

AGENDA \ WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025

PLENARY/THEATRE 1

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

10.45am - 11.30am morning break - Exhibition Hall

| THEATRE 1 | THEATRE 2 |
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| 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 Jarrod 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 Paul Smith – Chief Technical Director, NGCC | 12.00pm – 12.30pm We need more capacity. And we need less consumption. Can we have both? Dylan Jorgensen – CEO, Qamcom |
| 12.30pm – 1.00pm Resilience by Design: How Tū Ātea is Rewiring the Future Robyn Kamira – Chief Strategy & Impact Officer, 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 – Exhibition Hall | |
| 2.00pm – 2.30pm Building a smarter harbour: wireless networks, IoT, data-driven decision making | 2.00pm – 3.00pm RFUANZ AGM |

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| 2.00pm – 2.30pm Building a smarter harbour: wireless networks, IoT, data-driven decision making Jonathan Brewer – Consulting Engineer, Telco2 | 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 Al network management Fraser Paine – Head of Al, AWARE Group |

3.30pm – 4.15pm afternoon break – Exhibition Hall

4.15pm - 5.00pm

Panel Session – Emerging technologies and their impact on critical communications

Moderator – Chris Stevens

Panellists – Terence Wong – Head of APAC 5G Industry & IoT, GSMA, Fraser Paine – Head of Al, AWARE Group, Sharina Nisha – GM Network Services, One New Zealand, Paul Smith – Chief Technical Director, NGCC, Vaughan Matthews – General Manager & Head of Business, Hourua

5.00pm – 6.00pm networking drinks on Exhibition Floor – sponsored by Motorola Solutions

6.30pm - 11.30pm RFUANZ Gala Awards Dinner

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Soren Low - Chairman, RFUANZ

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Critical communications in emergency management – an expert's view

Brenden Winder – Head of Emergency Management, Christchurch City Council

10.00am - 10.30am

Tactical IP-connected VHF networks for Search & Rescue

Matt Ellingham - ICT Manager, NZ Land Search & Rescue Inc

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| 12.00pm — 12.30pm Nelson Coastguard radio dispatch system Jerame Ashton — Account Manager, Mount Campbell Communications Michael Clarke — Senior Communications Consultant, Omnitronics | 12.00pm – 12.30pm RSM Interference case studies Nathan Schaffer – Manager, Radio Spectrum Investigations | |
| 12.30pm – 1.00pm Surf Life Saving New Zealand's critical communications coastal safety ecosystem Max Corboy – National Radio Comms Manager, SLSNZ | 12.30pm – 1.00pm Simplifying planning and deployment of complex radio networks Liam Bingham – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms Richard Malley – Wireless Expert, Complete-Coms | |
| 1.00pm – 2.00pm lunch break – Exhibition Hall | | |
| 2.00pm — 2.30pm As mission-critical technology evolves, are you keeping an eye on your network? Senthil Sundram — Head of Telecommunications, Rohde & Schwarz | 2.00pm – 2.30pm Innovative solutions using 60GHz – CCTV backhaul and other industrial solutions Corey Weir – Director, Outback Communications Eddie Stephanou – Technical Manager, Cambium Networks | |
| 2.30pm – 3.00pm Resilient emergency systems: Building dynamic communication hubs with private 5G and vehicle nodes David Lloyd – Founder, Step Global | 2.30pm – 3.00pm Radio spectrum paving the path to a predator-free New Zealand Daniel Millar – Principal Engineer, Merp NZ | |
| 2.00pm Exhibition & Conference close | | |

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