

Fellowship Nomination

Nomination 1: Rebecca Strang

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Citation

Rebecca Strang has been an awesome leader for Survey & Spatial NZ. Being the first woman President was really important change and affirmed the progress the organisation was making at that time. She inspired those around her with the effort she put in to the President role while handling a major new professional role in Aurecon and being mother to two primary school kids. Lucky for us she had such great support from David and her employer.

Rebecca has been to the fore in Young Professional since at least the FIG conference in 2010 where she was an ambassador. Rebecca is passionate about supporting others to continuously learn and grow. She enjoys building relationships and challenging the status quo in order to achieve efficient and effective outcomes.

She is an active contributor to the broader geospatial sector having held various positions within Survey and Spatial New Zealand (NZ Institute of Surveyors) including President (2017-2019), Vice President (2015-2017), Councillor (2013-2019) and was a Board Director between 2016 and 2019.

Rebecca is based in Auckland, New Zealand, and has a technical background in land surveying. She joined the Aurecon (then Connell Wagner) Wellington team as an undergraduate in 2000 and since then has developed broad capabilities across geospatial, land infrastructure and digital transformation expertise areas.

In 2016 Rebecca took on the role of Digital Practice Leader for Aurecon NZ. This was a change in direction away from technical delivery, to a more strategic leadership role, and saw her responsible for implementing Aurecon's global strategy across the NZ business.

In her current role as the global Capability Leader for Geospatial and Land Infrastructure, she is responsible for leading communities of practice across Australia, New Zealand and Asia, that connect region practice leaders and capability specialists. The objective of this role is to ensure knowledge around technical best practice is shared and our people have the necessary future ready skills to help our clients and communities address key challenges such as climate change, housing, ageing infrastructure and digitisation of assets and processes.

Management skills v Ability to develop strong and effective working relationships by being authentic and demonstrating empathy for others v Leading teams to deliver technical solutions to complex challenges by creating an inclusive and collaborative cross-discipline team culture Technical skills v Digital delivery planning to ensure data is well managed and able to be utilised effectively and efficiently by multiple disciplines and to ensure digital delivery risks are mitigated v Identification of technical and commercial risks relating to geospatial data capture, land development and utilities