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DAY ONE: MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND
TE PUNA MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

8:00 am - 8:45 am	**Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking**		Foyer
	Plenary		
8:45 am - 9:00 am	**Mihi whakatau - Taranaki Whānui**		Auditorium
9:00 am - 9:10 am	**Welcome and housekeeping** **Mick Crouch,** *GOVIS President*		Auditorium
9:10 am - 9:30 am	**Conference opening address** *Speaker to be confirmed*		Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:00 am	**Keynote: Public service leadership** *Speaker to be confirmed*		Auditorium
10:00 am - 10:30 am	**Keynote: Reflections on breaking the mould** **Reverend Murray Edridge,** *Wellington City Missioner*		Auditorium
10:30 am - 11:00 am	**Paramanawa / Morning tea**		Foyer
	Creative Connections - Stream 1 **Workshop Room 1**	**Creative Connections - Stream 2** **Workshop Room 2**	
11:00 am - 11:45 am	**What does creative and accountable leadership look like?** **Reverend Murray Edridge** *(Wellington City Missioner)*	**Reimagining data at Stats NZ: the journey to an integrated statistical data system** **Celeste Cutting, Michael Alspach, Sarah Cowell, Mike Judd and Simon McBeth** *(StatsNZ)*	
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	**Digital experiences that truly matter - overseas voting** **Jarrod Baker** *(Electoral Commission);* **James Guthrie and Steve Barnard,** *(Pikselin)*	**Presentation to be confirmed**	
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	**Tina / Lunch**		Foyer
	Plenary		
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	**What do public service restructures and technical debt have in common?** **Annika Naschitzki,** *PhD Student, School of Government,* *Victoria University of Wellington*		Auditorium
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	**Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes** **Rachael Hurren,** *Director Learning and Development, Inde Technology*		Auditorium
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	**Paramanawa / Afternoon tea**		Foyer
	Creative Connections - Stream 1 **Workshop Room 1**	**Creative Connections - Stream 2** **Workshop Room 2**	
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	**What do public service restructures and technical debt have in common?** *(discussion session)* **Annika Naschitzki** *(Victoria University of Wellington)*	**Neurodivergence in IT: beyond the stereotypes (your questions)** **Rachael Hurren** *(Inde Technology)*	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	**Networking drinks**		Foyer

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DAY TWO: TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025

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Time	Session	Location
8:00 am - 8:45 am	**Registration opens with coffee and pre-conference networking.**	Foyer
	Plenary	
8:45 am - 9:00 am	**Conference relaunch** **Mick Crouch,** *GOVIS President* **Chris McDowall,** *Conference Convenor*	Auditorium
9:00 am - 9:30 am	**Remixing the rules of digital government** **Andy Neale,** *Deputy Chief Executive for Access and Digital Services, Parliamentary Counsel Office*	Auditorium
9:30 am - 10:15 am	**Creativity in the C-suite panel** *Speakers to be confirmed*	Auditorium
10:15 am - 10:40 am	**Paramanawa / Morning tea**	Foyer

Time	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2
10:40 am - 11:20 am	**Creativity, it's a 'culture thing'!** **Pat McShane** *(Croga Ltd)*	**Trust by design: creative interventions in bureaucratic spaces** *(workshop)* **Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation** *(Stats NZ)*
11:20 am - 12:00 pm	**PDFs are where creative government goes to die: transforming the API guidelines into digital infrastructure** **Victoria Wray and Jim Clendon** *(DIA);* **Tom Barraclough** *(Syncopate Lab)*	

Time	Session	Location
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	**Tina / Lunch**	Foyer
	Plenary	
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm	**Keynote: At the cutting edge -** **where are AI tools heading next?** **Shivonne Londt,** *Senior Solution Architect, AWS* *Sponsored by AWS*	Auditorium
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	**Keynote: Public service leadership** *Speaker to be confirmed*	Auditorium

Time	Creative Connections - Stream 1 Workshop Room 1	Creative Connections - Stream 2 Workshop Room 2
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	**Share your ideas about digital service modernisation with the GCDO!** **Michelle Edgerly** *(DIA)*	**From bespoke to routine: enabling rapid delivery of complex analytics** **Simon Anastasiadis** *(Social Investment Agency)*

Time	Session	Location
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	**Poster Party -** *during Paramanawa / Afternoon tea*	Foyer
	Plenary	
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	**Utaina: Connecting Aotearoa through Digitised Sounds and Stories** Zak Argabrite, Cynthia Wu and Joshua Ng, *DIA*	Foyer
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	**Closing keynote** *Speaker to be confirmed*	Foyer
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	**Conference finale**	Foyer