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Friday 26 June | Trafalgar Centre

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## 2026 PROGRAMME

### 8.15am Registrations Open | Trade Expo

9.00am Mihi | Welcome

9.15am Chamber Update

Ali Boswijk, CEO & Venus Guy, Chair

9.30am AI in Action

Digital Diligence Ltd (DDL), SquareKicker, wekaResearch

10:00am The Power of Local Procurement

Michael Alp, GM of New Zealand Government Procurement (MBIE)

### 10.30am Morning Tea | Trade Expo

11.00am Media Panel: Informed or Influenced?

Dr. Andrew Chen (AI Expert), Samantha Gee (RNZ) & Toby Manhire (The Spinoff)

12.00pm The Brand Effect

Livia Esterhazy (Board Director, Brand Expert, CEO)

### 12.45pm Lunch | Trade Expo

1.30pm International Trade in Troubled Times

Hon. Todd McClay (Minister of Agriculture; Forestry; Trade and Investment & Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs).

1.50pm From Local to Global: Free Trade in Action

Barney Riley, Manager Trade Policy (MFAT)

2.20pm Making the Tenths Whole | Te Here-ā-Nuku

Jeremy Banks (Wakatū Incorporation) & Kerensa Johnston (Te Here-ā-Nuku)

### 3.15pm Afternoon Tea | Trade Expo

3.45pm One Step at a Time

Mike Allsop (Pilot, Adventurer, Author)

4.30pm Closing Words

5.00pm Tohu Networking Hour

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