



*Charissa
Snijders*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Charissa is an award-winning Registered Architect and a Fellow of the NZIA and she draws on over 25 years of professional experience. Charissa's practice is design-led and is committed to delivering regenerative architecture – places that inspire and delight.

Her skills lie in creating architecture that celebrates the creative expression of the people in relationship with each other and in response to the land in which it inhabits.

She calls this creating a 'sense of place'. To help realise this, her design approach follows the seven petals of living architecture – site, water, energy, beauty, materials, equity and health.

Charissa's preferred approach is collaborative – where the client is an integral partner in the team. Charissa oversees the delivery and documentation of the concept design with the strong support and expertise of the whole team. As every project is unique, her skill is to coordinate and deliver an outcome that is not a preconceived idea but a combination of the client's requirements, the land and the budget, with the aim to achieve an outcome that is beyond the client's expectations. For her, a successful project inspires authentic living; bringing greater meaning to all those who experience it.

ARCHITECTURE

1999-present	Charissa Snijders Architect based in Auckland, this award winning practice has designed a heritage centre, boutique accommodation, residential – new and renovations, office interiors and public amenities
2010	University of Auckland, School of Architecture, Masters Supervisor and Design Tutor
2009	Academy of Constructing Excellence, NZIM Dip of Managerial Excellence in Engineering and Construction Facilitator of Customer Relationship Management
2007-2009	University of Auckland and Unitec, School of Architecture, Design Tutor
1999-2000	Unitec, School of Architecture, Design Tutor
1992-1999	Cook Hitchcock & Sargisson Architects, Auckland (CHS) Work experience included residential – both private and developer clients, commercial projects, office fit outs, and Westhaven Marina refurbishment
1993	Architectii, Bangkok, a collaboration with CHS, Athfield Architects and Architectus

QUALIFICATIONS & RECOGNITION

2016	The Regenerative Practitioner May-August
2008	Fellow of NZIA
2007	Masters of Design Management, Unitec, First Class Honours Systems Thinking, Creativity in Business, Creativity in Teams, Teamwork, Innovation and Future Thinking, Scenario Planning, Idealised Design and Built Thought Thesis: The Value of Collaborative Working in Architecture: A New Zealand Study
1996	NZIA Registration and member of NZRAB
1992	Bachelor of Architecture, University of Auckland





PROMOTING ARCHITECTURE

2013	Architecture + Women Committee - coordinator of all day symposium; Architecture in an Expanded Field
2009-2010	Steering group committee for Construction Clients Group
2010-1999	Committee member of Auckland Branch of NZIA
2008-2010	Co-facilitator Practice Issues Group, Auckland Branch of NZIA
2008	Awarded Fellowship of the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA)
2006-2007	NZIA Auckland Architecture week - Committee member and coordinator of the Sustainable Series
2005-2006	NZIA Auckland Branch, Sustainable Building Cluster representative Founding member of Sustainable Building Cluster, part of the Sustainable Business Network
2003	NZIA Auckland Branch, Friends of the Art Gallery representative
2002	Member of the Reference Group Auckland Waterfront Project, representing the Auckland branch of the NZIA Urban Issues Group
2001-02	Chair of Urban Issues Group NZIA Auckland Branch
2001	President of Urban Auckland Inc
2000-02	Committee member of Urban Auckland
2000	NZIA Auckland Branch Continuing Professional Development Convenor
1999-2000	Events organiser Auckland Branch of the NZIA Organised NZIA Auckland Branch events, Local Awards, established Winter lecture series, Branch AGM, exhibitions and debates
1999-2002	Member of NZIA Auckland Branch Urban Issues Group
1995	Co-president Auckland Architecture Association (AAA)
1991	Fourth Year Professional Student Representative
1991	Co-president of PPIArch Association
1989-91	Committee member of PPIArch Association





AWARDS

- 2017 Best of Houzz Design Award
- 2016 Best of Houzz Design Award
- 2014 Highly Commended: NZ Wood Resene Timber Design Awards 2014, The Gatekeeper, Category 1
Finalist: NZ Wood Resene Timber Design Awards, The Gatekeeper, Category 5, The Treehouse, Category 1
- 2011 AAA Cavilier Bremworth Unbuilt Architecture Awards
Otuataua Stonefields Heritage Centre,
Shortlisted Finalist
- 2004 NZIA Local Awards, Hospitality and Tourism
Te Kowhai Landing

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Company of Women, March Fabulous Friday Female
- 2016 Homestyle April - May 2016. Leaving a Legacy pp 72-82
- 2016 Houzz tour: April, by Janet Dunn
An Island holiday home holds precious family memories
- 2015 ARCHIPRO
Discover our Curated Collection Edition II, The Treehouse
- 2015 Sustainable Business Network
Sustainability in Architecture: the Future of Building
Sebastian Mackay
- 2015 ARCHIPRO
The Three ARCHIPRO picks. The Gatekeeper
- 2104 Houzz Tour: The Gatekeeper
Maori proverb inspires Waiheke Island Holiday Home
- 2014 Houzz Tour: The Treehouse
Waiheke Island Cottage Makes the Most of Nature's gifts
- 2014 Business North, August
Sustainable Business: CSA Architect. Holistic approach the key to design, Karen Phelps
- 2008 - 2010 Pathfinder Project
Case studies in collaboration with
Constructing Excellence NZ and Branz;
A Deeper Shade of Green
Sustainable Urban Development
Building and Architecture in New Zealand,
Edited Johann Bernhardt
'The Architecture, Engineering and
Construction Industry' by Charissa Snijders
'Non-Government Organisations' by Charissa Snijders
- 2008 Kiaora Air New Zealand, May p 46,
Te Kowhai Landing
- 2007 'Value of Collaborative Working in Architecture',
a New Zealand Study (thesis)
- 2007 NZ House & Garden January no. 149,
'When Location Reigns Supreme', pp 83-87
- 2006 Next, October 'The Lake House', pp 104-107



EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Architecture Biennale Venice NZIA Pavilion - Future Islands
Otuataua Stonefields Heritage Centre
- 2013 ARCHITECTURE + WOMEN
Between Silos Exhibition, Silo Gallery and Silo Park,
Wynyard Quarter, Auckland
- 2011 The Art of Architecture, Toi Gallery,
Waiheke Island, Auckland

AWARDS

- 2007 Green Planet FM, Radio Interview, April
- 2006 Radio New Zealand
OUR CHANGING WORLD 'Sustainable Architecture'

PRESENTATIONS

- 2007 University of Auckland, Thursday lecture series, September
- 2006 New Spirit Festival, Auckland, 'Therapeutic Architecture'
- 2002 Business Women's Conference, Chamber of Commerce, Tauranga
'Achieving balance and the power of lifelong learning'

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- 1996 - 2017 New Zealand Institute of Architects - Individual membership
- 1999 - 2017 New Zealand Institute of Architects - Practice membership
- 1996 - 2017 New Zealand Registered Architects Board
- 1999 - 2017 Sustainable Business Network
- 2012 - 2017 International Living Futures Institute - Community Partner
- 2012 - 2017 Biomimicry 3.8 Institute
- 2014 - 2017 Company of Women NZ

