

# INFRASTRUCTURE WOMEN IN FOCUS



WIN NZ has been established to increase the visibility of women in the infrastructure sector. Every month we profile a different woman working in a different part of the industry. If you would like to be profiled, or would like to nominate someone to be profiled, please answer the questions below and send your picture through to [Tara](#).

**We'd like to introduce Ngan Truong as our next Woman of Focus. In addition to her role at Auckland Council, Ngan also sits on the WIN Auckland committee.**



## NGAN TRUONG SENIOR HEALTHY WATERS SPECIALIST



### **1. What company or organisation do you work for and what is your role there?**

I am currently working for Auckland Council in the Healthy Waters department as a Senior Healthy Waters Specialist.

### **2. Tell us about your career background and how you got to this position/role?**

My background is in Transport and I've worked for both Public and Private Sector. I've held several roles including ITS specialist, Operations and Maintenance Engineer, and most recently Project Manager. The shift to Healthy Waters was challenging as it is in a new sector but many of the skills have been transferable.

### **3. Tell us about a project you are currently working on and why it interests you?**

I'm currently looking after the Picton Street Stormwater Network Extension. This is a complex project involving a mixture of trenched and trenchless technology in an urban area with a large number of stakeholders. I'm enjoying the challenge of the project as I am learning new things, seeking solutions and interacting with different audiences all the time.

### **4. What's the hardest job you've ever done and why?**

One of the more complex projects I have been involved in was supporting the development of the temporary works design and plans for City Rail Link on Albert Street. This was complex due to the range of stakeholders with competing needs that had to be accommodated; from emergency services to bus operations, individual business owners and other projects in the area, all while keeping the city moving.

### **5. Can you think of one example where your "diversity" has materially affected the outcome of a work situation or project, either positively or negatively?**

Being someone who is different in almost every way to what is considered a "typical" Professional Engineer means you are remembered by the people you interact with professionally. It makes you

stand out in the crowd. When I was a Maintenance Engineer, interacting with residents was a challenge as they often mistook me for one of the support staff. We always laughed it off in the end and they appreciated the consistent service and professionalism.

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