

INFRASTRUCTURE WOMEN IN FOCUS



WIN NZ has been established to grow the visibility of women in the infrastructure sector and is open to women of all levels. Every month we will be profiling a different woman working in a different part of the sector. If you would like to be profiled, please answer the questions below and send your picture through to [Natasha](#).

We'd like to introduce Cherie as our next Woman of Focus. In addition to her role at Fulton Hogan, Cherie also chairs the Christchurch WIN chapter committee.



CHERIE LECKNER

CENTRAL AREA DELIVERY
MANAGER, SECONDED INTO NCTIR



1. What company or organisation do you work for and what is your role there?

I work for Fulton Hogan Ltd. My current role is Central Area Delivery Manager seconded into the North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR).

2. Tell us about your career background and how you got to this position/role?

I have worked within Fulton Hogan for 24 years. In this time I have worked in several disciplines within the Waikato Regional business, and the last 10 years in Major Projects and Civil streams.

3. Tell us about a project are you currently working on and why it interests you?

I am currently in Kaikoura working on the North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) Alliance project. The project in itself has a meaningful purpose – reconnecting Kaikoura with wider NZ, reconnecting life lines, freight lines and tourism routes. The scope of the project is fantastic for an engineer – ranging from major slip removal, though challenging structures, right through to creating a world class shared path. I have been lucky enough to lead a team building new Seawalls and road/rail realignments.

4. What's the hardest job you've ever done and why?

The current project is the hardest one. In Jan 2017 we had a deadline to reopen SH1 by Dec 2017 – getting my head around a task that wasn't designed, to be built by a team that didn't exist, and unknowns around what surprise the earthquakes had in store for us. Completing that challenge is the hardest and the most satisfying moment in my career to date.

5. Can you think of one example where your "diversity" has materially affected the outcome of a work situation or project, either positively or negatively?

I have been instrumental in creating a 12 month Women's Leadership programme called [Road to Success](#) within Fulton Hogan. It's in its second year now, with absolutely amazing outcomes.

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