

**We are.** | 2014 Conference  
**LGNZ.** | & Awards

Powering  
Local  
Economies

Building  
Vibrant  
Communities

20-22 JULY, RUTHERFORD HOTEL, NELSON

# Programme

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## Sunday 20 July

9.45am Registration desk open

10.00am Council hosted tours

1.00pm Local Government New Zealand AGM

3.00pm **Mayors Taskforce For Jobs AGM** - members only  
Off site Venue: 'The Vic', 281 Trafalgar Street (A 5 minute walk from The Rutherford Hotel)  
*Please note: refreshments available from 2.30pm*

4.00pm Opening ceremony

5.30pm **Simpson Grierson welcome cocktails**  
Taste of Nelson/Tasman region  
The Rutherford Hotel  
*more information [click here](#)*

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## Monday 21 July

7.00am Registration desk open

7.00am **BERL breakfast session**  
**Mark Inglis**  
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9.00am Transforming towns and cities to build strong local economies and vibrant communities  
**Paul Pisasale, Mayor of Ipswich**  
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9.45am Morning tea amongst exhibition

10.30am The changing face of our regions: opportunities and risks  
**Shamubeel Equb**

11.20am Factors that make Wellington based Xero a global success and why businesses locate where they do  
**Rod Drury**

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12.15pm Lunch amongst exhibition

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1.30pm Lifting governance and financial performance

**Craig Stobo**

**Andrew Mackenzie**

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2.15pm Future economic thinking: how will the changing social and economic landscape impact on our future development patterns

**Caroline Saunders**

**Ganesh Nana**

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3.00pm Afternoon tea amongst exhibition

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3.45pm **Master class sessions**

- New generation funding models for infrastructure
- Funding models and the economic impact of cycle ways
- Transforming local government through smart digital investment
- Improving governance through strengthening capacity and capability
- How do we engage with youth?

More information on the master class sessions [click here](#).

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5.15pm End of conference day

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6.45pm **Fulton Hogan conference dinner and LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards**

Saxton Stadium

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## Tuesday 22 July

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8.00am Registration desk open

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8.45am LGNZ's 2014 elections manifesto

**Lawrence Yule**

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9.00am Prime Minister

**Rt Hon John Key**

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9.15am Presentation of the Skills Organisations Outstanding Contribution to Local Government Award

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9.30am Innovation: Something 'new' is not always something 'better'.

**Jonar Nader**

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10.30am Morning tea amongst exhibition

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11.15am Leader of the Opposition  
**Hon David Cunliffe**

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11.30am National events from metro to grass roots – needs, opportunities and key success factors for a town hosting a major event  
**Therese Walsh**

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12.30pm Lunch amongst exhibition

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1.45pm Community impact case studies – finalists from 2014 EXCELLENCE Awards

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2.30pm Making localism work through innovation  
**Kobus Mentz**  
**Suzie Johnson**  
**David Hammond**

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3.30pm Final summary and close

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3.45pm **Closing function**

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## LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards

The 2014 LGNZ EXCELLENCE Awards is new to conference and will recognise outstanding leadership and impact across community events, infrastructure and economic development. Celebrate your councils successes by submitting an application now.