



**School Caretakers' and  
Property Managers'**

# **South Island School Property Conference**

**9.00am-4.30pm, Thursday 22nd June 2023**  
**Riccarton Park Function Centre, Christchurch**

**REGISTRATION**  
**8.15am-9.00am**

**INTRODUCTION**  
**9.00am**  
**Welcome to Delegates and Housekeeping**  
**Wayne Jamieson:**  
General Manager, CES

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**9.00am-9.55am**

**MORNING TEA**  
**10.00am**

**MORNING WORKSHOPS**  
**10.30am-12 Noon**



### **KEYNOTE SPEECH** **9.00am-9.55am**

#### **“Attitude is everything!”**

Mark Inglis will share valuable lessons he's learned from his life experiences that required remarkable resilience, determination, and perseverance. Discover the power of maintaining a positive attitude when faced with challenges, as Mark draws upon his personal journey as a double amputee to provide inspiring examples. You'll walk away motivated and ready to apply his insights to your personal and professional life.

### **KEY SPEAKER PROFILE**

**Mark Inglis**  
*Mountaineer, researcher,  
winemaker and philanthropist*

Mark is a man of many talents and passions. He holds a degree in Human Biochemistry and has conducted research on leukaemia. He won a silver medal in the 1km time trial event at the 2000 Summer Paralympics in Sydney, and was the first double amputee to reach the summit of Mount Everest. In addition to his athletic and academic accomplishments, Mark also serves as a goodwill ambassador for the Everest Rescue Trust, founded Limbs4All, a charitable trust based in New Zealand, and created a line of sports drinks and energy gels called PeakFuel.

### **MORNING WORKSHOPS** **10.30am-12.00 Noon**

#### **Solar power is perfect for schools**

**Hamish Littin:** *CEO, Director International Operations, Power Technology*

Solar power can be a smart long-term investment for schools, offering significant savings on electricity costs while reducing their carbon footprint and promoting sustainability. And as a solar array generates electricity during school hours, it's a visible way to demonstrate the use of renewable energy to students. Hamish will evaluate the benefits of solar power, with a focus on the New Zealand Solar Schools programme which consists of four main components:

- Design, supply, and installation of a solar power system
- Monitoring and data sharing
- Educational opportunities
- STEM learning

#### **Running a school pool – top 5 operational tips**

**Sarah Cresswell:**  
*Principal Training Consultant, Wai Skills*

Running a school pool involves much more than just adding chlorine, and Sarah will reveal the top five tips you need to know to ensure your pool is safe and well-maintained for everyone to enjoy. You'll come away from this workshop with a clear understanding of how to operate your pool more effectively, including the essential maintenance and safety requirements. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert and ensure your school's pool is the best it can be.

#### **Heating system maintenance: boilers and more**

**Bill Pinkham:**  
*Project Manager & IQP Argest*

Join Bill's workshop to get expert tips on maintaining your school's heating system safely and efficiently. Stay up-to-date with the latest methods for managing boilers, including sustainable options like wood pellets and innovative air-to-water technology. Additionally, Bill will cover the often-neglected maintenance of Air to Air Heat Pumps. Learn how to ensure these systems run efficiently and keep students and staff warm throughout the year.

#### **The role of the property manager in improving school grounds: a case study**

**Jill Rice:** *Landscape Architect, Get Outside*

Effective design and management of outdoor spaces in schools can enhance learning across all subjects and equip students with skills for engaging with the world. Drawing from her experience as a landscape architect, Jill will highlight the vital role of property managers in achieving sustainable and positive outcomes from school ground redevelopment. Using a school as an example, she will illustrate how an accessible and engaged property manager can maximise space for learning.

#### **Pruning trees and shrubs: a training lesson**

**Alan Joliffe:** *Horticulturist*

Discover everything you need to know about planting, caring for, and pruning young plants for a long-term payoff on your investment. Alan will share expert tips on selecting the right plant for the right place, rejuvenating older or neglected shrubs, and hiring a tree contractor to prune larger trees.

**BUFFET LUNCH**  
**12.00 Noon-1.00pm**

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
**1.00pm-2.00pm**

### **“Lockdowns – unlocking the key aspects of your role”**



While cleaning and maintenance are important contributions to schools, the caretaker's duty extends even further, especially during a school lockdown. In his talk, Darren will

explain your crucial role in ensuring the safety of students and staff. This includes securing buildings, conducting regular checks and communicating with relevant parties. Darren will also offer practical guidance on how to work effectively with both the school administration and police in emergency situations. Key topics will include:

- Fundamental principles of lockdowns
- When to use a lockdown: different scenarios
- Procedures for executing a lockdown
- Structure of a lockdown
- Interacting with Police and lockdown contractors

### **KEY SPEAKER PROFILE**

**Darren Morton** Dip NZ Pol:  
*Managing Director, Executive Security Group*

With over 35 years experience working in security and protection across twelve countries, Darren has established himself as an expert. His career began in the New Zealand Police where he was a member of the armed offenders squad, special tactics group, and witness protection squad. Today, as Managing Director of his own private security company, Darren continues to provide high level security services, including VIP protection, security reviews, crime prevention, counter-stalking, and security training to organisations, including schools.

**AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**  
**2.00pm-3.15pm**

### **Fire hazards and controls in the school environment**

**Garry Van der Krogt:** *Fire protection specialist, Argest Building & Compliance*

Join Garry to explore the essential aspects of fire protection and fire alarm systems in schools. Discover how to properly maintain and test fire alarms, effective strategies to prevent fires, and the significance of having a comprehensive fire safety plan. Plus, learn about the crucial role caretakers play in ensuring a safe and secure school environment."

### **Pest control in schools**

**Mark Tomlinson:** *Flick Pest Control*

Mark is a pest control and disease management expert. He'll talk about eco-friendly pest control techniques that are safe for families and pets, and the 'new generation' of pesticide products that break down over time, minimising harm to the environment. Learn about Flick's approach to Covid and disease control, and take away practical advice that you can put into action in your school, right away.

*Handouts will be provided for future reference.*

### **Handling dangerous chemicals around the school**

**Dr Sage Robinson:** *All About People*

Sage will review the legal requirements of hazardous substance use which are relevant to schools. He will focus on handling, compatibility, storage and the emergency response to chemicals commonly found in school workshops. Specific chemicals to be addressed are petrol, LPG, solvent paints, cleaners, and boiler chemicals.

### **Managing lawns and turf for different purposes**

**Alan Joliffe:** *Horticulturist*

To perform properly, sports fields and playgrounds need to be cared for using different strategies. Alan will compare the different methods available to keep both lawn and turf in looking good and in top condition, despite heavy use. Other topics covered will include selecting the right grass types, mowing techniques, reducing weed growth, and sustainable ways to improve soil health.

### **Valuing the work of caretakers and school property managers**

**Sarah Thompson:** *Team Leader, Et*

The hard work of school caretakers and school property managers often goes unrecognised, and Et ū wants to change that. In this session, members will be informed of the union's ongoing efforts to redress this issue, including the implementation of Fair Pay Agreements.

*Time will be allocated for questions.*

**CONCLUSION**  
**3.15pm-4.00pm**

Wrap up your conference day in style! Join us for complimentary drinks and nibbles, and network with your colleagues. And don't forget to stick around for the chance to win fantastic prizes! See you there!

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**Prizes drawn, complimentary drinks and nibbles**

## Workshop Presenters

### Hamish Littin

**CEO, Director International Operations  
Power Technology**

Hamish has over 20 years of Solar PV experience, including a decade in executive management. He has worked across North America, Latin America, Caribbean, New Zealand, Indonesia, and the South Pacific. Hamish is also actively involved in the industry and has served on the board of Sustainable Energy Association NZ for two years, representing the industry in standards and accreditation.

### Sarah Cresswell

**Principal Training Consultant  
and owner, Wai Skills**

With over 25 years of experience in the water industry, Sarah is an expert in water treatment, reticulation systems and wastewater treatment. She currently holds the position of Aquatics Technical Advisor for several organisations, including Recreation Aotearoa, Te Whatu Ora, Ministry of Education, and Toi Mai. Throughout her career, Sarah has designed and implemented training programs in New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific Islands.

### Bill Pinkham

**Project Manager & IQP, Argest**

Bill oversees various projects for the Ministry of Education, including managing the school boiler condition assessment surveys. He has extensive knowledge and expertise in HVAC and boiler systems, ranging from design and installation to facilities maintenance.

### Jill Rice

**Landscape Architect, Get Outside**

For more than 30 years, Jill has honed her skills as a landscape architect, specialising in designing outdoor environments for schools and early childhood centres in the Auckland region. She is the founder of the award-winning company Get Outside. With a family background in teaching, Jill has a deep appreciation for the critical role property managers play in creating positive learning environments for entire school communities.

### Alan Joliffe

**Horticulturist, parks and recreation manager,  
conservationist**

Alan has managed botanic gardens, parks, recreation and heritage places for more than 28 years. He also worked within tertiary education for 18 years as a principal lecturer and in senior management roles. Other positions he has held include curator of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, chairman of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture and chairman of the Canterbury Conservation Board. Alan is currently President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society, a trustee of Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust and chairman of the Christchurch Garden City Trust.

### Garry van der Krogt

**Argest Building and Compliance**

Garry is Argest's in-house fire protection specialist. He is highly qualified with a level 4 certification in detection and alarm systems and is registered as an IQP for most of the systems found in schools. His skill set includes risk assessment, systems design, implementation, and project management. For the last 12 years Garry has managed the Ministry of Education's fire alarm upgrade programme for schools.

### Mark Tomlinson

**Flick Pest Control**

Flick has been providing accredited pest control services to local homes and businesses in New Zealand for over 100 years. Their residential and commercial services use eco-friendly techniques to effectively eliminate pests.

### Dr Sage Robinson

**Occupational Hygienist/Director  
Safe & Sound Solutions**

Dr Robinson's expertise comes from working in the petrochemical and semiconductor industries, where he specialised in personal safety and environmental compliance. He holds a Ph.D. in Organic and Analytical Chemistry as well as a Graduate Certificate in Workplace Health and Safety, and is a member of the NZOHS council as well as a Professional member of the New Zealand Institute of Safety Management.

### Sarah Thompson

**Team Leader, E Tū Union**

E Tū advocates for better working conditions, fair pay, and job security for its members, representing over 50,000 workers across various industries. The union has a strong focus on social justice and strives to make New Zealand a fairer and more equitable society for all.



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☐ Yes, I would like to attend the South Island School Property Conference

(Please use a separate registration form for each enrolment, photocopies are welcome).

## Registration details

Name

Position

School

Postal address

Email Address

Name to appear on Name Tag:

Please send us an invoice for the total of \$

**Please decide now which workshop you want to attend and tick the relevant squares.**

Bookings are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so although every effort will be made to accommodate your choice, CES reserve the right to select an alternative.

| MORNING SESSIONS (choose one only) |                                                  | AFTERNOON SESSIONS (choose one only) |                                                             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION A | Solar power is perfect for schools               | <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION A   | Fire hazards and controls in schools                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION B | School pools – top five operational tips         | <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION B   | Pest control in schools                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION C | Heating system maintenance: boilers and more     | <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION C   | Handling chemicals around the school site                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION D | The caretaker's role in improving school grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION D   | Lawn and turf for different purposes                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION E | Pruning trees and shrubs: a training lesson      | <input type="checkbox"/> SESSION E   | Valuing the work of school caretakers and property managers |

## DIETARY INFORMATION (if applicable)

☐ I am a vegetarian (tick if vegetarian)

☐ I have special dietary requirements (please supply details)

## COST AND PAYMENT

Registration fee includes workshops, speakers, morning tea and buffet lunch. **\$415.00 + GST** per person. Places are strictly limited and final confirmation is subject to availability, so register early. Any questions, call free 0800 205 267, or email [wayne@cessl.org.nz](mailto:wayne@cessl.org.nz)

## CANCELLATION POLICY

You may send a substitute in your place. Cancellations received seven days prior to the event will attract a full refund.

Regrettably no refunds can be made for cancellations received after this date.

## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

**1. Online:** go to [www.cessl.org.nz/services](http://www.cessl.org.nz/services) **2. Email:** scan this registration form and send to [wayne@cessl.org.nz](mailto:wayne@cessl.org.nz)

**3. Phone free:** 0800 205 267

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Free car-parking is available right outside the front of the function centre. Only seven minutes from Christchurch International Airport.

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