsorship.

Steve Abley and his associate Jeanette Ward, PG President, have agreed to help market ICTH to their practitioner base of professionals. Jeanette has offered to include ICTH in the Round About Magazine reaching 1000, but will also network at the PG conference in a couple of weeks.

Email blasts will go out to the ICTH list-serve every 2-3 weeks and will be shared on social media. PC members are asked to forward these emails to their professional networks.

# Appendix A

## Keynote Speaker Suggestions

### *ICTH 2019 - Melbourne*

#### [Billie Giles-Corti](#) - CONFIRMED

Hussein and Ghassan recommend [Professor Susan Thompson](#)

City Planning UG, City Planning, Research Centre Staff, City Futures Research Centre, People and Place  
With a foundation in public sector planning practice, I joined UNSW over 25 years ago with a mission to investigate the relationship between people and place in terms of cultural diversity, health and wellbeing. I am one of the pioneers of urban planning for wellbeing in Australia. Research translation and impact in the real world are fundamental to the way I work. My research, teaching and outreach activities all focus on how to plan cities in ways that make it easy for people to engage in health-supportive behaviours as part of everyday living. My field is of critical importance because we are in the midst of a global explosion of chronic diseases (such as obesity, diabetes and mental illness) - all directly related to our sedentary, car-based, isolated lifestyles and all costing us economically and socially. At UNSW Built Environment we talk about building resilient and healthy cities, which is central to what I do.

Ghassan also recommends [Professor Helen Berry](#), University of Sydney

Helen is the inaugural Professor of Climate Change and Mental Health at the University of Sydney. She is a widely-cited psychiatric epidemiologist and expert in how climate change, disasters and social and physical place influence mental health and wellbeing. She advises on national and international research programs and is currently working with the Lancet Countdown to include indicators of mental health from 2018. She is also advising on a major new mental health disaster study of the impact of Cyclone Debbie which made landfall over New South Wales, Australia, in March/April 2017. She has developed multiple population screening measures including the Australian Community Participation Questionnaire, the Brief Weather Disaster Trauma Exposure and Impact Screen and others which are included in population health and intervention studies around the world. Helen has been supported by major competitive research funding (e.g., NHMRC, ARC) and other awards and has led influential research-policy initiatives. Her research career builds on a 12-year career in federal and state public policy and on 13 years of voluntary executive leadership service in the relationships services sector. Helen holds an honorary appointment at the University of Melbourne and is a Director of Altitude Consulting Pty Ltd, a hi-tech management, business and research consulting company.

Sara Recommends Dr Tayebbeh Saghapour ([tayebbeh.shaghapour@rmit.edu.au](mailto:tayebbeh.shaghapour@rmit.edu.au)). She is also at RMIT University. Profile is not available on the university website.

Shanthi Recommends (3):

**Dr Rhys Jones** - Dr Rhys Jones (Ngāti Kahungunu) is a Public Health Medicine Specialist and Senior Lecturer in Māori Health at the University of Auckland. As Director of Teaching in Te Kupenga Hauora Māori (the Department of Māori Health), he oversees Māori Health teaching, learning and assessment in the Faculty of

Medical and Health Sciences. His research interests include ethnic inequalities in health, Indigenous health in health professional education, and environmental influences on health and wellbeing. Rhys is a passionate advocate for action on the social determinants of health, equity and Indigenous rights. He has a strong track record of research and advocacy on the implications of climate change for health and equity. As Co-Convenor of OraTaiao: The New Zealand Climate and Health Council, he has a national leadership role in promoting healthy climate action. Rhys was the Principal Investigator of the Educating for Equity study, an international research project examining how health professional education can reduce inequities and improve health outcomes for Indigenous populations. In 2005-06, he was a Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy based at Harvard Medical School in Boston, USA. His fellowship project examined interventions to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care using organisational case studies.

At a personal level, he bikes pretty much everywhere, is a staunch advocate for active transport, healthy streets and transforming cities to be sustainable and equitable, has undertaken research examining transport implications for Maori health and equity.

Shanthi, Rebecca, Jenny

**Dr Bridget Burdett** – Principal Researcher, Stantec Ltd, (based in Hamilton, New Zealand). Transport engineer with a PhD in Cognitive Psychology, with strong interests and work progressing the agenda for inclusive transport systems that improve the health, mobility and wellbeing of people with disabilities. She is currently working with lead organisations in New Zealand (Disabled People’s Assembly), the NZ Ministry of Social Development, and accessible transport think tanks in the OECD.

**Professor Tom Shakespeare** – now based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Tom is a very well-known disability researcher, commentator and social scientist with a keen interest in accessible mobility. He was a lead editor of the World Report on Disability and Rehabilitation and has contributed to many position papers and reports on transport and health, particularly when he was working at the WHO, Geneva. There is plenty of information on Tom on [www](http://www), the Guardian, BBC website, etc.

Alistair Recommends (2): [Janette Sadik-Khan](#)

Janette Sadik-Khan served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) from 2007-2013, where she implemented an ambitious program to improve safety, mobility and sustainability, and ensure a state of good repair on the city’s roads, bridges and ferries. At Bloomberg Associates, she works with mayors around the world to reimagine and redesign their cities with innovative projects that can be developed quickly and inexpensively.

At NYC DOT, Janette oversaw a \$2.8 billion budget, delivering transformative projects including the pedestrianization of Times Square and redesigning 2.3 miles of Broadway from Columbus Circle to Union Square; the planning and launch of seven Select Bus Service routes; and the nation’s largest bike share program. She added nearly 400 miles of bicycle lanes and installed 60 plazas across the city. She also developed and published New York City’s first-ever Street Design Manual and Street Works Manual, defining new standards for creating more resilient and attractive streets. Before joining the Bloomberg Administration, she was a Senior Vice President at Parsons Brinckerhoff, an international engineering firm. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration. Sadik-Khan is the chair of the National Association of Transportation Officials (NACTO), an organization of transportation commissioners in over 40 US cities and is

a member of the board of directors of both the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) and the Regional Plan Association (RPA). She also sits on the Board of Trustees of Occidental College, from which she holds a B.A. in Political Science, in addition to a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.

Jude, Jenny, and several others endorse

**[Professor Ralph Sims](#)** – engineer, international leader on sustainable energy, led the transport chapter of the last IPCC assessment report, Massey University New Zealand International consultant and contributor for: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), OECD, FAO, REN21, Global Energy Assessment 2011. International Energy Agency (IEA) Senior analyst on renewable energy and 450 Policy Scenario 2006-2009 including reports on Bioenergy project development; Renewable Heating and Cooling; Biofuels; Cities, Towns and Renewable Energy. Co-ordinating Lead Author for IPCC 4th Assessment Report (2007) on "Energy Supply"; Special Report on Renewables on "Integration" (2011) and 5th Assessment Report on "Transport" (to be published 2014). <https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/2018642651/ralph-sims-towards-a-carbon-zero-2050>

**Caroline and Hamish Recommend:** **[Julie Anne Genter](#)**

Julie Anne Genter [MP](#) ([/'dʒɛntər/](#); born 17 December 1979) is an American-born New Zealand politician who is a member of the [House of Representatives](#) representing the [Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand](#). She is currently the Minister for Women, Associate Minister for Health and Associate Minister for Transport. She holds [dual citizenship](#) of New Zealand and the United States.[\[1\]](#)

Genter has worked as a transportation planner since coming to New Zealand in 2006. She was initially employed by [Sinclair Knight Merz](#) in Auckland (2006–2007) before starting with McCormick Rankin Cagney in Auckland in 2008.[\[3\]](#) She is recognised within the transportation industry as an expert on parking policy and the economic and transport effects thereof,[\[5\]](#) and has advised numerous councils in Australasia on this topic.[\[6\]](#) She has given many presentations at conferences on the subject matter (for example 2008 New Zealand Society for Sustainability Engineering and Science,[\[7\]](#) 2008 [IPENZ](#) Transportation Conference[\[8\]](#) and 2010 Local Government Transport Forum[\[9\]](#)), and appeared on [TVNZ's Breakfast](#) programme[\[10\]\[11\]](#) and [Kim Hill's Saturday Morning](#) programme on [Radio New Zealand National](#).[\[6\]](#)

Placed in 13th place on the Green Party list for the [2011 election](#),[\[12\]](#) Genter entered Parliament, with the Greens gaining 14 List Members of Parliament.[\[13\]\[14\]](#) In July 2015 Genter became the third ever female MP to hold a finance portfolio, alongside the Transport and Youth portfolios.[\[15\]](#) The departure of long-standing Health Spokesperson Kevin Hague in September 2016 led to her taking on the Health portfolio, keeping Transport, Youth, Auckland Issues, and Associate Finance.[\[16\]](#) Whilst in Parliament, Genter has criticised the Government for spending billions of dollars on motorways,[\[17\]](#) called for a nationwide mental health inquiry,[\[18\]](#) and questioned Health Minister [Jonathan Coleman](#) on his use of a [Coca-Cola](#) funded study.[\[19\]](#) In January 2017 Genter criticised former Green Party issues director [Laila Harré](#), stating that the reason Harré gave for resigning from the Greens was not factual. Genter quickly apologised to Harré stating "regret any slight to your integrity".[\[20\]](#)

In late 2016 Genter announced that she would be putting her name forward for the Green Party nomination for the [Mount Albert by-election](#), to be held in February 2017.[\[21\]\[22\]\[23\]](#) On 12 January 2017 it was announced

that Genter would indeed be her party's nominee.<sup>[24]</sup> Genter came second in the election, with 11.5% of the vote. Genter stated she rebuffed an approach by [Gareth Morgan](#) to [waka-jump](#) to his [The Opportunities Party](#) (TOP) in July 2017, though TOP denied any "formal" approach had been made.<sup>[25]</sup> During the [2017 election](#), Genter was re-elected on the Green Party list.<sup>[26]</sup>

Jennifer Kent Suggests:

[Mimi Sheller](#) has done some fantastic work on understanding contemporary attachments to private car use and transitions away from car dependence. It's my research area so I could be biased, but regardless of the promises of AVs, I still see VKT by cars as one of the key requirements for a healthier transport system. Understanding the complexity of cultural, political, structural barriers to less car use might be helpful for those doing more "scientific" research in this space. I'm happy to help approach her if it would be useful.

Stephen Greaves Suggests:

[Dr. Elliot Fishman](#), Director, Transport Innovation, Institute for Sensible Transport. Dr. Fishman has agreed to host a Hot Topic Workshop. However, he has done some really impressive work. We might want to consider him as a keynote.