

Bridge & Geotechnical Conference 2026

24-25 August 2026
NZICC, Auckland



Sunday, 23 August 2026

Informal Meet & Greet

Time / Location	Description
17:30 – 19:30 The Glass Goose, 78 Federal Street	Informal Meet & Greet Enjoy drinks, canapés, and great company as we gather pre-conference for a relaxed networking opportunity.

Monday, 24 August 2026

Conference Day 1

Time / Location	Description			
07:30 Level 5, NZICC	Registration Desk & Exhibition Open			
08:15 – 09:00 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Mihi Whakatao Opening Ceremony including special addresses			
09:00 – 09:30 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	National Infrastructure Plan Invited Speaker: Geoff Cooper (Te Waihanga, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission)			
9:30 – 10:30 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	The Evolution of the Role of Engineers in Bridge Engineering Keynote: Prof. Michel Virlogeux (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées of Bridge Design and Construction)			
10:30 – 11:00 Foyer, Level 5	Morning Tea			
Session 1	1A	1B	1C	1D
Room	Te Paepae Theatre 1	Room 505	Room 504	Room 503
11:00 – 12:45				
12:45 – 13:45 Foyer, Level 5	Lunch			
Session 2	2A	2B	2C	2D
Room	Te Paepae Theatre 1	Room 505	Room 504	Room 503
13:45 – 15:15				

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Conference Day 1 Continued

15:15 – 15:45 Foyer, Level 5	Afternoon Tea			
Session 3	3A	3B	3C	3D
Room	Te Paepae Theatre 1	Room 505	Room 504	Room 503
15:45 – 17:30				
17:30 Room 505	BETS AGM			
18:00 Foyer, Level 5	Pre-Dinner Drinks			
18:30 – 22:30 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Conference Dinner			

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Conference Day 2

Time / Location	Description			
07:30 Level 5, NZICC	Registration Desk & Exhibition Open			
08:30 – 08:45 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Day 2 Opening			
08:45 – 09:45 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Load-carrying Geosynthetic-reinforced Bridge Abutments Keynote: Prof. Jorge G. Zornberg (The University of Texas at Austin)			
9:45 – 10:15 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Building Resilience in Railways – a KiwiRail Perspective Invited Speaker: Dr. Romy Ridl (KiwiRail)			
10:15 – 10:45 Foyer, Level 5	Morning Tea			
Session 4	4A	4B	4C	4D
Room	Te Paepae Theatre 1	Room 505	Room 504	Room 503
10:45 – 12:45				
12:45 – 13:45 Foyer, Level 5	Lunch			
Session 5	2A	2B	2C	2D
Room	Te Paepae Theatre 1	Room 505	Room 504	Room 503
13:45 – 15:15				
15:15 – 15:45 Foyer, Level 5	Afternoon Tea – final chance to connect with exhibitors!			
15:45 – 17:00 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	NZTA Plenary Followed by Panel Discussion: Design Standardisation - Smoke or Reality...			
17:00 – 17:15 Te Paepae Theatre 1 Level 5	Conference Closing			