



# Annual Conference SHARED HORIZONS

Te Pae, Christchurch, 10-12 November 2025

Programme subject to changes

SESSION KEY:

Closed session

Break

## Day Zero - Monday 10 November

| Time          |                                                                                                                                              |
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| 5:30 - 7:00pm | <b>Welcome Function</b><br>[Venue: Isaac Theatre Royal]<br><i>Launch of Shared Horizons Season 3</i><br><i>In partnership with NielsenIQ</i> |

## Day One - Tuesday 11 November

| Time              |                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 7:30 - 8:30am     | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:30 - 8:45am     | <b>Mihi Whakatau</b><br>[Venue: Auditorium 1+2]                                                                                                                               |
| 8:45 - 9:30am     | <b>Opening Keynote: West Auckland to Adidas</b><br>[Venue: Auditorium 1+2]<br>Zion Armstrong                                                                                  |
| 9:30 - 10:00am    | <b>Retailer Insights</b><br>[Venue: Auditorium 1+2]<br>Chris Quin, Chief Executive, Dean Waddell, Chair & David Stewart, General Manager Merchandise, Foodstuffs North Island |
| 10:00 - 10:30am   | <b>Government &amp; Industry</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance and Economic Growth                                                 |
| 10:30 - 11:15am   | Morning Tea                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11:15 - 11:30am   | <b>Welcome from the Chair</b><br>[Venue: Auditorium 1+2]<br>Mike Cullerne, Chair, NZ Food & Grocery Council                                                                   |
| 11:30am - 12:00pm | <b>Grocery Regulation - Update from the Grocery Commissioner</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Pierre van Heerden, Grocery Commissioner                                   |
| 12:00 - 1:15pm    | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |

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### Day One - Tuesday 11 November Continued

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| 1:15 - 1:45pm | <b>Trade Turbulence: Keeping Shelves Stocked in a Disrupted World</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br>Sarah Salmond, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts<br>Felicity Roxburgh, Executive Director, NZ International Business Forum                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:45 - 2:15pm | <b>Sustainability in Focus</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br>Shaun Lewis, General Manager, Ministry for the Environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2:15 - 2:45pm | <b>Caution is the New Normal</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br>Sahil Khatri, Strategic Analytics & Insights Lead, NielsenIQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2:45 - 3:15pm | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3:15 - 4:00pm | <b>Making Sense of it all - Panel discussion on grocery regulation changes</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br>Jen Hambleton, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts<br>Mike Rudman, Director, NextGen Group<br>Raewyn Bleakley, Chief Executive, NZ Food & Grocery Council                                                                                                              |
| 4:00 - 4:30pm | <b>State of the Industry</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br>Kate Gooch, NZ CPG Director, Circana<br>Debbie Simpson-Pudney, Head of Retail, Solutions & Innovation, Circana                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:30 - 5:10pm | <b>Trans-Tasman Perspectives</b><br><b>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]</b><br><i>Panel discussion on navigating change together</i><br>Bernie Brookes, Independent Chair, Australian Food & Grocery Council<br>Colm Maguire, Chief Executive, Australian Food & Grocery Council<br>Mike Cullerne, Chair, NZ Food & Grocery Council<br>Raewyn Bleakley, Chief Executive, NZ Food & Grocery Council |
| 5:10 - 5:15pm | <b>Close</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Time           | Ticketed only                                                                                                                                                |
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| 6:30 - 10:30pm | <b>New Zealand Food and Grocery Council Annual Conference Gala Dinner</b><br><b>[Venue: Christchurch Art Gallery]</b><br><i>In partnership with Cardinal</i> |

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### Day Two - Wednesday, 12 November

| Time            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 8:00 - 9:00am   | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:00 - 9:30am   | <b>Keynote: AI &amp; Automation</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Ian Walsh, Partner, Argon & Co                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:30 - 10:00am  | <b>Food Safety in Focus</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Vincent Arbuckle, Deputy Director-General, NZ Food Safety                                                                                                                                             |
| 10:00 - 10:30am | <b>Morning Tea</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:30 - 11:15am | <b>Retailer Insights</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Sally Copland, Managing Director, Woolworths NZ                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:15 - 12:00pm | <b>Shaping Tomorrow Today</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Robin Davies                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12:00 - 12:30pm | <b>Quick Bites</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter Stevens, Chief Executive, GS1 NZ</li> <li>Alison Thompson, Partnership Manager, Competenz</li> <li>Kaitlin Dawson, Executive Director, Kai Commitment.</li> </ul> |
| 12:30 - 1:30pm  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 1:30 - 2:15pm   | <b>Retailer Insights</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Panel discussion with Foodstuffs South Island Store Owners<br>Mary Devine, Chief Executive Foodstuffs South Island                                                                                       |
| 2:15 - 2:45pm   | <b>Closing Keynote: The Art of Hustling with Purpose</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]<br>Anton Matthews, Director, Hustle Group                                                                                                                                   |
| 2:45 - 3:00pm   | <b>Conference close &amp; 2026 Annual Conference announcement</b><br>[Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]                                                                                                                                                                    |

