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Trade and Industrial Waters Forum 2026

19 - 21 August 2026

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Wednesday 19 August 2026

Pre-conference Workshops

9.00	Registration Desk Open	<i>Foyer</i>
10.00 – 12.00	Trade Waste Officers Workshop Facilitator: Claire Mandengu , Horowhenua District Council • Discussion on current issues • Voting for a TWO rep on NZTIWF Board	<i>Seminar Room</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Lunch for Trade Waste Officers	<i>Seminar Room</i>
12.30 – 3.15	Trade Waste Officers Field Trip Facilitator: Claire Mandengu , Horowhenua District Council Fonterra Bottling Plant – DAF in operation: • Review the operations of the DAF bottling plant • Presentations on the site operations, trade waste considerations and key processes and infrastructure related to wastewater. 	
1.00 – 3.15		<i>Seminar Room</i> Industry Workshop “Raise Your Voice” Facilitator: Geoff Young , BPO This session will provide an opportunity to discuss key issues affecting the sector, including council reforms, industry changes, and ongoing compliance requirements. Bringing together industry representatives and liquid waste operators, the session will focus on sharing experiences, identifying challenges, and exploring practical solutions. This session is open to industries that have trade waste discharges, liquid waste operators and suppliers.
3.15 – 3.45	Afternoon Tea in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
3.45 – 5.30	Combined Workshop Session Facilitator: Geoff Young , BPO A unique opportunity to share perspectives between regulators and industry representatives.	<i>Seminar Room</i>
5.30 – 7.00	Icebreaker & Networking Function <i>Kindly Sponsored by</i>  Join us for the Icebreaker & Networking function to kick off the Industrial Waters conference with great conversations, networking, and light refreshments in a relaxed atmosphere.	<i>Elwood Room</i>

Thursday 20 August 2026

Day 1 Conference

8.00	Registration Desk Open		Foyer
9.00 – 9.30	Opening Ceremony Mihi Whakatau Grant Smith, Mayor of Palmerston North Welcome		Conference Room
9.30 – 9.45	President's Address Shaw Wilson, Whangarei District Council		Conference Room
9.45 – 10.30	Keynote Speaker Collaboration on Public Projects... What I didn't tell you. Rodney Wong, Rotarian and Leader		Conference Room
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea in the Exhibition Area <i>Kindly Sponsored by</i> 		Elwood Room
11.00 – 11.45	Keynote Speaker From Council to CCO: What Changes for Trade Waste? Andrew Carvell, General Manager, Waters at Whangarei District Council		Conference Room
11.45 – 12.30	Panel Discussion: Shared Governance in Practice: Partnership Perspectives on the Establishment of Central Districts Water Grant Smith, Mayor of Palmerston North Andy Watson, Mayor of Rangitikei Di Rump, CEO of Muaūpoko Tribal Authority Inc. Moderator: Ralph Sims, Professor Emeritus, Sustainable Energy and Climate Mitigation, Massey University		Conference Room
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch in the Exhibition Area		Elwood Room
	Conference Room	Seminar Room	
1.30 – 2.00	Moving Bed Biofilm Reactors for Wastewater Treatment: Pilot-Scale Learnings & Industrial Application Song Li, Lutra Limited	Proactive Management of Trade Waste Discharges using Respiration-Based Toxicity Testing Cady Burns, The Wastewater Specialists	
2.00 – 2.30	From Compliance to Confidence: Strengthening Duty of Care Across the Liquid Waste Lifecycle Ross O'Loughlin, WM New Zealand	<i>Move to Elwood Room</i> A practical demonstration of Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) Geoff Young, BPO	
2.30 – 3.30	Exhibitor Session Exhibitors have the opportunity to address the delegates as they move in groups from one exhibitor to the next.		Elwood Room
3.30 – 4.00	Afternoon Tea in the Exhibition Area		Elwood Room
4.00	Annual General Meeting		Conference Room
7.00	Conference Awards Dinner - Ticketed event Come along to the NZTIWF annual awards evening with your fellow delegates at the Flame Amano Restaurant. Menu pre-selection during the registration form is required.		Flame Amano Restaurant

Friday 21 August 2026

Day 2 Conference

8.30	Registration Desk Open	Foyer
9.00 – 9.45	Keynote Address Will Local Water Done Well Work? Hon. Steve Maharey, CNZM Chair, Central Districts Water <i>Kindly Sponsored by</i> 	Conference Room
9.45 – 10.30	Keynote Address Vulnerability of water infrastructure to natural hazards in Aotearoa New Zealand Associate Professor Carol Stewart, College of Health at Massey University	Conference Room
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea in the Exhibition Area <i>Kindly Sponsored by</i> 	Elwood Room
	Conference Room	Seminar Room
11.00 – 11.30	Nature Calls: a consenting journey through changing national legislation Mike Monaghan, Palmerston North City Council	What We've Learned: Trade Waste Insights from Co-Lab Christian Shouler, Co-lab
11.30 – 12.00	Clean and not green New Zealand Ross Leitch, Guaranteed Flow Systems	Reconsidering Trade Waste Consent Exemptions for Cafés with no onsite food preparation Kurt Lindsay, Wellington Water Trade Waste Team
12.00-12.30	Co-Designing Future Wastewater Discharge Options: Land Irrigation Feasibility Assessment for Councils Louisa Hall, Babbage Consultants Ltd	High-Tech Cooking Appliances and Pre-Treatment Solutions Kay Shaw, Mactrap
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch in the Exhibition Area	Elwood Room
1.30 – 2.00	Group Discussion & Closing Session	Conference Room

