



ROWAN SAPSFORD

Rowan is an experienced planner who uses his skills to deliver a wide range of resource management, strategic, recreation and conservation planning projects. With over twenty years of experiences he uses this to focus his skills to advise and support his clients to create great and positive outcomes.

SPECIALTIES

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Resource and Reserve management and strategic planning

Feasibility and business case development

Stakeholder and community consultation and engagement processes

Project management and project planning

Destination, recreation and conservation strategies

EXPERIENCE

Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning
Massey University

Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Studies
Massey University

Making Good Decisions Certification
Ministry for the Environment

Director Roam Consulting Limited (2018 – Present)

Senior Planner at Perception Planning (2015 – 2018)

Bike Taupō Chairperson (2012 to 2016)

Strategic Project Manager and Senior Partnership Ranger at Department of Conservation (2011 - 2015)

Team Leader Environmental Policy and senior planner at Taupō District Council (2004 - 2011)

Planner and Policy Planner at London Borough of Hillingdon and London Borough of Camden (respectively), London, United Kingdom (2001 - 2004)

Policy Planner for Gisborne District Council (1998 - 2000)



PROJECTS

- Led the development of a Biodiversity Strategy for the Ngāti Pāhauwera Core area with Ngāti Pāhauwera iwi and the Department of Conservation.
- Project managing and developing the Reids Farm Reserve Management Plan Review process. (2016) and subsequent action plan for infrastructure development at the reserve (2018-2019)
- Project managed and developed Taiao, Taiora an Iwi Environmental Plan for Te Kahui o Taranaki Iwi (2018).
- Project managing and developing the Nga Motu Marine Protected Area Conservation Management Plan Review process. (2016)
- Project manager and principal drafter of reserve management plan for co-managed Taia Reserve, Rekehou Chatham Islands, Department of Conservation and Hokotehi Moriori Trust, (2016)
- Lead development of a Joint Management Agreement between Taupō District Council and Ngāti Tuwharetoa. This was the first such agreement in New Zealand and was awarded the Nancy Northcroft Planning Practice Award 2009 and the IPANZ Te Puni Kōkiri Award for Crown – Māori Relationships 2010.
- Project manager for the development of a 70km multi use trail along the western shores of Lake Taupō. Drafted district and regional resource consents, cultural impact assessments, worked with landowners and local iwi.
- Development of 'Trail Manager' cloud based asset and contact management system for trail systems.
- Biking Assessment of the Chatham Islands for the Department of Conservation that assessed the suitability of the Islands for bike tourism and recommended actions for the key parties on the Island to better position the Island for bike tourism.
- Undertook feasibility work and developed business case and funding documents for the extension of the Motu Trails from Opotiki to Whākatane (2018)
- Developed a feasibility assessment and associated business case and funding documents for the Otaketake extension of the Great Lake Trail (2018)
- Project managed and developed a feasibility and market assessment of three new mountain biking trails in Wairarapa (2017 - 2018)
- Project managed and assisted in the development of the Taranaki, Pureora and Taupō/Tongariro Destination Plans for the Department of Conservation. (2012 - 2015)

PROJECTS

- Project managed and developed a feasibility assessment and market assessment for a shared use trail between Turangi and Taupō (2015 - 2016).
- Feasibility Assessment for the Department of Conservation for a proposed shared use trail on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu between Turoa and Ohakune. The assessment included a review of trail design and location, trail construction and management an impact (environmental, cultural, historic, market and tourism) assessment and statutory (National Park, Conservation and Resource management legislation and subsidiary documents) assessment.
- Pureora Destination Management Hui. Designed and facilitated a stakeholder hui to identify priority actions for the Pureora Destination to grow visitor numbers and experiences.
- Project Mounga - Developed a project plan for a landscape level of restoration project for Taranaki Mounga.
- Developed the Taranaki Mounga Storytelling Strategy in collaboration with key partners and stakeholders. This strategy identified priorities and actions to more effectively tell the stories for Taranaki Mounga.
- Designed and carried out a comprehensive stakeholder and iwi consultation process for the Tongariro National Park Works Approval process.
- Project manager and drafter of multiple plan changes to the Taupō District Plan relating to growth management, zone changes, notable trees, natural and landscape values. This work included including pre-consultation, technical assessment, Section 32 report development, provision drafting, submission and hearing management, Section 42A reporting and appeal management and resolution.
- Writing and presenting planning evidence to the environment court in relation to plan changes to the Taupō District Plan relating to natural values, landscape values and residential zoning.
- Development of the Manawatu District Natural Hazards Foundation Report that presented base case data and analysis of natural hazards and natural hazard management (statutory and non-statutory) for the Manawatu District to inform the development of the revised Manawatu District Plan (2015)
- Developed Section 32 Document and associated Section 42A Report for Palmerston North City Council on Plan Change 22F Natural Hazards (2017 - 2018)
- Developed S42A report for the Palmerston North City Council on Plan Change 22G Natural Hazards. Presented this report at public hearings (2016)