

NZ RAIL 2025

STRENGTHENING RAIL FOR AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND – MANAWAROA (RESILIENCE), PONO (RELIABILITY), AND TOITŪ (SUSTAINABILITY)

22 –23 OCTOBER 2025 | AUCKLAND



MINISTERIAL ADDRESS



Hon Christopher Bishop, *Minister of Housing, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for RMA Reform, Minister of Transport, Associate Minister for Sports and Recreation, Associate Minister of Finance, Leader of the House and MP for Hutt South*

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES



Ruth Fairhall, *Acting Secretary for Transport and Chief Executive, Ministry of Transport*



Peter Reidy, *Chief Executive Officer, KiwiRail*



Brent Alderton, *Group General Manager Regulatory & Director of Land Transport, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi*



Patrick Brockie, *Chief Executive, City Rail Link Limited*

ALSO FEATURING



Dean Kimpton, *Chief Executive, Auckland Transport*



Gini Welch, *National Manager Rail Safety Regulation, Te Rōpu Waeture, New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi*



Martin Kearney, *Chief Executive Officer, Auckland One Rail*



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Peter Phillip, *Country Logistics Manager, Ruakura Supply Chain, Kmart*



Daniel Priscott, *General Manager – Sales, Visy Global Logistics NZ*



Daniel Headifen, *Chair, RTSA New Zealand*



Myles Lind, *Chief Engineer, Auckland Transport*

Plus many more...



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New Zealand Rail 2025



Kia ora, welcome to the New Zealand Rail Conference 2025, New Zealand’s premier and longest-running rail event! This year’s theme highlights the collective commitment to strengthening the rail system through **Manawaroa (resilience)**, **Pono (reliability)**, and **Toitū (sustainability)**. Across the sector, there is a shared vision for progress, and this conference is your opportunity to be part of Aotearoa’s journey as we grow, adapt, and forge a rail network that serves both present needs and future generations.

Join industry leaders as we explore key topics such as supply chain transformation, City Rail Link integration, rail freight confidence, infrastructure for future generations, critical funding and resilience strategies. Unique features include the **NZ Young Rail Professionals Forum**, **Next Generation Conference Scholarships**, and the **Inaugural NZ Rail Excellence Awards**, celebrating leadership, innovation, and sustainability.

We look forward to welcoming you to this dynamic gathering of rail professionals, innovators, and leaders shaping the future of rail in New Zealand!

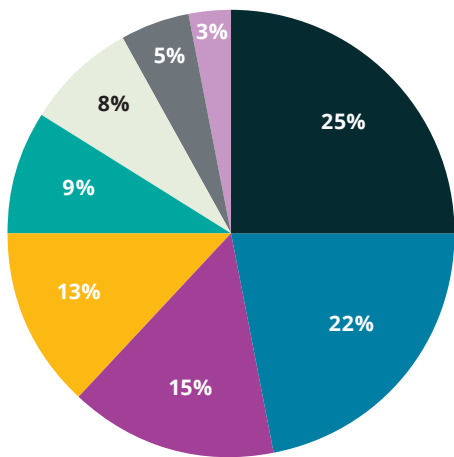
Nga mihi nui,

Kate Twentyman | Conference Director | Informa

JOIN INDUSTRY LEADERS AT NEW ZEALAND’S MOST ESTABLISHED RAIL EVENT!

With strong representation from leadership and technical roles, NZ Rail’s audience reflects the rail industry’s focus on infrastructure development, operational excellence, and strategic growth in the transportation sector.

AUDIENCE BREAKDOWN OF RECORD NZ RAIL 2024 ATTENDEES BY JOB CATEGORIES



“Very interesting and inspiring event with lots of great speakers. I learnt a lot and made some good connections.”



Executive Leadership

- Chief Executive Officers
- Chief Operating Officers
- Chief Infrastructure Officers
- Chief Customer and Growth Officers
- Managing Directors
- Executive Directors
- General Managers
- Directors

Engineering & Technical

- Rail Engineers (Senior, Principal, Graduate)
- Civil Engineers
- Electrical Engineers
- Signalling & Infrastructure Engineers
- Geotechnical Engineers
- Track Designers
- Technical Principals

Project Management

- Project Managers
- Program Managers
- Project Directors

- Principal Project Managers
- Program Performance Directors
- Project Delivery Managers

Operations & Service Delivery

- Operations Managers
- Rail Operations Specialists
- Service Leaders
- Rail Fleet & Infrastructure Managers
- Network Delivery Managers
- Rail Franchise Coordinators/Managers

Government & Regulatory

- Ministers
- Mayors
- Deputy Mayors
- Rail Safety Regulators
- Policy Directors
- Group Managers for Public Transport

Business Development & Sales

- Business Development Managers/Leaders

- Sales Directors/Managers
- Account Managers
- Growth Leads
- Client Leaders
- Business Managers

Strategy & Planning

- Strategy Directors
- Supply Chain Strategy Directors
- Network Strategy Heads
- Business Strategy Directors
- Planning Managers

Sustainability & ESG

- Sustainability Managers
- Sustainability Associates
- Chief Scientists for Sustainability
- ESG Specialists



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PROVEN SATISFACTION

92%
of attendees

reported that NZ Rail met or exceeded expectations in relation to keeping up to date with new trends and developments.

91%
of attendees reported that
NZ Rail
met or exceeded expectations in relation to networking

86%
of attendees
labelled NZ Rail as important to their job / role

86%
of attendees
reported that NZ Rail met or exceeded expectations in relation to learning about the market

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

The New Zealand Rail conference, exhibition and networking functions offer unparalleled opportunities to reach key industry stakeholders, senior decision-makers and customers from the ANZ region.

Don't miss the opportunity to share your expertise and showcase your products, services and solutions at this established industry event.

Contact Sarah Ingram for a copy of the sponsorship & exhibition prospectus today!

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The Inaugural New Zealand Rail Excellence Awards aim to identify and recognise the contributions of individuals and organisations shaping the future of New Zealand's rail industry, with a focus on leadership, commitment to innovation, operational excellence and sustainability for the advancement of both freight and passenger rail services.

Nominations are open!

This year, we're accepting nominations in five categories:

1. **Emerging Leader of the Year**
2. **Excellence in Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion**
3. **Inspirational Woman in Rail**
4. **Unsung Hero**
5. **Lifetime Achievement**

KEY DATES

- Nominations close – 5pm NZST Monday 8 September 2025
- Voting opens – Monday, 22 September 2025
- Voting closes – 5pm NZDT Friday, 10 October 2025
- Winners announced – At the NZ Rail Conference Dinner Thursday, 23 October 2025

Visit the website to nominate: www.informa.com.au/nzrail

"Great to have all agencies in the room discussing the key issues. I was particularly impressed by the open debate around conflicting objectives and priorities."

"The NZ Rail Conference 2024 was a superb event with a great location and excellent speakers. I came away from the event with a renewed sense of where the market and industry is heading and with a re-aligned perspective on the future and where our key clients will focus in the coming years."

"The Rail industry is becoming a growing sector in NZ contributing directly to NZGDP. Encouraging to see many sector participants at the 2024 NZ Rail Conference and acknowledgement of our inspirational youth scholarship winners."



8:00 Registration and welcome coffee

8:40 Mihi whakatau

Welcome led by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

8:50 EVENT OPENING

Kate Twentyman, *Conference Director, Informa Connect*

8:55 OPENING | Morning Briefing

Stacey van der Putten, *Director Public Transport and Active Modes, Auckland Transport*

9:00 Speed networking

NZ RAIL LANDSCAPE

9:10 OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Peter Reidy, *Chief Executive Officer, KiwiRail*

9:35 KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Enabling a transport system that connects New Zealand

Ruth Fairhall, *Acting Secretary for Transport and Chief Executive, Ministry of Transport*

10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS | CRL: Transforming New Zealand's rail network

Patrick Brockie, *Chief Executive, City Rail Link Limited*

10:25 MINISTERIAL ADDRESS

Hon Christopher Bishop, *Minister of Housing, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for RMA Reform, Minister of Transport, Associate Minister for Sports and Recreation, Associate Minister of Finance, Leader of the House and MP for Hutt South*

10:40 Keynote Address Q & A

11:00 Networking and refreshment break

STRENGTHENING RAIL THROUGH COLLABORATION

11:30 INTERNATIONAL ADDRESS | Unlocking EU-NZ business opportunities in rail – Building global partnerships for a sustainable future

11:50 PANEL DISCUSSION | Navigating the complexities of the City Rail Link (CRL) integration

- Safety case variations for different organisations
- How different parties are working together to mitigate risks
- Addressing challenges involving integration of track, data, systems, technology, humans, and operations

Moderated by: Gini Welch, *National Manager Rail Safety Regulation, Te Rōpu Waeture, New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi*

Bevan Assink, *City Rail Link Programme Director, KiwiRail*

Lisa D'Oliveira, *General Manager HSQESS, Auckland One Rail*

Thea Hannah, *Manager Rail Licensing, New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi*

Gareth Williams, *Rail Safety and Assurance Manager, Auckland Transport*

12:30 Lunch and networking break

STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE

13:30 CASE STUDY | Cyber security: Enhancing the resilience of New Zealand's critical infrastructure

13:50 PROJECT UPDATE | Climate resilience strategy: Adapting to extreme weather events

14:10 CHIEF ENGINEERS PANEL DISCUSSION | Engineering tomorrow's resilience, reliability, and safety and capacity

Moderated by: Russell McMullan, *General Manager Assurance and Integration, City Rail Link Limited*

Myles Lind, *Chief Engineer, Auckland Transport*

Jarryd Sisley, *General Manager Engineering & Assets, Auckland One Rail*

Senior representative, *KiwiRail*

STRENGTHENING THE AI IN RAIL: SMART TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

14:50 Technology & Innovation Spotlight Session

15:10 Networking and refreshment break

STRENGTHENING SUPPLY CHAIN CAPACITY & PRODUCTIVITY

15:35 PANEL DISCUSSION | How rail at Ruakura has changed the freight game in the Golden Triangle

Moderated By: Dave Christie, *Supply Chain Strategy Director, Tainui Group Holdings*

Peter Phillip, *Country Logistics Manager, Ruakura Supply Chain, Kmart*

Daniel Priscott, *General Manager – Sales, Visy Global Logistics NZ*

16:15 FIRESIDE CHAT | Long-term future and confidence in rail freight in New Zealand

16:45 NZ YOUNG RAIL PROFESSIONALS FORUM

Informa and the RTSA are hosting a NZ Young Rail Professionals Forum to find out how today's industry leaders have achieved success as they share their tips on how to be a driving force in shaping the future of rail. Attendees are invited to join us for the NZ Rail Exhibition Networking Drinks function after the forum. The forum is open and free for all young rail professionals aged 35 years and under.

Registrations close Friday 11 October

For more information visit: www.informa.com.au/nzrail

17:25 Closing remarks from the Chair

17:30 End of Day One & Exhibition Networking Function

8:50 Admin and safety briefing

8:55 OPENING | Morning Briefing

9:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Reflections on land transport regulation in the New Zealand context

Brent Alderton, *Group General Manager Regulatory & Director of Land Transport, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi*

STRENGTHENING LOCAL, COMMUNITY + BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

9:25 MAYORAL ADDRESS

Auckland Council Representative

9:50 CAMPFIRE SESSION | Where do business and community leaders want to see rail go in NZ?

Moderated by: Stacey van der Putten, *Director Public Transport and Active Modes, Auckland Transport*

Mark Knoff-Thomas, *CEO, Newmarket Business Association*

Viv Beck, *Chief Executive, Heart of the City*

Rupert Hodson, *Executive Director, Committee for Auckland*

10:30 Networking and refreshment break

STRENGTHENING PASSENGER CONNECTIONS

11:00 PANEL DISCUSSION | The big picture: Flagship projects and key insights

Dean Kimpton, *Chief Executive, Auckland Transport*

Martin Kearney, *Chief Executive Officer, Auckland One Rail*

Tonia Haskell, *Managing Director, Transdev Wellington*

11:40 FUTURE PROJECTS UPDATE

Gwyneth MacLeod, *General Manager, Metro Investment Strategy, KiwiRail*

STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABILITY

12:10 CASE STUDY | Meeting sustainability & decarbonisation challenges

Mike Burrell, *Chief Executive, Sustainable Business Council*

SIGNALLING THE FUTURE

12:40 Network resilience reimaged: Transformation through intelligent signalling

13:00 Lunch and networking break

BUILDING THE FUTURE | PROJECT & PEOPLE UPDATES

13:50 CASE STUDY | The Wellington balancing act: Operating through major rail upgrades

Andy Lyon, *Programme Director- Wellington Metro Upgrade, KiwiRail*

Fiona Abbott, *Asset and Infrastructure Senior Manager, Greater Wellington Regional Council (Metlink)*

14:10 Driving rail forward: Professional excellence and technological advancement in New Zealand

Daniel Headifen, *Chair, RTSA New Zealand*

14:25 Technology & Innovation Spotlight Session

14:40 Networking and refreshment break

STRENGTHENING SAFETY

14:55 PANEL DISCUSSION | The planner's perspective on level crossing removals

Moderated by: Sandi Robertson, *Market Leader – Rail & Mass Transit, Stantec*

Jane Small, *Group Manager Rail and Rapid Transit, Auckland Transport*

Further panellists to be advised

STRENGTHENING MARKET CONFIDENCE

15:35 CLOSING DISCUSSION | Creating infrastructure value for more than one generation

— Creating a long-term view with future-focused funding & certainty

— Transport pricing and socio-economic benefits of rail vs. roads

— Assessing progress and opportunities for improvement in the MROM

— How can regional rail networks be better integrated into broader infrastructure strategies?

16:15 Closing remarks from the Chair

16:20 End of Conference

NZ RAIL CONFERENCE DINNER



23 October 2025 | Aotea Centre, Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland
6:30pm – 10:30pm

Commencing with pre-dinner drinks at 6.30pm. Join us to relax and network with industry peers, the perfect opportunity to be informed and inspired.



This unique networking function hosted by Ben Hurley includes presentation of the **Inaugural NZ Rail Excellence Awards, TrackSAFE Foundation NZ Award for Safety Leadership and Next Generation Conference Scholarships.**

Attendees must register to attend the conference as well.

Dinner is available for sponsorship.

New Zealand Rail Conference

22 – 23 October 2025 | Auckland

Easy Ways to Register

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- 2 Telephone**
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Pricing Details

| CONFERENCE PACKAGE | PRICE | GST | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Two Day Conference | NZD 2,695.00 | NZD 404.25 | NZD 3,099.25 |
| YOUNG PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION* (UNDER 35) | | | |
| Two Day Conference | NZD 1,395.00 | NZD 209.25 | NZD 1,604.25 |
| CONFERENCE DINNER | | | |
| Single Ticket | NZD 275.00 | NZD 41.25 | NZD 316.25 |
| Table of 10 | NZD 2,750.00 | NZD 412.50 | NZD 3162.50 |

NEXT GENERATION CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW INCREASED ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR 2025!

We are delighted to announce the return of the Next Generation Conference Scholarships for NZ Rail Conference 2025.

Do you have an idea that could bring greater awareness to the benefits of the rail industry across NZ?

We are inviting all rail sector personnel aged 30 years and under to submit their innovative ideas on how to promote the NZ rail industry in an impactful way for the chance to win one of ten scholarships to attend the New Zealand Rail 2025 Conference & Dinner on 22-23 October.

In 200-300 words, describe how you would market and promote the benefits of rail for the opportunity to win a scholarship to attend the 2025 New Zealand Rail conference and dinner.

Visit: www.informa.com.au/nzrail for further details

A maximum of 3 winners will be selected from the same organisation.

Entries open 28 August 2025 & close 26 September 2025



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