

# Hapori Aotearoa

*Growing communities together*



MERCURY BAYPARK ARENA  
MARCH 4-5<sup>TH</sup> 2025

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME OUTLINE

### DAY ONE: TUESDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

ACTIVITY		
Registrations open - Tea/coffee available (in the foyer)		
Powhiri		
Welcome to attendees Mayoral address		
Intro to Co-MCs <u>Kerri Price</u> and <u>Josh Te Kani</u> and getting connected		
MORNING TEA		
Strengthening community in Tauranga Moana – inspiration from mana whenua		
Breakout session 1		
<p><b>Skill based training/professional development</b> 90-minute skill focused sessions designed to equip you with new tools and ideas to take back and apply in your community development mahi.</p> <p><b>ROOM 1:</b> <b>Enabling Te Tiriti in community development</b> Elva Conroy</p> <p><b>ROOM 2:</b> <b>Brokering collaboration</b> Trish Hall (Thought Partners)</p>	<p><b>Learning by doing</b> We've invited a range of diverse initiatives from across the motu to share their story and how our conference themes of <i>innovation, collaboration and embedding Te Tiriti</i> are reflected in their mahi.</p> <p><b>ROOM 3:</b> <b>Neighbourhood building</b> Two projects - 30 mins each, with questions and discussion Open the Curtains Live Well Waihi Beach</p> <p><b>ROOM 4:</b> <b>Environmental resilience</b> South Dunedin Future The Learning Environment</p>	<p><b>Future focus</b> Big-picture, generative thinking sessions focused on solutions and tackling key challenges faced across the broad field of community development.</p> <p><b>PLENARY ROOM:</b> <b>Wicked questions</b> Facilitator TBC</p>
LUNCH		

## ACTIVITY

### NZ Keynote Speaker – Genesis Te Kuru White

(Ngāti Pūkeko, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Tūhoe, Ngāti Manawa, Te Tini o Meketu)

Living and working and Whakatāne, Genesis' story is one of empowerment through the reclaiming of Māori identity and indigenisation of community.

Table reflections and discussion to follow.

## QUICK BREAK

### Break out session 2

#### Skill based training/ professional development

##### ROOM 1:

#### Foresight and futures thinking 101

Jade Tang Taylor

##### ROOM 2:

#### Evaluating impact and demonstrating value of community development mahi

Donna Provoost (Powerdigm)  
and Liz Flaherty (Socialink)

#### Learning by doing

##### ROOM 3:

#### Building from local strengths and assets

Mana Kai Mana Ora/Co-lab/  
The Daily  
Community wealth building  
in Porirua

##### ROOM 4:

#### Youth leadership and resilience

TBC

#### Future focus

##### PLENARY ROOM:

#### Powering up communities in times of uncertainty and change

Seed speakers: Tauranga City  
Council and Western Bay of  
Plenty District Council

### Connections, reflections and day one wrap up

## NETWORKING SESSION - DRINKS AND NIBBLES

## DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

ACTIVITY	
Informal networking - Tea/Coffee available	
Welcome to day 2	
<p><b>International Keynote – Roman Krznaric</b> (Australia/UK; Online)  <b>Being Better Ancestors: what community development can learn from the deep future and the deep past</b></p> <p>A leading social philosopher, Roman Krznaric will share how the capacity of community development to rise to 21st century challenges requires an appreciation of the long arc of time. Can we build a better future by looking to the past for inspiration? Roman will be in conversation with Inspiring Communities Director Aaron Hawkins as they consider the implications for us here in Aotearoa.</p> <p>Table based reflection activities to follow.</p>	
MORNING TEA	
ACTIVITY	
Break out session 3	
<p><b>Skill based training/professional development</b></p> <p><b>ROOM 1:</b>  <b>Injecting creativity and innovation into community engagement</b>            Kerri Price (The Facilitators Network)</p> <p><b>ROOM 2:</b>  <b>Community development as group work</b>            Cissy Rock (Community Think)</p> <p><b>ROOM 3:</b>            TBC</p>	<p><b>Learning by doing</b></p> <p><b>ROOM 4:</b>  <b>Engaging/enabling higher need communities</b>            Te Whare Roimata            Pūmanawa Āwhina/Community Connect</p> <p><b>PLENARY ROOM:</b>  <b>Building cultural capacity and leadership</b>            Whakamana Tangata            Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group</p>
LUNCH	
Building connections and our generative thinking	
<p><b>Creating a collaborative conference resource</b>            Working together to create ideas and solutions to address a thorny conference issue.</p>	
QUICK BREAK	
<p><b>Provocation panel – so what, what next?</b>            A final facilitated session where our panellists will reflect on overarching conference themes and intents and offer three challenges around ‘so what, what next’ for us to take home.</p>	
Final reflections and wrap up	
Poroporoaki and closing	