

New Zealand Architectural Design Conference 2026



CONFERENCE THEME: People. Story. Place...by Design

Reception Wednesday 28 October 2026

5.00pm - 6.30pm **WEDNESDAY MIX AND MINGLE**
Te Waha, New Zealand International Convention Centre
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6.30pm - 7.15pm Optional guided tour of NZICC (by venue staff)

Day One Thursday 29 October 2026

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8.00am **REGISTRATIONS AND EXHIBITION OPEN**
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9.00am MIHI WHAKATAU - NGĀTI WHĀTUA ŌRĀKEI

9.10am **MC WELCOME**
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9.15am **WELCOME FROM ADNZ PRINCIPAL PARTNER GIB®**
John Kitchen, Area Sales Manager Lead



9.20am **PLACE VISIONING: FROM GROUNDED REALITY TO TRANSFORMATION**
Andrew Hoyne, Founder/Principal – Hoyne
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10.10am **MINISTER ADDRESS**
Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Building and Construction

10.15am **ARENA WILLIAMS**
MP for Manurewa, Labour Party Spokesperson for Building and Construction

10.20am **QUESTIONS FOR MINISTERS**

10.30am **MORNING TEA AMONGST THE EXHIBITION**
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11.10am **NZICC: THE FULL STORY, FROM DESIGN TO DELIVERY**
Edwin Ipsen, Associate Principal - Warren and Mahoney;
Ilona Haghsheenas, Studio Principal - Warren and Mahoney
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11.40am **MĀORI HI-TECH**
Anthony Hōete, Architect/Professor – University of Auckland

12.20pm **LUNCH AMONGST THE EXHIBITION**

1.35pm **ECONOMIC UPDATE**
Brad Olsen, Chief Executive and Principal Economist – Infometrics

2.35pm **CELEBRATIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMMUNITY**
Susie Elms, Architectural Designers New Zealand Board Chair

2.50pm **NETWORKING AFTERNOON TEA**

3.30pm **DESIGN THINKING CHALLENGE**
Darryl McClay, Managing Partner – DesignThinkers ANZ
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4.30pm CONFERENCE CLOSING DAY ONE

**6.30pm -
10.30pm**

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9.00am

WELCOME BACK BY MC

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AI AS YOUR SUPERPOWER - THE EXPONENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY
Greg Cross, Founder – Eighty20.AI

9.55am

MORNING TEA AMONGST THE EXHIBITION

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10.40am

OUR WHARE, OUR FALE

Elyjana Roach, Fa'amatuainu Tino Pereira and Jason Leung-Wai - Central Pacific Collective

11.30am

DELIVERING A CITY OF DREAMS

Julie Stout, Architect and Urbanist – Mitchell Stout Dodd Architects

12.05pm

CGF - CREATING IMPACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Brian Dillon, CEO – Construction Growth Foundation (CGF)



12.20pm

LUNCH AMONGST THE EXHIBITION

**1.30pm -
2.15pm**

DESIGN IN FOCUS | FOUR STORIES

Nikki McNeil, Tim Wernham, Dian Tang and Mitchell Coll
ADNZ Professional Members
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2.15pm

NETWORKING AFTERNOON TEA

3.00pm

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Nathan Fa'avae – High Performance Adventurer

3.50pm

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**6.30pm -
11.00pm**

ADNZ RESENE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AWARDS GALA DINNER

Te Waha, New Zealand International Convention Centre



Day Three Saturday 31 October 2026

**10.00am -
2.30pm**

ADNZ GIB® ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

Meeting point at Clock Tower - University of Auckland

