



Brief history of the Local Government Centre

A series of discussions took place in 2004 exploring the feasibility of establishing a local government centre to be based at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT). These discussions included colleagues from Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), councils, private sector consultancy groups working in the local government environment, the University of Auckland, and international local government centres within universities in Australia and the United Kingdom.

A project team progressed these discussions throughout 2005, bringing in more interest as the strategic and operational imperatives developed. This momentum accumulated in 2006, firstly in the appointment of Director, Peter McKinlay, and subsequently, the first Centre Manager, Nic Mason.