



PROGRAMME

BUILDING ROBUST TOMORROWS

6 - 8 August 2025
Trinity Wharf, Tauranga



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WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2025

Exhibitor pack in and networking drinks

8:00am **Exhibition build**
Exhibition hall

12:00pm **Exhibitors and sponsors pack in**
Exhibition hall

3:00pm to 5:00pm **Make Your Own Gin Lab**
Kick off your conference experience with a spirited start - join us for a 'make your own' gin experience that blends local flavour and craftsmanship. It's the perfect way to ease into the week and you get to take it home!

3:30pm to 5:30pm **Road Science Tauranga Tour**
Visit Road Science Tauranga for an organised tour of their high-end asphalt testing laboratory. An excellent opportunity to see an industry leading laboratory that drives sustainability, recyclables and innovation.

4:00pm **Registration opens**
Exhibition hall

5:30pm to 7:00pm **Welcome function sponsored by Geo Data Solutions**
Networking with Exhibitors and fellow delegates whilst enjoying some beverages and canapés.
Exhibition hall



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THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025

7:30am Registration opens with tea and coffee sponsored by Geotechnics



8:30am Session 1

8:30am **Bruce Hopkins, Conference MC**
Welcome and housekeeping

8:45am **Marko Petrovic**
Conference Convenor welcome

9:00am **Cameron Bagrie, Bagrie Economics**
Navigating global frictions and when the only certainty is uncertainty

10:00am Morning break sponsored by WSP



10:30am Session 2

10:30am **Janus Grove, Fulton Hogan**
Bitumen Treated Basecourse (BTB): what is it and how do you test it?

11:00am **Nick Schilov, Hiway**
Solid density of bituminous granular materials – what is right?

11:30am **Rob Damhuis, NZ Transport Agency**
Testing of subgrades in the new PDS: standardised investigation and testing requirement



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12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Session 3

1:00pm **Jason Roberts, IANZ**
Title TBC

1:30pm **Grant Bosma, NZ Transport Agency**
Updates to NZTA technical specifications – what it means for the testing industry

2:00pm **Robin Power, Insitutek**
Leveraging the benefits of an integrated compaction testing approach

2:30pm Afternoon break

3:00pm Session 4

3:00pm **Dave Darlow, Holcim**
Low carbon cementitious materials

3:30pm **Rubens Moreno Alves De Oliveira, Geotechnics**
Smarter oven monitoring: telemetry for geotechnical labs

4:00pm **CETANZ AGM**
Drinks and nibbles will be served for all attendees

4:30pm Conference day 1 concludes

6:45pm Transport departs for conference dinner

7:00pm Conference dinner at Historic Village

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FRIDAY 8 AUGUST 2025

8:00am Registration opens with tea and coffee sponsored by IANZ



8:30am Session 5

8:30am **Bruce Hopkins, Conference MC**
Housekeeping

8:35am **Priyani de Silva-Currie, Beca**
Finding your why

9:15am **Paul Burton, Geotechnics**
Title TBC

9:45am Morning break sponsored by Groundtest Equipment



10:05am Session 6 sponsored by Stevenson



10:05am **Rob Damhuis, NZ Transport Agency**
Presentation and Workshop: CBR and DCP testing in pavement investigations

10:50am **Noor Ahmed, Fulton Hogan**
Fatigue resistance testing of different pavement surfaces mixes in laboratory conditions

11:20am **Rhys Clark, Tonkin + Taylor**
Infrastructure and the economy

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11:50pm Lunch sponsored by Geo Data Solutions



12:50pm Session 7

12:50pm **Panel Discussion moderated by Philip Robins, Chair NZGS:**
Steven Anderson, Geotechnics; Grant Bosma, NZ Transport Agency; and Tony Kao, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
The future of NZ standards and test methods

1:40pm **Marko Petrovic, Geotechnics**
Breaking the mould: a holistic revolution in asphalt testing

2:10pm Afternoon break

2:30pm Session 8

2:30pm **Tony Kao & Kiran Saligame, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment**
New Zealand Geotechnical Database (NZGD): features & opportunity for a nationally-significant database

3:00pm **Natasha De Andrade, Colas Limited**
Ignition oven testing

3:30pm **Thorsten Froebel, Downer Group NZ**
NZTA T24: 2025 Procedure to determine the plateau dry density

4:00pm **Marko Petrovic, Conference Convenor**
Conference Close

4:10pm Conference concludes