



TECNZ CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 5-6 AUGUST 2026 Ōtautahi, Christchurch

'Tourism Unlocked, New Opportunities'

Global. Distribution. Innovation. Growth.

Pre-Conference	
Tuesday 4 August 2026	
From 8.00am	Famili activities organized direct with Christchurch tourism operators
5.30pm-6.30pm	Welcome Function to new TECNZ members and Board (invite only) The George
Day 1: TECNZ Conference - Wednesday 5 August 2026	
9.00am-12noon	Bespoke Famili activities programme organised by ChristchurchNZ
10.00am-1.00pm	Registrations at Te Pae, Conroy Rooms (Level 1)
11.00 -12.30pm	Brunch / Lunch, Te Pae conference area
1.00pm-1.10pm	Official Welcome by Iwi
1.10pm-1.20pm	MC Mike McRoberts welcome
1.20pm-1.30pm	Mayor Phil Mauger, Christchurch City Council (tbc)
1.30pm-1.40pm	Scott Mehrtens, TECNZ Chair
1.40pm-2.00pm	Hon Louise Upston, Minister of Tourism & Hospitality (Q&A)
2.00pm-2.40pm	Brad Olsen: Chief Executive and Principal Economist at Infometrics (Q&A)
2.40pm-3.10pm	Grant Webster, CEO Tourism Holdings Limited. Global Trends, Innovation and Opportunities for New Zealand (Q&A)
3.10pm-3.40pm	Afternoon tea
3.40pm-4.40pm	Distribution Panel: Q&A (changes in booking patterns for FIT, group, technology) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna Black, General Travel• ITO (tbc)• Narissa Phipps, First Light Travel• Angela Blair, GM International Tourism New Zealand

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4.40pm-4.45pm	Day One Wrap-up
4.45pm-5.30pm	ChristchurchNZ hospitality hour at Te Pae. 5.45pm Make own way directly to Riverside Market (Cashel St)
6.00pm-8.30pm	Riverside Market Networking Dinner Event
8.30pm onwards	Kaiser Brew Gardens Bar (Level 1, Riverside Market) pay own drinks

Day 2: TECNZ Conference - Thursday 6 August 2026

8.30am-8.35am	Welcome to Conference Day 2
8.35am-9.20am	Offshore Travel Trade Panel: - Trends and Challenges Global Travel (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panelists (tbc)
9.20am-10.10am	Contracts Panel (Q&A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Brady, Pan Pacific Travel Collette Rogers, RealNZ Jordan Wright, Anthony Harper Lawyers (contracts and insurance)
10.10am-10.40am	Morning tea
10.40am-12.40pm	Workshops: Bealey 4 & 5 Rooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using AI in practice in your business: Renee Goodsell, Tomahawk Succession planning Topic tbc
Each session 40 mins (3 x 40 = 120 mins) 2 hours	
12.40pm-1.30pm	Lunch, Te Pae conference area
1.30pm-1.40pm	Ryan Wilmshurst: 2025 YoungTEC Leadership Development Recipient - Insights
1.40pm-2.10pm	Young TEC Panel: Future Workforce Thinking (Q&A)
2.10pm-2.50pm	Keynote speaker1: Sir Richard Taylor, Wētā Workshop
2.50pm-3.20pm	Afternoon tea
3.20pm-4.10pm	Keynote speaker2: Ant Williams – World freestyle diver record holder (Q&A)
4.10pm-4.15pm	Announcement of 2027 host region
4.15pm-4.25pm	Conference wrap-up, closing karakia
	TECNZ Annual Awards (black tie / formal attire)
6.00pm	Transfers from key hotels to Te Kaha ONE Stadium for Awards Events
6.30pm-7.15pm	Industry Celebration welcome drinks and canapes (bring coat)
7.15pm-10.30pm	Industry Celebration Evening (Awards)
10.30pm-12.00pm	Networking and music

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11.00pm	Transfers from ONE New Zealand Stadium to key hotels
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Day 3: Post Famils	Friday 7 August 2026
ALL DAY	Famil activities organize direct with Christchurch tourism operators

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