# UNLE ASHING THE POTENTIAL OF BUSINESS EVENTS PROGRAMME 5 November 2024

7:45 AM	Registrations open
8:30 AM	Whakatuwhera / Opening
8:45 AM	Housekeeping
9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks: Evolving the role of business events in support of community strategies
	Presenters:  • Vicki Salmon, Board Chair, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited  • Pam Ford, Director Economic Development, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
9:15 AM	An Evolving Role for Business Events  How and why the value proposition for business events is increasingly focusing on broader economic and community priorities
	Presenter: Rod Cameron
9:45 AM	How City Economies are Changing A review of major trends in city economic development and the implications for Auckland's and New Zealand's future
	Presenter: Patrick McVeigh
10:15 AM	Morning Tea Break
10:30 AM	Identifying Key Auckland Economic, Academic, and Business Opportunities A panel discussion on the key sectors driving Auckland's and New Zealand's economic future
	Moderator: Patrick McVeigh Panellists: • Pam Ford, Director Economic Development, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
	<ul> <li>Mark Thomas, MD, Serviceworks Group Ltd/Director, Committee for Auckland</li> <li>Dr Erik Lithander, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement), University of Auckland</li> </ul>
11:30 AM	Success Stories - Case Studies in Delivering Value International case studies illustrating roles that business events have played in supporting community objectives and priorities
	Presenters: International Advisors

12:00 PM	Lunch
	Auckland Success Stories: Events that make a Difference
	Presenters: • Peter Wren-Hilton, founder Wharf24 Limited
1:00 PM	<ul> <li>Zoe Avery, Associate Director of Design (Urban Planning), Te Pare   School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland + Director, The Urbanist</li> </ul>
	Aroha Te Kanawa, World Indigenous Peoples' Conference o Education (WIPCE)
	Moderator: Kate Sutton, Future of Auckland Lead, Deloitte
1:45 PM	Workshop Introduction: From Theory to Practice How can business events be used more systematically and effectively to help advance economic and community priorities
	Facilitator: Joe Davis
2:30 PM	Afternoon Tea Break
2:45 PM	Workshop  Working groups will explore strategies for aligning priority economic and community priorities with corresponding business events
	Facilitator: Joe Davis
4:00 PM	Report Back from Working Groups
	Group leaders will summarize key conclusions and recommendations from each working group
	Facilitator: Joe Davis
4:30 PM	Summary, Recommendations, and Outputs Wrap up the day's content and output with a focus on key
	recommendations and their potential application
	Rapporteur: Rod Cameron
4:55 PM	Thanks, and Acknowledgements
5:00 PM	Closing Karakia



# DAY 2 / PROGRAMME SPEAKERS





**Barbara Maple** 

Chair, Auckland International Business Events Advisory Group
Barbara is a consultant specialising in advancing the value
of business events to communities. Her former leadership
roles include President of the Association of International
Convention Centres, and Chair of the Joint Meetings Industry
Council



**Rod Cameron** 

Former Executive Director, International Association of Convention Centres

Rod is a strategic management consultant with extensive experience in the international Meetings industry including lengthy roles as Executive Director of the International Association of Convention Centres, the Joint Meetings Industry Council and Convention Centres of Canada.



Vicki Salmon

Board Chair, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited

Vicki has extensive experience as both a CEO and director of private and public sector entities in New Zealand and Australia and most recently was a trustee for the Eden Park Trust.

She has a strong grasp of the issues the industry and businesses are facing working as a business consultant assisting companies on organisational change and delivery of operational performance, with a particular focus on finance. Vicki also brings extensive event experience as a former CEO of the Ellerslie Flower Show and director with the Netball World Championship.



**Pam Ford** 

Director, Economic Development, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited
Pam leads the economic development rōpū at Tātaki Auckland
Unlimited, Auckland's cultural and economic development
agency. She has worked in international trade and investment
for over 20 years in central and local government roles. Pam
received the Economic Development New Zealand (EDNZ)
Commendation for Distinguished Service Award in 2018 and was
a Women of Influence finalist in 2019.



**Mark Thomas** 

Director, Committee for Auckland

Mark is a cities and innovation leader specialising in technology-driven city improvements, urban mobility, and economic development. He has extensive experience across the Asia-Pacific and received the Leadership Award for Outstanding Contribution towards building Smart Cities. He is a director of the Committee for Auckland responsible for the annual international benchmarking report the State of the City.



**Patrick McVeigh** 

Technical Director, Economic Development Advisory, Beca
Patrick is an economic development and urban planning
professional with extensive experience in both the public and
private sectors. He is an experienced consultant and trusted
advisor with more than 30 years' experience in strategy
development, policy formulation, research and evaluation,
scenario planning and visioning. Patrick is a Global Fellow of The
Business of Cities.



**Kate Sutton** 

Future of Auckland Lead, Director - Consulting, Deloitte
Kate is the Future of Auckland Lead at Deloitte. Her expertise
is in innovation, digital, cross sector collaboration and new
models and ways of doing things. Prior to Deloitte she was Head
of Innovation and Digital for the UNDP APAC and before that she
worked for UK Innovation foundation, Nesta.



**Peter Wren-Hilton** 

Founder & CEO, Wharf42

Peter established Agritech New Zealand in 2018 to bring together industry, research and government to build an effective agritech voice in New Zealand. His recent focus has been on developing international market opportunities, including hosting the 2035 Oceania Summit in Auckland in 2022. As a direct result of this event, Wharf42 has hosted California-based Summits and launched Platform10, which allows New Zealand-based researchers and companies in the ag biological field to connect with international partners.

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### **Aroha Te Kanawa (Ngati Maniapoto)**

Kaitohu Hinonga | PCO (Professional Conference Organiser, for WIPCE

Aroha is a highly accomplished project and event manager, renowned for her success in organising Indigenous national and international events. She is the Kaitohu Hinonga | PCO (Professional Conference Organiser) for WIPCE, the World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education, which takes place in Auckland in 2025. Aroha is deeply committed to Indigenous development evident through her roles as a former member of WINHEC (World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium) and as the current Secretary/Treasurer of the WIPCE International Council.



### **Zoë Avery**

Associate Director of Design (Urban Planning), Te Pare | School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland + Director, The Urbanist

Zoë is an urbanist, passionate about urban design, planning, landscape and nature. Her work focus stems from the understanding that the urban spaces we create profoundly impact our lives and the planet. Zoë is an authentic problemsolver, and her research focuses on regenerative design, biodiversity, climate change adaptation, urban sustainability, nature-based solutions, and urban design and urban planning policy development.



**Joe Davis** 

Co-founder and CEO, Nanogirl Labs

Joe is the Co-founder and CEO of Nanogirl Labs, dedicated to democratising education through technology and entertainment. With a background in various sectors, he inspires teams as a speaker and facilitator. Joe authored "Silver Linings", showcasing resilient New Zealand businesses during COVID-19, and is a sea rescue skipper with over 20 years' experience.



**Dr Erik Lithander** 

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement), University of Auckland

Dr Erik Lithander is Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Auckland, leading the University's Strategic Engagement portfolio, which includes alumni relations and development, internationalisation, marketing and communications, civic and government relations, domestic and international student recruitment and sustainability. He also has oversight of the Auckland Confucius Institute and chairs the Advisory Board of the New Zealand Centre at the Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi).