

# Professional partnership programme newsletter

We're excited to announce that the changes to our Professional partnership programme (PPP) are now in effect (from 1 May 2025).

The programme has been streamlined and expanded to offer greater benefits to all our valued partners.

For our existing partners the good news is that process itself for being a partner and submitting consents hasn't changed.



## So what has changed?

Key changes to the programme are:

- Dedicated contact person for our PPP partners.
- Adding a discount for our bronze design partners.
- Increased the scope for silver partners.
- A new gold status.
- Admitting consents with outstanding land use consent at silver and gold.
- Potential to admit consents prior to s224 for silver and gold partners – dependant on pre-application meeting.
- Creation of construction partnership which includes:
  - remote inspection capability,
  - inspection waitlist availability, and
  - discount for remote inspections completed.

See our [website for all details on benefits at each partner level](#).

## How do I make the most of being a partner?

We value your participation in our programme and are committed to ensuring you remain actively engaged. Actively engaging in the programme means you:

- keep us informed (eg projected workloads, heads up on anything unusual, staffing updates, change in contact details, etc),
- follow application requirements consistently,
- receive minimal processing RFIs,
- have minimal serious inspection issues,
- keep current with legislative changes and council requirements, and
- submit the majority of your consent applications through the programme.

Here are some ways we can work together to keep the momentum going:

- Communication – If you're looking to lodge bulk consents, get in touch with us to ensure a smooth processing experience.
- Review outcomes – If you have questions or concerns about information raised in a technical or annual review, please get in touch to discuss this with us.

## Who are our PPP contacts at SDC?

As part of the programme relaunch we introduced the following team leaders who will be dedicated programme contacts:

- Andrew Duckett – Team Leader Residential Processing
- Ghislaine Warren – Team Leader Residential Processing
- Craig Connelly – Team Leader Residential Inspections
- Rachel Burt – Team Leader Building Advisory

You should have now heard from your dedicated contact person. Feel free to reach out to them with any queries or suggestions you may have on the PPP.

## What does the future hold?

We'll continue to develop this programme and welcome any ideas on where we can continue to improve efficiency. This programme is our way to help the building sector continue to thrive and support population growth in Selwyn.

We look forward to conversations with our partners around adapting to changing regulatory requirements and new building industry trends.