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SESSION KEY: Closed session

Break

Day Zero - Monday 10 November

Time	
5:30 – 7:00pm	Welcome Function [Venue: Isaac Theatre Royal] Launch of Shared Horizons Season 3 In partnership with NielsenIQ

Day One - Tuesday 11 November

Time	
7:30 – 8:30am	Registration
8:30 – 8:45am	Mihi Whakatau [Venue: Auditorium 1+2]
8:45 – 9:00am	Welcome from the Chair [Venue: Auditorium 1+2] Mike Cullerne, Chair, NZ Food & Grocery Council
9:00 – 9:45am	Opening Keynote: West Auckland to Adidas [Venue: Auditorium 1+2] Zion Armstrong
9:45 – 10:15am	Retailer Insights [Venue: Auditorium 1+2] Chris Quin, Chief Executive, Dean Waddell, Chair & David Stewart, General Manager Merchandise, Foodstuffs North Island
10:15 – 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00 – 11:45am	Government & Industry [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Hon Nicola Willis, Minister of Finance and Economic Growth
11:45 – 12:15pm	Grocery Regulation [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Pierre van Heerden, Grocery Commissioner
12:15 – 1:15pm	Lunch
1:15 – 1:45pm	Trade Turbulence: Keeping Shelves Stocked in a Disrupted World [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Sarah Salmond, Partner, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts Felicity Roxburgh, Executive Director, NZ International Business Forum

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

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

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Day Two - Wednesday, 12 November

Time	
8:00 - 9:00am	Registration
9:00 - 9:30am	Keynote: AI & Automation [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Ian Walsh, Partner, Argon & Co
9:30 - 10:00am	Food Safety in Focus [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Vincent Arbuckle, Deputy Director-General, NZ Food Safety
10:00 - 10:30am	Morning Tea
10:30 - 11:15am	Retailer Insights [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Sally Copland, Managing Director, Woolworths NZ
11:15 - 12:00pm	Shaping Tomorrow Today [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Robin Davies
12:00 - 12:30pm	Quick Bites [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] - Peter Stevens, Chief Executive, GS1 NZ - Alison Thompson, Partnership Manager, Competenz - Kaitlin Dawson, Executive Director, Kai Commitment.
12:30 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:15pm	Retailer Insights [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Panel discussion with Foodstuffs South Island Store Owners Mary Devine, Chief Executive Foodstuffs South Island
2:15 - 2:45pm	Closing Keynote: The Art of Hustling with Purpose [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5] Anton Matthews, Director, Hustle Group
2:45 - 3:00pm	Conference close & 2026 Annual Conference announcement [Venue: Conway Rooms 2 - 5]

