

# COURAGE TO DELIVER

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

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| 8:00 am - 8:45 am   | Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| Plenary             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 8:45 am - 9:00 am   | Mihi whakatau<br>Kurt Komene and Ali Houpapa, Taranaki Whānui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Auditorium |
| 9:00 am - 9:10 am   | Welcome and housekeeping<br>Mick Crouch, GOVIS President                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 9:10 am - 9:30 am   | Conference opening address<br>Sir Brian Roche, Public Service Commissioner                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 9:30 am - 10:15 am  | Leading the digital transformation of government <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chris Fechner, CEO Digital Transformation Agency of Australia</li><li>Sir Brian Roche, Government Chief Digital Officer</li></ul> Panel chair: Steve Griffin, Assurity Consulting |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 10:15 am - 10:45 am | Paramanawa / Morning teaSponsored by CDC Data Centres                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| 10:45 am - 11:15 am | Courage to Transform - Stream 1<br>Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Delivering with AI - Stream 2<br>Workshop Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |
|                     | Investing in Australia’s digital public servants (virtual)<br>Chris Fechner,<br>Digital Transformation, Agency of Australia                                                                                                                                              | Dispatches from the front lines of AI deployment in NZ<br>Madeline Newman,<br>AI Forum                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Introducing the Digital Government Target State<br>Jeremy Weir,<br>Government Digital Delivery Agency                                                                                                                                                                    | Mindset Matters - How do we ensure people and businesses remain relevant in the AI era?<br>Justin Flitter,<br>NewZealand.AI                                                                                                                                        |            |
| 11:45 am - 12:15 pm | Applied digital transformation<br>Karen Dawson, MSD<br>Patrick Hindmarsh, Health NZ<br>Shanil Silva, IRD<br>Panel chair:<br>Steve Griffin, Assurity Consulting                                                                                                           | The courage to be safe: insights from New Zealand’s first AI safety conference<br>Emma Humphrey,<br>AI Safety Australia and New Zealand<br>WARNING<br>This presentation addresses topics that some may find disturbing, including sex trafficking and sexual abuse |            |
| 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm  | Tina / LunchSponsored by CDC Data Centres                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| Plenary             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm   | National Digital Transformation with Digital Public Infrastructure (virtual)<br>Pia Andrews, Serial Public Sector ReformerSponsored by Catalyst                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Auditorium |
| 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm   | What does it mean to redesign your work around AI’s ‘jagged frontier’?<br>Dr Amanda Williamson, Director, Deloitte New Zealand AI Institute                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm   | Running on empty: the neuroscience and metabolic cost of courageous delivery<br>Rachael Hurren, Director Learning and Development, Inde Technology                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm   | Paramanawa / Afternoon teaSponsored by CDC Data Centres                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm   | Courage to Transform - Stream 1<br>Auditorium                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Creative Connections - Stream 2<br>Workshop Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |
|                     | Boldly go! Even when your inertia dampeners are off-line and all your crew have beamed up<br>Brenda Ratcliff and Kristan Johnston,<br>MindMeld Coaching                                                                                                                  | Making the invisible visible to breakdown silos and create shared understanding<br>Joanna Guelland and Firuza Harper,<br>ACC                                                                                                                                       |            |
| 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm   | Networking drinksSponsored by Databricks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |

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## DAY TWO: THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026

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| 8:00 am - 8:40 am   | Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| Plenary             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 8:40 am - 8:45 am   | Welcome back and kick off for day two<br>Tristana Bessler, GOVIS Committee                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                    | Auditorium |
| 8:45 am - 9:15 am   | Why does Aotearoa New Zealand need a sovereign National Data Infrastructure, and what would it take to get there<br>Doug Dixon, Executive Leader and Advocate for NZ Inc.                             |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 9:15 am - 9:45 am   | Māori Data and AI Sovereignty: Good for Māori, Good for Everyone<br>Chris Cormack, He Māwhitiwhiti Matihiko ki te Kāhahu o Hine-Raraunga, Te Kāhui Raraunga<br><div>Sponsored by Catalyst Cloud</div> |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 9:45 am - 10:15 am  | Delivering a trusted government data system<br>Rachael Milicich, Deputy Government Statistician and Deputy Chief Executive for Insights & Statistics, Stats NZ                                        |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 10:15 am - 10:45 am | Paramanawa / Morning tea <div>Sponsored by CDC Data Centres</div>                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| 10:45 am - 11:15 am | Courage to Transform - Stream 1<br><div>Auditorium</div>                                                                                                                                              | Delivering with AI - Stream 2<br><div>Workshop Room</div>                                                                          |            |
|                     | Building confidence and governance to transform Stats NZ<br>Grayson Mitchell, Stats NZ;<br>Matthew Treadwell, Databricks                                                                              | Beyond the Binary: Designing Human-AI Decision Systems in Public Service<br>Rohan Light, GOVIS                                     |            |
| 11:15 am - 11:45 am | Sharing data across agencies to prevent fraud and misuse<br>Matthew Hancock and Demi Gandy, ACC                                                                                                       | To AI, or not to AI: that is the question – but not the only one<br>Julianne Hickey, Department of Internal Affairs                |            |
| 11:45 am - 12:15 pm | The courage to take the step: Information asset management and a pattern for the wider public sector<br>Elias Wyber, TalentJam                                                                        | Breaking the mould: the courage to deliver a government digital tool at startup speed<br>Kate McAlpine, Department of Conservation |            |
| 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm  | Tina / Lunch <div>Sponsored by CDC Data Centres</div>                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm   | Courage to Transform - Stream 1<br><div>Auditorium</div>                                                                                                                                              | Creative Connections - Stream 2<br><div>Workshop Room</div>                                                                        |            |
|                     | Moving to a cloud in 16 weeks: the Kāinga Ora story<br>Jan Serfontein, Kāinga Ora;<br>Ian Rogers, TEAM Cloud;<br>Jason McHenry, Cognizant                                                             | Digital identity – it will transform our lives as citizens<br>Joerg Micheel, Kaimai Security Ltd                                   |            |
| 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm   | Transforming access to legislation<br>Thomasin Sleigh and Zinal Bhadra, Parliamentary Counsel Office                                                                                                  | Mai i te Aituā ki te Mārama: From Affliction to Understanding<br>Arama Mataira, Walk Together Aotearoa                             |            |
| 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm   | Delivering Digital Public Infrastructure for South Africa – the MyMzansi story<br>Sigurd Magnusson, Silverstripe                                                                                      | Whiti – shedding light on data to support social work<br>Yvonne Hore and Bryan O’Leary, Oranga Tamariki                            |            |
| 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm   | Paramanawa / Afternoon tea <div>Sponsored by CDC Data Centres</div>                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                    | Foyer      |
| Plenary             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm   | Digital governance: Let’s stop pretending<br>Murray Wills, Director of Liverton Security and NZ Chapter Director of Digital Directors ANZ                                                             |                                                                                                                                    | Auditorium |
| 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm   | Leading through challenges: lessons from the road to the Ironman 70.3 World Championships<br>Ellen Twiss, Team Leader Data/Development, Tertiary Education Commission                                 |                                                                                                                                    |            |
| 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm   | Conference wrap up<br>Chris McDowall, GOVIS Conference Convenor                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                    |            |

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