

CDAO New Zealand

▶ Connecting you to what's next in data and AI

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER DAY ONE

08:20	<i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei - Mihi Whakatau Te Aroha Grace
09:05	<i>Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks</i> Chair: Peter Gavin GM, Data & Analytics ANZ
09:10	Speed Networking – Making new connections at CDAO New Zealand! During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet three people you don't already know. Have fun!
09:15	Keynote Headliner: Transforming Business with Generative AI: Data-Driven Strategies for Success <u>Speaker:</u> Mike Parsons Data & AI - Tribe Lead and Chapter Area Lead Air New Zealand
09:40	Improving AI Accuracy with AI-Ready Unstructured and Structured Data <u>Speaker:</u> Hilton Rosenfeld Senior Solution Engineer-DataStax IBM
10:05	The Data & AI Journey at Fonterra <u>Speaker:</u> Helius Guimaraes Chief Data & AI Officer Fonterra
10:30	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>
11:00	How to Create AI Agents and Influence Everything <u>Speaker:</u> Jonathon Bowring Global Field Engineer Informatica

11:25	Keynote Panel: CDAO Dilemmas in 2025 - What Are the Top Strategies for Balancing AI, Governance & Business Demands? - AI vs. Governance: How can CDAOs drive AI innovation while ensuring quality? - Ethical and regulatory considerations: just because you can, does it mean you should? - Talent & Skills Gap: How do you attract, retain, and upskill teams in a rapidly evolving landscape? <u>Moderator:</u> Penelope Maxwell Data Analytics Manager Fisher & Paykel Healthcare <u>Speakers:</u> James Beech Chief Analytics and Insight Officer Westpac Graeme Jackson GM Data & Analytics – Enterprise Vector Tony Aitken Group Manager – AI & Advanced Analytics Auckland Transport
12:00	Keynote Panel: Exploring the Impact of AI and Data Democratisation in Modern Enterprises - How are AI and data democratisation reshaping business operations through real-time insights and improved operational efficiency? - In what ways can enterprises effectively measure the ROI from AI initiatives alongside data democratisation efforts? - What are the ethical implications of deploying AI within a democratised data framework, and how can organisations navigate them responsibly? - What is one exciting AI development that you have deployed or is currently in production? <u>Moderator:</u> Xanthe Sulzberger Head of Data - Operational Excellence Fonterra <u>Speaker:</u> Armon Petrossian CEO & Co-Founder Coalesce.io Angela Zhao Head of Data and AI Governance Genesis Adam Courtier Head of Data & Digital Workplace Mitre 10
12:35	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse.</i> Private Data Leader's Lunch – Hosted by IBM
13:35	Top Tips to Get Your Data AI-Ready <u>Speaker:</u> Sam Darmo Senior Sales Engineer Precisely
14:00	Transforming Data Insights into Actionable Revenue: A Step-by-Step Approach <u>Speaker:</u> Hayden Tuffery Head of Data Enablement NZ Post
14:25	Delivering a Sustainable AI Outcome for the Business <u>Speaker:</u> Mike Congdon Head of Data & Analytics Southern Cross Healthcare
14:50	Providing Safety in Turbulent Times – Data Governance in Action <u>Speaker:</u> Mira Bradshaw Head of Data Governance SkyCity Entertainment Group
15:15	<i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i>

15:45	Advance AI Adoption with Purpose and Permanence <u>Speaker:</u> Sean Narayan Artificial Intelligence & Business Intelligence Lead Bidfood New Zealand
16:10	From Vision to Value: One NZ's journey to the Agentic Enterprise <u>Speaker:</u> Neeharika Chowdhary GM AI Product & Value One New Zealand
16:40	<i>Closing Remarks by the Chair</i>
16:45	Close of Day One
16:45	Cheers with Peers: CDAO Drinks Reception <i>Continue the conversations.</i>

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TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER DAY TWO

08:30	<i>Register; grab coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i>
09:00	Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks Chair: Peter Gavin GM, Data & Analytics ANZ
09:10	Past, Present, Potential: The Evolution of Data and AI at Auckland Council <u>Speakers:</u> Sarah Cawsey General Manager Data Auckland Council Andrew Parkinson Head of Analytics Auckland Council
09:35	Panel Discussion: The AI Mandate - What the Business Expects from Data Leaders - How can data leaders translate AI potential into tangible business outcomes that align with strategic goals? - What role should data leaders play in balancing innovation with governance, ethics, and regulatory compliance in AI initiatives? - How can data leaders ensure the organisation has the right data, talent, and infrastructure to scale AI responsibly and effectively? <u>Moderator:</u> David Thomas GM of Data and Enterprise Architecture NZ Post <u>Speakers:</u> Hamish McEwen Chief Data & Analytics Officer Fire & Emergency NZ Mazen Kassis Head of Data & Analytics Foodstuffs NZ Krishna Pathri Head of Data and Insights thl James Bergin EGM Technology Research and Advocacy Xero
10:10	Balancing Innovation and Governance in Data Strategy: The CDAO's Pursuit <u>Speaker:</u> Hamish McEwen Chief Data & Analytics Officer Fire & Emergency NZ
10:35	<i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i>
11:05	Spotlight Session – DAMA New Zealand: AI Runs on Trust - and Trust Runs on Data <u>Speaker:</u> Anup Singh President DAMA New Zealand
11:20	Data Storytelling and Communication Skills for Data Leaders in the Era of AI <u>Speaker:</u> Chris Carter Head of Data & Intelligence Financial Market Authority (FMA)

11:45	Data and Infrastructure Foundations Enabling Better Decisions by Farmers <u>Speaker:</u> Mark Neal Head of Data Science Dairy NZ
12:10	Panel Discussion: Unlocking Data Literacy and Making It Part of Everyday Workflows • How do you find and tailor the right data literacy strategy to fit your company's unique culture and needs? • What are the key steps to creating a practical, actionable data literacy plan for the next two years? • How can organisations maintain momentum and keep teams updated with the latest data trends and innovations over time? <u>Moderator:</u> Prof Leo Paas Programme Director, Master of Business Analytics University of Auckland Business School <u>Speakers:</u> Stasha Rmandic Senior Manager, FCO Data and Reporting ASB Jeff Smith National Data & Analytics Manager New Zealand Couriers Jeff Turin Data and AI Governance Tower Insurance
12:45	<i>Lunch Break! Connect and Converse</i>
13:45	Operationalising AI Governance—From Principles to Practice <u>Speaker:</u> Priya Mathur Head of Enterprise Data Fidelity Life
14:10	Unified Design Governance <u>Speaker:</u> Jeff Turin Data and AI Governance Tower Insurance
14:35	Beyond the Prototype: Scaling Data & AI from POC to Production <u>Speaker:</u> Delia Rusu Former Data Science Lead The Warehouse Group
15:00	Closing Panel: Data 2026 - Bold Predictions, Big Bets & Rethinking What's Possible • What's one 'unsexy' data trend that you think will quietly dominate in 2026 - and no one is paying enough attention to yet? • If you had to kill one overused data buzzword or practice before the year ends, what would it be, and what should replace it? • If you were placing a bold bet on where data is headed in 2026 - technology, talent, AI, governance, anything - what would you bet on, and what do you think would make it succeed or flop? • What's your most unusual opinion about where data, AI, or governance is headed and why do you stand by it? • How do you expand your thinking to meet the challenges of tomorrow? <u>Moderator:</u> Prof Leo Paas Programme Director, Master of Business Analytics University of Auckland Business School <u>Speakers:</u> Bryan Ng Chief Data & Analytics Officer New Zealand Trade & Enterprise Peter Gavin GM, Data & Analytics ANZ Mike Parsons Data & AI - Tribe Lead and Chapter Area Lead Air New Zealand Gal Fybish Data Analytics Lead Turners Automotive Group Farhein Akmal Product Owner (BI & Analytics) Auckland Council
15:35	<i>Afternoon Coffee! Connect and Converse</i>
16:05	Close of CDAO New Zealand 2025