

# PIANC Young Professionals Leadership Breakfast Series



The New Zealand Chapter of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure has organised an exciting leadership breakfast in Christchurch.

**Hear from industry professionals about their career journey and meet other like-minded YPs. Open to anyone working in or interested in the ports and marine industry, including students.**

## Christchurch

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025, 8.30am – 10:30am

WSP Office, 12 Moorhouse Ave, Addington, CHCH, 8011

### **Gary Teear – Director and Senior Engineer at Offshore & Coastal Engineering Limited (OCEL)**

Gary Teear is Director and Senior Engineer at Offshore & Coastal Engineering Limited (OCEL), a consultancy with specialist expertise in coastal and offshore engineering. OCEL has a strong track record in projects across New Zealand, including ocean outfalls, wharf design, subsea pipelines, coastal structures, and the oil and gas sector. Since graduating with a BE (Hons, 1st Class) in Civil Engineering in 1968, Gary has built a career that spans technical engineering, commercial diving, and explosives work. His background includes serving as a Demolition Instructor in the New Zealand Army and qualifications in construction blasting. Having worked around the world, Gary brings valuable perspective to the industry. Known for his practical leadership style, he leads by example—never asking others to do what he wouldn't do himself.



### **Matt Sheppard – Ports & Coastal Engineer at BECA**

Matt Sheppard is a Ports & Coastal Engineer at BECA with over a decade of experience in the marine sector, spanning construction, design, and contract management. He has led complex projects across multiple countries, collaborating with diverse teams to deliver successful outcomes. His recent roles include serving as Deputy Resident Engineer on the ESSSAP (Enhancing Safety, Security, and Sustainability of Apia Port) Project in Apia, Samoa, and as Design Manager for the Northport Berth Extension in New Zealand. Having worked on both the contractor and consultant sides of the industry, Matt brings a well-rounded perspective that bridges technical execution with strategic project delivery.



Join us for this Breakfast event! Catering provided will include barista coffee, Posh Porridge, and Bellbird pastries. See you there!

**Christchurch YP Event**  
**23 July 2025**

**Contact US:** We sincerely hope you will join us for this exciting event. Questions? You can always reach the local organiser at [jess.wood@wsp.com](mailto:jess.wood@wsp.com)