

# Navigating New Horizons

## People, Place, Environment

Wednesday 2 April - Friday 4 April 2025, Copthorne Waitangi

(Investment \$550pp includes 2 dinners, all conference catering, fabulous speakers as well as the opportunity to connect with colleagues and focus on your own wellbeing).

\*Accommodation not included in the conference price, book separately.

### Programme

#### WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL

9.00am Registration at Copthorne  
10am-11am Powhiri at Te Tii Marae, Conference Opening/Morning tea  
11.15am Networking for Leadership  
Free time Activities in the Bay. Book and pay for these individually.  
6.30pm Luau at the Copthorne

#### THURSDAY 3 APRIL

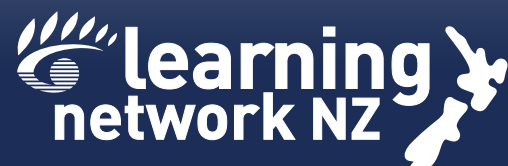
8.45am **Pio Terei** - Welcome/Housekeeping  
9.00am **Arnika MacPhail** Digital Storytelling  
10.15am Morning tea with sponsors  
11.00am **Dan Te Whenua Walker** How AI can disrupt inequity for Maori  
12.15pm Lunch with Sponsors  
1.30pm **Vince Ford** Connection before Curriculum  
2.30pm Afternoon Tea with Sponsors(Waitaha Room)/ AGM in Treaty Room  
3.00pm FREE TIME  
5.00pm TTPA Happy Hour at BOI Yacht Club...proudly supported by John Raine (NBS)  
THEME: TBC ...there will be prizes so get CREATIVE.  
7.00pm-late Dinner and entertainment at Copthorne (Treaty Rooms)  
Music by TBC

#### FRIDAY 4 APRIL

8.30am Breakfast in Treaty Rooms & Sponsor prize draw  
9.30am **Jemari Paerata** Inspiring Maori Youth  
10.30am Sponsor prize draw continued  
10.45am **Dave Letele** If your WHY is strong enough, you can overcome ANYTHING  
11.45am Poroporoaki...and snacks to go

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Be part of a unique event where leaders and innovators gather to explore the future of leadership, inspired by Māori values of whanaungatanga (connection), kaitiakitanga (guardianship), and manaakitanga (hospitality). Be inspired by amazing speakers, and connect with your leadership community.

Discover new ways to empower your team, honour our places, and embrace sustainable practices.



### **Pio Terei MC**

Pio has turned his many talents into a stellar career as a musician, comedian, actor, whānau advocate, speaker, and hunter-gatherer presenter.

From Māori radio he moved to screen comedy; Pete and Pio, The Life and Times of Te Tutu; drama Matakū, No 2; entertainment Big Saturday Night In, It's In The Bag; travel Intrepid Journeys, Te Araroa: Tales From The Trails, Off The Grid; and food Kai Safari, Tangaroa.



### **Arnika Macphail The epic story of digital storytelling**

Arnika Macphail is the Kaiwhakahaere at impactedED. Arnika works alongside schools around Aotearoa to support kaiako and SLT to enhance their curriculum. Arnika comes from a teaching background and understands that time can be a barrier for PLD. The coaching and mentoring she provides models this by helping educators to save time. Arnika believes PLD should be engaging and relevant.

Join Arnika Macphail as she takes you on a journey through the world of digital storytelling. Drawing from her rich experiences in education, Arnika will explore how digital storytelling has revolutionised the way we share, learn, and connect.

Discover how authentic, engaging narratives can be crafted while maintaining a healthy relationship with digital tools. Arnika will share practical strategies for promoting digital wellbeing, ensuring that our interaction with technology enhances rather than hinders our personal and professional lives.

Learn how to leverage the power of stories in the digital age while prioritising your well-being and fostering a positive digital culture.



### **Dan Te Whenua Walker How AI can disrupt inequity for Maori**

Dan Walker has tribal affiliations to Tangahoe, Ngati Ruanui, Nga Ruahinerangi, Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairoa, Te Atiawa, Maniapoto, Tuhourangi and Pakeha. He is a mokopuna of the great freedom fighter Titokowaru and wahine leader Ruaputahanga.

Dan is Global Co-Chair of Indigenous at Microsoft where he is focused on supporting Indigenous empowerment wherever Microsoft is and raising the Indigenous voice in technology globally.

Dan's Masters degree was about tikanga Maori ki te ao matihiko – Maori values as a framework for digital leadership. This journey led him down interviews with Indigenous leaders from around the world about Indigenous wisdom from a digital context. Dan will discuss some of these Indigenous approaches to technology and how Maori are starting to collaborate with modern legal and corporate frameworks for true long-term inter-generational change for our future.



### **Vince Ford Connection before Curriculum**

Vince is the author of 16 books for children and teens. He's won the junior fiction category of the New Zealand Children's Book Awards, won the children's choice category three times and been a regular on the Storylines Notable Book List.

"We're created to be social creatures and I'm on a journey to find how connection can make us healthier, happier and more productive. I'm researching, speaking and writing on Human Connection."

Do you remember the teacher that truly saw you, that recognised your potential and whose presence made you want to turn up and be the best you could be? How much did they influence your life?

In this keynote we dig into the neuroscience of connection, examine the ways we connect and discover the secret to engaging with one another in a way that builds lasting bonds of trust.



### **Jemarl Paerata Inspiring Maori Youth**

After almost 20 years as a professional firefighter, Te Kaiarahi's founder, Jemarl Paerata decided he wanted to give back to his community in an even bigger way. He decided to uplift and inspire as many people as he could by encouraging healthy lifestyle choices.

Te Kaiarahi means to mentor. Their Mission/Kaupapa is to inspire people to reach their full potential through a holistic approach to mentoring based on Te Ao Maori principles and reconnecting to Taiao/Nature.

Jemarl lives in Piha on the West coast of Aotearoa. Here you can find him doing the things he's passionate about, such as surfing, fishing, bushwalking and working with people to help them build better lives for themselves. He has travelled extensively with his son, Elliot, a Professional Surfer and former NZ Open Men's Surfing Champion.

Self development and growth enable our people to make healthy lifestyle choices. Focusing on the power of the mind and controlling our thought patterns. The thoughts that are dominating your mind have a direct impact on the results you get in life. Changing your thoughts, changes your results.



### **Dave Letele**

#### **If your WHY is strong enough, you can overcome ANYTHING**

Dave "The Brown Buttbean" Letele is of Māori and Samoan heritage. As a child, Dave's father was president of the Mongrel Mob, and he grew up around prisons and criminal activity.

Throughout his life, Dave has experienced massive highs and lows. He turned to prize fighting to earn money and get fit, sharing his fitness journey on social media. He lost over 100 kilograms, and the public response to his efforts built up the movement that became Buttbean Motivation or BBM.

For nearly ten years, this community leader has worked tirelessly to create opportunities for people. He has set up free gyms in West and South Auckland, and Tokoroa, a community kitchen, a social supermarket in Tokoroa, and a Foodshare which regularly feeds thousands of people.

Dave's outspoken leadership means he is often in the media, and talking to key government and community organisations, agitating for positive change. He shows that negative cycles can be broken, with the right support, good people, and dedication.