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PROGRAMME

18-21 NOVEMBER 2025 AUCKLAND

TUESDAY OPENING ACTS

10.00AM - 12.00PM SBN EVENT SPACE, 48 EMILY PLACE

Turning ideas into impact: How to inspire people to care and take action

Verity Craft

1.00PM - 3.00PM SBN EVENT SPACE, 48 EMILY PLACE

Future-proof your business: Getting ahead of climate and operational risks

Climate Connect Aotearoa & NZI

6.30PM - 9.00PM SBN EVENT SPACE, 48 EMILY PLACE

Future Council screening and Q&A

Damon Gameau, Director

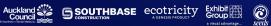
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WEDNESDAY OPENING ACTS

1.00PM - 5.00PM SBN EVENT SPACE, 48 EMILY PLACE

The Next economy: Rethinking business, innovation and economic systems

Gareth Hughes, Lewis Patterson, Lizzie Shupak Mandeno, and David Ermen

THURSDAY MAIN STAGE

HEXTEST

8.30AM - 4.30PM **AUCKLAND ZOO**

SEE FULL PROGRAMME **OVERLEAF**

6.00PM **MOTAT AVIATION HALL**

Welcome drinks

7.00PM MOTAT AVIATION HALL

Sustainable Business Awards

FRIDAY FESTIVAL BONUS

9.00AM - 12.00PM SBN EVENT SPACE, 48 EMILY PLACE

Circular design in action: Deep dive workshop

Ken Webster

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MAIN STAGE

20 NOVEMBER 2025 AUCKLAND ZOO, MOTIONS ROAD, AUCKLAND

7.20AM

Sunrise session in Western Springs

8.00am

Arrival and registration

8.30am

Mihi whakatau **Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei**

8.40am

Welcome to Next Fest Sustainable Business Network and NZI

9.00am

Fractures and fault lines: Facing the limits of the old economy

George Monbiot

Audience Q&A facilitated by Fiona Stephenson

9.45am

Designing prosperity: Unlocking business innovation in the new economy

Ken Webster

Audience Q&A and reflection facilitated by Rosie Sommerville, Rata Taiwhanga and Nate Wilbourne

10.30AM MORNING TEA

11.00am

From idea to investment:
Pitch session introduction
and Pitch #1
Facilitated by Zoe Koch and
Vincent Heeringa

11.15am

Homegrown impact:
Lessons from local
changemakers leading
the way
Irina Miller, Sarah McHardy
With audience Q&A and reflection

12.05pm

From idea to investment: Pitch #2

12.15pm

Scaling with care:
Designing human-centred innovation in the age of Al Isuru Fernando

With audience Q&A and reflection

1.00pm

From idea to investment: Pitch #3

1.10PM LUNCH

NETWORKING LOUNGES
EXPORT ADVICE
YOGA SESSION
SUSTAINABILITY AT THE ZOO
TOUR

2.10pm

From idea to investment: Pitch #4

2.20pm

Mind the gap:
Turning intention into action
for customer adoption
Mat Maroni

2.40pm

Seed to scale:
A CFO's field notes
Scott Maud

CHOOSE YOUR PANEL SESSION

3.00pm

Fuelling the Next economy:
Unlocking access to finance
Christian Barrington,
Debra Hall, Rohan
MacMahon, Mike Hanna,
Charlie Mear, Scott Maud
Facilitated by Barry Coates

OR

3.00pm

Turning behavioural theory into market reality

Nada Piatek, Michal Garvey

Facilitated by Andy Kenworthy

3.50pm

From idea to investment: Pitch #5 and live vote

4.15PM CLOSING ADDRESS

4.30 - 5.30PM
GET READY TO JOIN
US FOR THE ENCORE
DRESSING ROOM
NETWORKING LOUNGES
MUSIC & NIBBLES
ZOO WALK

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SPEAKERS

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Andy Kenworthy

Senior Advisor Sustainable Business Network

Barry Coates

Founder and Co-CEO Mindful Money

Charlie Mear

Head of Climate & CleanTech Business BNZ

Christian Barrington

Chief Actuary NZI

Damon Gameau

DirectorFuture Council

Debra Hall

Independent Director, Mentor, Angel Investor

Dr David Ermen

Managing Director Destination Capacity

Fiona Stephenson

Head of Communications and Marketing Sustainable Business Network

Gareth Hughes

Director WEAll Aotearoa

George Monbiot

Journalist, The Guardian; Author: Activist

Georgina Toomey

Managing Director LegalVision

Irina Miller

CEO and Co-Founder Daisy Lab

Isuru Fernando

NZ Digital Innovation Lead – Microsoft Azure Microsoft

James Griffin

General Manager Sustainable Business Network

Ken Webster

Visiting Professor, Cranfield University, UK; Fellow, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership

Lewis Patterson

Country Director Sustainable Brands Aotearoa

Lizzie Shupak Mandeno

STEPS Collective

Mat Maroni

Strategy Director Merz Institute

Michal Garvey

Founder and Director Foodprint

Mike Hanna

Investment Manager NZTE

Nada Piatek

Founder and Managing Director Again Again

Nate Wilbourne

Founder, Gen-Z Aotearoa; Youth, conservation and climate justice advocate

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

Oliver Jepson

National Motor Manager NZI

Rachel Brown ONZM

Founder and CEO Sustainable Business Network

Rata Taiwhanga

Kaitiaki Etu Rākau

Rohan MacMahon

Director Climate Venture Capital Fund

Rosie Sommerville

Project and Partnership Manager Sustainable Business Network

Sarah McHardy

General Manager – Customer Lodestone Energy

Scott Maud

CFO Halter

Verity Craft

General Manager and Storyteller Intelligent Ink

Vincent Heeringa

Writer, marketer and PR expert
Better Aotearoa

Zoe Koch

Lead Underwriter, CMV NZI

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