

Patrick Harsveldt *CEnvP Heritage Specialist*

PROFILE

Professional and versatile Section 45 Principal Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist with over 16 years' experience across the archaeology, architectural, and built heritage sectors. Holds expertise in buildings archaeology, consultancy and fieldwork, cultural understanding, and project and team kaiwhakahaere leadership. A heritage advocate, he is consistently recognised for excellent stakeholder relationship management, particularly with iwi stakeholders and government agencies.



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KEY SKILLS

- Archaeological assessment of effects and archaeological monitoring reports
- Providing expert heritage and archaeological assessment, consultancy and risk mitigation advice to local authorities, government agencies and developers
- Section 45 Archaeologist
- Project management of multi-disciplinary projects
- Stakeholder relationship management, especially in time pressured situations involving multiple cultural perspectives

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Heritage & Archaeology Services Ltd (Wellington)

Director / Principal Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist May 2025 -

WSP New Zealand Ltd (Wellington)

Principal Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist, Built Heritage Team 2023 – May 2025

Senior Heritage Consultant and Archaeologist, Built Heritage Team 2022 - 2023

Architecture Sector – Built Heritage Team

Senior Archaeologist and Heritage Consultant 2020 – 2022 Environmental Sector

Opus International Consultants, later WSP - Opus (Christchurch)

Archaeologist 2012-2019, Environmental Sector - Archaeology Team

Senior Archaeologist & Heritage Consultant: 2019 – 2020

Archaeological & Heritage expertise

Patrick has used his archaeology and architecture degrees to specialise in buildings archaeology, the recording of pre-1900 standing structures and buildings. Patrick carried out standing building records of historic Canterbury homesteads, smaller domestic dwellings, and commercial buildings as part of the demolition/rebuild work following the Canterbury Earthquakes (Archaeologist and monitoring report author 2012 - 2019). He is currently involved with both built heritage consultancy and archaeological work in the Wellington and Manawatū region, and lower North Island.

Patrick's archaeological work experience includes large-scale demolition/construction and transport projects in Canterbury, such as the Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Work (2012 – 2019), North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) State Highway 1 earthquake repair works along the Kaikōura coastline, and the State Highway 1 Western Belfast Bypass. He was the Section 45 project archaeologist for the construction works of the recently-completed Te Ahu a Turanga (Ashhurst to Woodville) Highway (2020-2025) and is responsible for a number of heritage and archaeological sites across the lower North Island.

Patrick has provided heritage consultation services for buildings and structures around the country, including the 1880s Lyttelton Graving Dock, the recording of various KiwiRail buildings and bridges including the Hillside Workshops complex in Dunedin and the Ormondville Viaduct.

- Experienced in working closely with government agencies, such as the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, Kāinga Ora and others, providing expert archaeological heritage advice and ensuring plans and process meet all required standards and obligations whilst ensuring alignment to fiscal requirements.
- Prepared applications for multiple Archaeological Authorities and have acted/continue to act as the Authority Holder for multiple projects, including KiwiRail PACE Project upgrade works at Plimmerton Station and Railyard (2020–2024) which included liaising when required with HNZPT, Porirua City Council and Ngāti Toa representatives.

- Tailoring communications to different audiences, including iwi, developers and general public
- Management of advisory services and/or leading fieldwork, for protection and management of archaeological sites/heritage resources
- Creating, implementing and raising awareness of 'best-practice' archaeological and heritage standards for internal WSP project management, and external multi-team projects

Certifications and Courses

CEnvP

Certified Environmental Practitioner
- General

CEnvP HER

Certified Environmental Practitioner –
Heritage Specialist

EDUCATION

2010

Master of Arts

Anthropology
UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

2006

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Anthropology
UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

2002

Bachelor of Architecture

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Member of ICOMOS New Zealand

New Zealand Archaeological Association

Australasian Society for Historical
Archaeology

New Zealand Institute of Architects
(Allied Professional Member)

- Project Archaeologist for multiple projects, including the Te Ahu a Turanga (Ashhurst to Woodville) Highway project (2020–2025): authoring the archaeological assessment and management plan reports for construction works, undertaking the archaeological monitoring and inspections for an area of Māori activity and significance, and being field site lead for excavation of moa bones & two Māori firepit features.
- Project Archaeologist for Western Belfast Bypass (WBB) Christchurch (2013 - 2017). Monitoring earthworks within an area of Māori significance and excavation of rubbish pit and foundation remains of a pre-1900 European farm dwelling. Archaeological Assessment and Monitoring report co-author (Phases 1-2), construction monitoring report author (Phase 3).
- Lead field Archaeologist for multiple projects, including the SH1 Earthquake Repair Works, Kaikōura, (2017–2019) for NCTIR (North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery). This included monitoring road and rail repair earthworks (often in challenging isolated locations), working solo and also participating in large-scale archaeological excavations, recording of early Māori features and the excavation of kōiwi tangata for repatriation and preparation of interim field summaries.
- Section 45 Archaeologist for Canterbury Earthquake Insurance Work, Canterbury region (2012 - 2019): Arrow International. The Arrow Residential Rebuild was located throughout Christchurch's residential suburbs and archaeological monitoring and excavation was undertaken to understand pre-European and historic Christchurch prior to 1900. Sites investigated range from small individual properties to big multi-units and are located within the greater Christchurch area, including Christchurch and suburbs, Lyttelton, and part of Waimakariri and Selwyn Districts. The project also included training of contractors, site supervision, monitoring, artefact analysis, report writing and the building recording of pre-1900 houses.
- Section 45 Archaeologist for multiple cross-disciplinary projects, such as the ongoing Kāinga Ora led demolition and construction monitoring of Arlington Street & Rolleston Street apartment developments in Wellington, the recently completed KiwiRail PACE Project upgrade works at Plimmerton Station and Railyard and the now demolished Lyttelton Main School (the present Lyttelton Primary School), Christchurch.
- Preparation of Heritage Effects Assessments (HEA) and Conservation Management Plans (CMP) for multiple projects, including the recent repair works of the Seatoun Tunnel and Lyall Bay Seawall (HEA author). Co-author of CMP reports for the Dixon Street Flats (Kāinga Ora) & Wellington Waterfront Sheds 3, 5, 11 and 13, and the Eastbourne Ferry Building.

Technical Support Officer

Historic team – Department of Conservation, Southland Conservancy 2006 – 2007

- Researched and performed back country hut fieldwork inspections to inform the development of a Southland historic hut inventory and inhouse report.

Heritage Advisor - Architecture

Otago Office – New Zealand Historic Places Trust (Dunedin) 2006

- Provided advice to stakeholders, developers and the general public regarding the restoration and conservation of historic buildings.

Architecture Graduate

Paris Magdalinos Architects – Napier (2002)

Ralf Harsveldt Architekt BDA, Muelheim a.d. Ruhr, Germany, 2000 – 2002.

- Graduate position with a focus on preparation of CAD drawings and performing site inspections.