



# Hapori Aotearoa

Growing communities together

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME** *Outline*

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

## Day One – Tuesday March 4

8:30am	<b>Registrations open</b> - Tea/coffee available (in the foyer)		
9:00am	<b>Pōhiri</b>		
9:30am	<b>Welcome to attendees</b> Mayoral address		
9:40am	<b>Intro to Co-MCs</b> <a href="#">Kerri Price</a> and <a href="#">Josh Te Kani</a> and getting connected		
<b>10:10am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>		
10:40am	<b>Strengthening Community in Tauranga Moana - Inspiration from Mana Whenua</b> Speakers - Sylvia and Kylie Willison (Ngāti Ranginui), Huria Trust		
11:30am	<b>Break out session 1</b>		
	<p><b>Skill based training/ professional development</b></p> <p>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>Making the Treaty live</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pā Ropata (Rob McGowan) - Tiwaiwaka</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 2:</b> <b>Brokering collaboration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belinda Gorman - Consultant</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning by doing</b></p> <p>A range of diverse initiatives from across the motu will showcase examples of <b>innovation, collaboration and embedding Te Tiriti</b>. <i>Two projects - 30 mins each, with questions and discussion.</i></p> <p><b>Room 3:</b> <b>Neighbourhood building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trudy Brown - Open the Curtains</li> <li>• Pippa Coombes - Live Well Waihi Beach</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 4:</b> <b>Environmental resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Telfer - South Dunedin Future</li> <li>• Ness Radich - The Learning Environment</li> </ul>	<p><b>Future focus</b></p> <p>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>Open Spaces session</b></p>
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:45pm	<b>NZ Keynote Speaker - Genesis Te Kuru White</b> (Ngāti Pūkeko, Ngāti Awa, Ngāi 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.		
<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Quick break</b>		
3:00pm	<b>Break out session 2</b>		
	<p><b>Skill based training/ professional development</b></p> <p><b>Room 1:</b> <b>Foresight and futures thinking 101</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jade Tang Taylor</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 2:</b> <b>Evaluating impact and demonstrating value of community development mahi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna Provoost - Powerdigm</li> <li>• Liz Flaherty - Socialink</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning by doing</b></p> <p><b>Room 3:</b> <b>Building from local strengths and assets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy Board - Mana Kai Mana Ora/Co-lab/The Daily</li> <li>• Ruth Nonu - Community wealth building in Porirua</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 4:</b> <b>Youth leadership and resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leon Wharekura - Matawhaanui Trust</li> <li>• Megan Williams and Mark Inman - Bay of Plenty Youth Development Trust</li> </ul>	<p><b>Future focus</b></p> <p><b>Plenary Room:</b> <b>Powering up communities in times of uncertainty and change</b></p> <p>Seed speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paula Naude - Tauranga City Council</li> <li>• Jodie Rickard - Western Bay of Plenty District Council</li> </ul> <p>Facilitated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Boyd - WildRoots Strategic and Clare Lundon - Consultant</li> </ul>
4:30pm	<b>Connections, reflections and day one wrap up</b>		
<b>4:45pm</b>	<b>Networking session - drinks and nibbles</b> Facilitated by Carly Shorter - Communicate Powerfully		

## Day Two – Wednesday March 5

8:30am	<b>Informal networking</b> - Tea/coffee available	
9:00am	<b>Welcome to day 2</b>	
9:20am	<b>International Keynote - Roman Krznaric (Australia/UK; Online)</b> <b>Being Better Ancestors: what community development can learn from the deep future and the deep past</b> 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.	
10:30m	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:30am	<b>Break out session 3</b>	
	<p><b>Skill based training/ professional development</b></p> <p><b>Room 1:</b> <b>Hautū Waka: Indigenous navigation Wisdoms for systems change and community outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eruini Hawke - Hautū Waka</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 2:</b> <b>Community development as group work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cissy Rock - Community Think</li> </ul> <p><b>Plenary Room:</b> <b>Encouraging Creativity and Innovation in Community-Based Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerri Price - The Facilitators Network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Learning by doing</b></p> <p><b>Room 3:</b> <b>Engaging/enabling higher need communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krista Dixon - Live for More</li> <li>• Sandi Hackett - Pūmanawa Āwhina/Community Connect</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 4:</b> <b>Building cultural capacity and leadership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiaria Rameka and Paula Bellby - Whakamana Tangata</li> <li>• Hana Halalele - Oamaru Pacific Island Community Group</li> </ul>
12:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:15pm	<b>Building connections</b>	
1:30pm	<b>Creating a collaborative conference resource (our generative thinking)</b> Working together to create ideas and solutions to address a thorny conference issue.	
2:30pm	<b>Quick break</b>	
3:00pm	<b>Closing Keynote - Dave Letele (Māori, Samoan)</b> Dave Letele also known as "The Brown Buttbean" is a community leader, life coach, and motivational speaker based in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland. With a background as a professional boxer and rugby league player, Dave has transformed his life and now dedicates his efforts to uplifting Pacific and Māori communities. Through his organisation, <a href="#">Brown Buttbean Motivation</a> (BBM), he offers free boot camps across Auckland, helping thousands adopt healthier lifestyles and combat obesity. Dave's outspoken leadership and personal journey from adversity to inspiration demonstrate that with the right support, dedication, and community, negative cycles can be broken.	
3:45pm	<b>Final reflections and wrap up</b>	
4:00pm	<b>Poroporoaki and closing</b>	

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