



New Zealand Trade and Industrial Waters Forum 2026

19 - 21 August 2026

Palmerston North Conference + Function Centre


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Provisional Conference Programme as at 28.05.26

Please note the programme is subject to change

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 Johnston, Horowhenua District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Johnston, Horowhenua District Council Fonterra Bottling Plant – DAF in operation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the operations of the DAF bottling plant • Presentations on the site operations, trade waste considerations and key processes and infrastructure related to wastewater. 	<i>Seminar Room</i> Industry Workshop “Raise Your Voice” Facilitators: TBC This session provides a valuable time for industries that have trade waste discharges to come together to discuss issues relating to their businesses and work on solutions together. This session is open to industries that have trade waste discharges, liquid waste operators and suppliers.
1.00-3.15		
3.15-3.45	Afternoon Tea in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
3.45-5.30	Combined Workshop Session Facilitator: TBC A unique opportunity to share perspectives between regulators and industry representatives.	<i>Seminar Room</i>
5.30 – 7.00	Icebreaker & Networking Function 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> <i>Kindly Sponsored by</i> 

Thursday 20 August 2026 Day 1 Conference		
8.00	Registration Desk Open	<i>Foyer</i>
9.00-9.30	Opening Ceremony Mihi Whakatau Grant Smith, Mayor of Palmerston North Welcome	<i>Conference Room</i>
9.30-9.45	President's Address Shaw Wilson	<i>Conference Room</i>
9.45-10.30	Keynote Speaker Collaboration on Public Projects...What I didn't tell you. Rodney Wong	<i>Conference Room</i>
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea in the Exhibition Area	<i>Kindly Sponsored by</i> 
11.00-11.45	Keynote Speaker TBC	<i>Conference Room</i>
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 Foster, Mayor of Rangitikei Third panellist TBC	<i>Conference Room</i>
12.30-1.30	Lunch in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
	<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room</i>
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	A practical demonstration of Dissolved Air Floatation (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.	<i>Elwood Room</i>
3.30-4.00	Afternoon Tea in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
4.00	Annual General Meeting	<i>Conference Room</i>
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	<i>Foyer</i>
9.00-9.45	Keynote Address Hon. Steve Maharey, CNZM Chair, Central Districts Water	<i>Conference Room</i>
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	<i>Conference Room</i>
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
	<i>Conference Room</i>	<i>Seminar Room</i>
11.00-11.30	Nature Calls: a consenting journey through changing national legislation Mike Mongahan, Palmerston North City Council	What We've Learned: Trade Waste Insights from Co-Lab Christian Shoulder, 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 Sasha Eremin, Babbage Consultants Ltd	High-Tech Cooking Appliances and Pre-Treatment Solutions Kay Shaw, Mactrap
12.30 -1.30	Lunch in the Exhibition Area	<i>Elwood Room</i>
1.30-2.00	Group Discussion & Closing Session	<i>Conference Room</i>