

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, 4 June 2025

PLENARY	
8.45am–8.50am Welcome Geoff Hird – Events Director, Comms Connect & WF Media	
8.50am–9.00am Opening remarks MC, Chris Stevens – Managing Director, CartGIS	
9.00am–9.45am Keynote The future roadmap for New Zealand’s world-leading Public Safety Network Matthew Hansen – Senior Project Manager, PSN Program, NGCC Vaughan Matthews – General Manager & Head of Business, Hourua	
9.45am–10.15am Launching One NZ satellite-to-mobile coverage – a global first Sharina Nisha – GM Network Services, One New Zealand	
10.15am – 10.45am The impact of 5G on AI/XR/IoT for digital transformation Terence Wong – Head of APAC 5G Industry & IoT, GSMA	
10.45 AM – 11.30 AM MORNING BREAK	
STREAM 1	STREAM 2
11.30am–12.00pm Radio Spectrum Management update – 2025 and beyond Claire Smollett – National Manager, RSM Daniel O’Grady – Manager, Policy & Planning, MBIE	11.30am–12.00pm Redundant Safety: Managing device diversity for critical comms Jarrold Lodge - Founder and Operations Manager, OnSight Boyd Peacock – CEO and Founder, GetHomeSafe
12.00pm–12.30pm What’s next for P25 in NZ Inspector Kerei Gray – PSN Implementation Manager, NZ Police Mike Head – PSN Services Director, Tait International Limited	12.00pm–12.30pm We need more capacity. And we need less consumption. Can we have both? Dylan Jorgensen – Managing Director, Qamcom
12.30pm–1.00pm Resilience by Design: How Tū Ātea is Rewiring the Future Robyn Kamira – Impact Lead, Tū Ātea	12.30pm – 1.00pm WanderSearch – locating and tracking our most vulnerable Jono Sands – Managing Director, Ignition Networks Johnny Franklin – Chief Development Officer, LandSAR NZ
1.00PM – 2.00PM LUNCH BREAK	
2.00pm – 2.30pm Building a smarter harbour: wireless networks, IoT, data-driven decision making Jonathan Brewer – Consulting Engineer, Telco2 Limited	2.00pm – 3.00pm RFUANZ AGM
2.30pm – 3.00pm No honour among thieves: Cyber threats targeting critical comms Vanessa Leite – Cyber Security Specialist, CyberCure	
3.00pm – 3.30pm Reducing communications delays in space ops - the Tui payload Eric Rodgers – DST Research Scientist, NZDF	3.00pm – 3.30pm The agentic future of AI network management Fraser Paine – Director, AWARE Group
3.30PM – 4.15PM AFTERNOON BREAK	
4.15pm – 5.00pm Panel Session – Emerging technologies and their impact on critical communications Moderator – Chris Stevens Panellists – Terence Wong, Fraser Paine, Sharina Nisha, Sam Kommunuri, Vaughan Matthews	
5.00PM – 6.00PM: Networking Drinks on the Exhibition Floor	
6.30PM – 11.30PM: RFIANZ Gala Awards Dinner	

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, 5 June 2025

PLENARY	
9.15am–9.20am Welcome Soren Low – RFUANZ Chair 9.20am–9.30am Opening remarks MC, Chris Stevens – Managing Director, CartGIS	
9.30am–10.00am Keynote Critical communications in emergency management – an expert’s view Brenden Winder – Head of Emergency Management, Christchurch City Council	
10.00am–10.30am Secure GenAI: The Future of Public Safety Sam Kommunuri – Senior Enterprise Solutions Architect, Amazon Web Services	
10.30AM – 11.15AM MORNING BREAK	
STREAM 1	STREAM 2
11.15am – 11.45am Tactical IP-connected VHF networks for Search & Rescue Matt Ellingham – ICT Manager, NZ Land Search & Rescue Inc	11.15am – 11.45am Cell on wheels and shared infrastructure Matthew Shultz – Partner, Gravelroad Group
11.45am – 12.15pm Case Study – Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system Alan Cambridge – Comms/IT Project Leader, Nelson Coastguard Lloyd Wensley – Director, Mount Campbell Communications	11.45am – 12.15pm RSM Interference case studies Nathan Schaffer – Manager, Radio Spectrum Investigations
12.15pm –12.45pm Surf Life Saving New Zealand’s critical communications coastal safety ecosystem Max Corboy – National Radio Comms Manager, SLSNZ	12.15pm –12.45pm Simplifying planning and deployment of complex radio networks Liam Bingham – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms Richard Malley – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms
12.45PM – 1.30PM LUNCH BREAK	
STREAM 1	STREAM 2
1.30– 2.00pm As mission-critical technology evolves, are you keeping an eye on your network? Senthil Sundram – Head of Telecommunications, Rohde & Schwarz	1.30– 2.00pm Innovative solutions using 60GHz - CCTV backhaul and other industrial solutions Corey Weir – Director, Outback Communications Eddie Stephanou – Technical Manager, Cambium Networks
2.00pm – 2.30pm Resilient emergency systems: Building dynamic communication hubs with private 5G and vehicle nodes David Lloyd – Founder, Step Global	2.00pm – 2.30pm Radio spectrum paving the path to a predator-free New Zealand Daniel Millar – Principal Engineer, Merp NZ
2.30pm – 3.15pm Panel Discussion – Insights: future opportunities for New Zealand’s critical communications sector Moderator – Chris Stevens Panellists: TBC	
3.15PM EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE CLOSE	

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