

## Transforming Wellington

Monday 12 November, 11:15am – 11:45am

Wellington: The world's most liveable city (Deutsche Bank) is responding to many challenges faced by cities today; population growth, climate change and the challenges that nature throws at us. In responding to these challenges we are focusing on the very reason that cities exist – people. Designing cities, places and the way we get around with people at the heart, is central to our future Wellington and the transformation we are championing for an even more liveable Wellington.

### David Chick, Wellington City Council



David Chick is the Chief City Planner for Wellington City Council, a role he has held since his April 2016 arrival into New Zealand. David is a Landscape Architect and Urban Designer with significant experience in the engagement, design and creation of spaces, places and cities. He is well known for his established philosophy of asking the tough question – WHY? – and placing people at the heart of all he does.

David's integrated design experience, spanning over 15 years, extends across all levels of public and private places and projects, including Hobart, Brisbane, and most recently Adelaide – a city that is purposely reinventing itself through an engaging place-making approach.

David's directorate at Wellington City Council covers consenting and compliance, resilience and sustainability, transport and infrastructure, heritage and urban development, land use and transport planning, urban design and waste management, and therefore responsible for much of the design, look, feel and function of Wellington.

David already considers himself a passionate Wellingtonian and thrives on the exciting challenges and opportunities facing us, especially the way we design and shape our city to respond to the future shocks and stresses; such as climate change, population growth and seismic risk, in a way that enhances our experiences and celebrates the very things that make Wellington great.