

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, 4 June 2025

PLENARY/THEATRE 1	
8.45am–8.50am <b>Welcome: Geoff Hird</b> – Events Director, Comms Connect & WF Media	
8.50am–9.00am <b>Opening remarks: MC, Chris Stevens</b> – Managing Director, CartG1S	
9.00am–9.45am   Keynote <b>The future roadmap for New Zealand’s world-leading Public Safety Network</b> <b>Matthew Hansen</b> – Senior Project Manager, PSN Program, NGCC <b>Vaughan Matthews</b> – General Manager & Head of Business, Hourua	
9.45am–10.15am <b>Launching One NZ satellite-to-mobile coverage – a global first</b> <b>Sharina Nisha</b> – GM Network Services, One New Zealand	
10.15am – 10.45am <b>The impact of 5G on AI/XR/IoT for digital transformation</b> <b>Terence Wong</b> – Head of APAC 5G Industry & IoT, GSMA	
10.45 AM – 11.30 AM MORNING BREAK	
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11.30am–12.00pm <b>Radio Spectrum Management update – 2025 and beyond</b> <b>Claire Smollett</b> – National Manager, RSM <b>Daniel O’Grady</b> – Manager, Policy & Planning, MBIE	11.30am–12.00pm <b>Redundant Safety: Managing device diversity for critical comms</b> <b>Jarrold Lodge</b> - Founder and Operations Manager, OnSight <b>Boyd Peacock</b> – CEO and Founder, GetHomeSafe
12.00pm–12.30pm <b>What’s next for P25 in NZ</b> <b>Inspector Kerei Gray</b> – PSN Implementation Manager, NZ Police <b>Mike Head</b> – PSN Services Director, Tait International Limited <b>Paul Smith</b> – Chief Technical Director, NGCC	12.00pm–12.30pm <b>We need more capacity. And we need less consumption. Can we have both?</b> <b>Dylan Jorgensen</b> – CEO, Qamcom
12.30pm–1.00pm <b>Resilience by Design: How Tū Ātea is Rewiring the Future</b> <b>Robyn Kamira</b> – Chief Strategy & Impact Officer, Tū Ātea	12.30pm – 1.00pm <b>WanderSearch – locating and tracking our most vulnerable</b> <b>Jono Sands</b> – Managing Director, Ignition Networks <b>Johnny Franklin</b> – Chief Development Officer, LandSAR NZ
1.00PM – 2.00PM LUNCH BREAK	
2.00pm – 2.30pm <b>Building a smarter harbour: wireless networks, IoT, data-driven decision making</b> <b>Jonathan Brewer</b> – Consulting Engineer, Telco2	2.00pm – 3.00pm <b>RFUANZ AGM</b>
2.30pm – 3.00pm <b>No honour among thieves: Cyber threats targeting critical comms</b> <b>Vanessa Leite</b> – Cyber Security Specialist, CyberCure	
3.00pm – 3.30pm <b>Reducing communications delays in space ops - the Tui payload</b> <b>Eric Rodgers</b> – DST Research Scientist, NZDF	3.00pm – 3.30pm <b>The agentic future of AI network management</b> <b>Fraser Paine</b> – Director, AWARE Group
3.30PM – 4.15PM AFTERNOON BREAK	
4.15pm – 5.00pm <b>Panel Session – Emerging technologies and their impact on critical communications</b> <b>Moderator</b> – Chris Stevens <b>Panellists</b> – <b>Terence Wong</b> – Head of APAC 5G Industry & IoT, GSMA, <b>Fraser Paine</b> – Director, AWARE Group, <b>Sharina Nisha</b> – GM Network Services, One New Zealand, <b>Paul Smith</b> – Chief Technical Director, NGCC, <b>Vaughan Matthews</b> – General Manager & Head of Business, Hourua	
5.00PM – 6.00PM: Networking Drinks on the Exhibition Floor – <i>sponsored by Motorola Solutions</i>	
6.30PM – 11.30PM: RFUANZ Gala Awards Dinner	

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, 5 June 2025

PLENARY/THEATRE 1	
<b>9.15am–9.20am</b> <b>Welcome</b> <b>Soren Low</b> – Chairman, RFUANZ	
<b>9.20am–9.30am</b> <b>Opening remarks</b> <b>MC, Chris Stevens</b> – Managing Director, CartGIS	
<b>9.30am–10.00am   Keynote</b> <b>Critical communications in emergency management – an expert’s view</b> <b>Brenden Winder</b> – Head of Emergency Management, Christchurch City Council	
<b>10.00am–10.30am</b> <b>Tactical IP-connected VHF networks for Search &amp; Rescue</b> <b>Matt Ellingham</b> – ICT Manager, NZ Land Search & Rescue Inc	
10.30AM – 11.30AM MORNING BREAK	
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<b>11.30am – 12.00pm</b> <b>5G Standalone – why it matters for Mission-Critical Networks</b> <b>Sebastian Faxér</b> – CTO, Ericsson New Zealand	<b>11.30am – 12.00pm</b> <b>Cell on wheels and shared infrastructure</b> <b>Matthew Shultz</b> – Partner, Gravelroad Group
<b>12.00pm – 12.30pm</b> <b>Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system</b> <b>Jerame Ashton</b> – Account Manager, Mount Campbell Communications <b>Michael Clarke</b> – Senior Communications Consultant, Omnitronics	<b>12.00pm – 12.30pm</b> <b>RSM Interference case studies</b> <b>Nathan Schaffer</b> – Manager, Radio Spectrum Investigations
<b>12.30pm –1.00pm</b> <b>Surf Life Saving New Zealand’s critical communications coastal safety ecosystem</b> <b>Max Corboy</b> – National Radio Comms Manager, SLSNZ	<b>12.30pm –1.00pm</b> <b>Simplifying planning and deployment of complex radio networks</b> <b>Liam Bingham</b> – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms <b>Richard Malley</b> – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms
1.00PM – 2.00PM LUNCH BREAK	
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<b>2.00pm– 2.30pm</b> <b>As mission-critical technology evolves, are you keeping an eye on your network?</b> <b>Senthil Sundram</b> – Head of Telecommunications, Rohde & Schwarz	<b>2.00– 2.30pm</b> <b>Innovative solutions using 60GHz - CCTV backhaul and other industrial solutions</b> <b>Corey Weir</b> – Director, Outback Communications <b>Eddie Stephanou</b> – Technical Manager, Cambium Networks
<b>2.30pm – 3.00pm</b> <b>Resilient emergency systems: Building dynamic communication hubs with private 5G and vehicle nodes</b> <b>David Lloyd</b> – Founder, Step Global	<b>2.30pm – 3.00pm</b> <b>Radio spectrum paving the path to a predator-free New Zealand</b> <b>Daniel Millar</b> – Principal Engineer, Merp NZ
3.00PM EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE CLOSE	

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