

# EVANZ MID YEAR CONFERENCE

*Te hui a Te Whare Tapere o Aotearoa*

## TSB Showplace and Stadium Taranaki, New Plymouth

### DAY 1 Tuesday 13 May

10am	<b>Registration Open – TSB Showplace</b>	
10.30am	<b>Mihi Whakatau/Welcome and introduction to New Plymouth Event Venues</b>	
11.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Ice Breaker (Glen Pickering and Sarah Cowley)</b>	
12.30pm – 1.15pm	<b>Keynote Speaker – Sam Johnson</b> <i>Sam has founded and scaled a diverse range of charities, businesses, and ideas that aim to create value for society and enhance common well-being. He's most well known as the founder of the Student Volunteer Army (SVA), where he served as Chief Executive until joining STILL to be the startup Chief Executive of 'Paererewā - the 1000 Year Bench Project.' Sam holds a Chartered Member status with the Institute of Directors and is an Adjunct Fellow in the School of Leadership and Education at the University of Canterbury. Sam has previously received numerous awards for leadership, including the Young New Zealander of the Year and Communicator of the Year and is on the board of the Isaac Theatre Royal in Christchurch.</i>	
1:15pm – 2.15pm	<b>Lunch and networking</b>	
2.15 – 3.15pm	<b>Accessibility Panel</b> <b>Led by Katie Querin – Arts Access Aotearoa</b> <i>Michael Carvosso – Williams AV</i> <i>Wendy Lawrence – Govett Brester Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre</i> <i>Nikki Ring – Live Nation</i>	
3.15pm – 4.15pm	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Nelita Byrne</b> <i>Finance for Venue Managers</i>	<b>Session 1a</b> <b>Accessibility Deep Dive</b> <i>A follow-on discussion from the panel how can you make it work in your venue?</i> <b>Led by Katie Querin – Arts Access Aotearoa</b>
4.15pm – 5.00pm	<b>Speaker Session – Kylie Hawker Green, Manager New Zealand Major Events – MBIE</b> What do major events want from a venue?	
5.00pm – 6.30pm	<b>Free time</b>	
6.30 – 9.30pm	<b>Evening Function –</b> <b>Dinner and networking at Stadium Taranaki</b>	

### DAY 2 Wednesday 14 May

8.30am – 9.00am	<b>Tea and Coffee available, TSB Showplace</b>	
9.00am – 11.00am	<b>Knowledge Café</b> Round table discussions on hot topics and key issues. <b>Facilitated by Mark Mekalick</b>	

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11.00am – 11.30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Casual Staffing – David Liggett, NPEV</b> <i>Recruiting and retention</i>	<b>Session 2a</b> <b>Sam Bennett, Speaking Made Easy</b> <i>Practical tips for presenting</i>
12.30pm – 1.30pm	<b>Lunch and networking</b>	
1.30pm – 2.30pm	<b>Session 3</b> <b>Marketing Panel - Led by Lena Taylor, Live Nation New Zealand - Venues</b> <b>How to sell those tickets!</b> <i>Jessie Schumacher- TAFT</i> <i>Jenna Bramble – RNZB</i>	<b>Session 3a</b> <b>Duty of Care Bruce Couper, Risq</b> <i>Practical session on keeping your-self and your staff safe</i>
2.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>Panel – Opening a New Venue or Re-opening after refurbishment</b> <b>Led by Caroline Harvie-Teare, Venues Otautahi</b> <i>Gus Sharpe – Waikato Regional Theatre</i> <i>Jonnie Orrell – Stadium Taranaki</i>	
3.30pm	<b>EVANZ Update and Future Plans</b>	
4.00pm	<b>Conference Close</b>	