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FTMA CONFERENCE

16-18 JULY 2025 ROTORUA

conference programme

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY

TIME	WHAT	WHERE
1:00pm – 4:30pm	Workshop Optimizing Frame & Truss Manufacturing: Strategies for Excellence Presented by Argon & Co	Matatea Studio, SHMC
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Welcome Function <i>Sponsored by Pryda</i>	Foyer & Black Box

THURSDAY 17 JULY

TIME	WHAT	WHERE
8:00am	Registration open	Foyer
8:30am – 9:00am	Mihi Whakatau Conference Opening Hon Penny Simmonds, <i>Minister for Vocational Education (TBC)</i> Conference Opening Rènè Pienaar, <i>FTMA Chair</i> MC Opening Te Radar	Banquet Room
The Big Picture – external factors that influence our success		
9:00am – 9:05am	5 min introduction by MiTek (Principal Sponsor) David Oliver, <i>MD, MiTek Asia Pacific</i>	
9:05am – 9:35am	Economic outlook for NZ with a focus on building & construction Brad Olsen, <i>Infometrics</i>	Banquet Room
9:35am – 10:05am	Building code & regulatory changes and policies looking forward David Hall, <i>MBIE</i>	Banquet Room
10:05am – 10:30am	Residential building moving to 2030 and beyond – what suppliers and contractors need to do Ankit Sharma, <i>CEO, Registered Master Builders</i>	Banquet Room
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea <i>Sponsored by BCITO</i>	Foyer & Black Box
Nuts and bolts – how we can do better what we are doing now		
11:00am – 11:25am	Manufacturing Excellence in Frame & Truss: Raising the Bar Ian Walsh, <i>Argon & Co</i>	Banquet Room
11:25am – 11:50pm	What your sector competitors are doing that you might not know about Jon Davies, <i>Pro Clima</i>	Banquet Room

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TIME	WHAT	WHERE
11:50pm – 12:15pm	What I love and hate about frame and truss – opportunities for improvement Josh Chapman, <i>#nzbuilder</i>	Banquet Room
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Panel discussion / Q&A moderated by James Laughlin	Banquet Room
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch <i>Sponsored by Nelson Pine Industries</i>	Foyer & Black Box
Innovation and change – how to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world		
1:30pm – 1:55pm	New products from right under your nose Bruce Wallace, <i>The Truss Joint</i>	Banquet Hall
1:55pm – 2:20pm	Latest developments in US with robotics in frame and truss manufacturing US Guest interview (speaker TBC)	Banquet Hall
2:20pm – 2:45pm	From frame and truss to full building panels - our journey Peter Ward, <i>Drouin West Timber</i>	Banquet Hall
2:45pm – 3:10pm	How designers, detailers and manufacturers can work with AI Nick Sterling, <i>Callaghan Innovation</i>	Banquet Hall
3:10pm – 3:30pm	Panel discussion / Q&A moderated by James Laughlin	Banquet Hall
3:30pm – 3:50pm	Afternoon tea <i>Sponsored by BCITO</i>	Foyer & Black Box
The wrap up – what have we learned and how do we apply it?		
3:50pm – 4:15pm	What does good work culture and leadership in the construction industry look like – results of the 2024 CEO's survey Sophia van Zijl, <i>Lead & Governance NZ</i>	Banquet Hall
4:15pm – 4:55pm	How to build a high performance edge James Laughlin	Banquet Hall
4:55pm – 5:10pm	Conference closing	Banquet Hall
5:10pm - 6:00pm	Delegate free time	
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Pre dinner drinks <i>Sponsored by Spida Machinery</i>	Foyer
7:00pm - 10:30pm	Gala Dinner After Dinner Speaker - Alia Bojilova <i>Sponsored by BCTF</i>	Banquet Hall

FRIDAY 18 JULY

INDUSTRY TOURS

Meet at Sir Howard Morrison Centre at 8:20am for a briefing at 8:30am.
You will then be transported to the sites.

Return to Sir Howard Morrison Centre by 12:00pm.

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