

DayBreak – Festival of Innovation 2026 Programme

8:30 Mihi whakatau and festival introduction (lecture theatre, level 2)

9:00 Festival keynote: Turning Signals into Strategy, Melissa Clark-Reynolds (lecture theatre)

10:00 Morning tea break (level 1)

<p>10:45 Startup Secrets: From the Bay to the Big Time</p> <p>♥ Lecture theatre</p> <p>Panel with chair: Nina Le Lievre, Enterprise Angels</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steph Kennard Bonnet • Trevor Stuthridge Cetogenix • Steve Saunders Robotics Plus 	<p>Artificial Intelligence – Real Experience</p> <p>♥ Room 2.08</p> <p>Workshop and panel with facilitator: Korey Rubenstein, Crayon</p>	<p>Leading within Complex Systems for Powerful Change</p> <p>♥ Room 2.09</p> <p>Workshop with facilitator: Jo Wills, Sustainability Options</p>	<p>Future-ready Organisations: Critical Success Factors for Intrapreneurship</p> <p>♥ Room 2.12</p> <p>Workshop with facilitator: Jeannine Walsh, Beca</p>
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12:15 The DayBreak Lunch
(Use your lunch voucher at a participating eatery of your choice)

<p>2:15 Under the Hood: What it Takes to Grow a Competitive Organisation</p> <p>♥ Lecture theatre</p> <p>Panel with chair: Tanya Drummond, Sharp Tudhope</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Flint Oasis Engineering • Sam Kidd LawVu • Larissa Hodgson Trimax 	<p>Turning an Idea into a Scalable Business</p> <p>♥ Room 2.09</p> <p>Workshop and panel with facilitator: Rob Dorey, BSP Advisory</p>	<p>Be Open to Possibility: Small Shifts, Big Impact</p> <p>♥ Room 3.06</p> <p>Workshop with facilitators: Jules Simpson, Thrive People and Brad Hook, author, speaker & podcaster</p>	<p>Sparking Action: 4 Simple Brand Tools for Influencing Behaviour</p> <p>♥ Room 2.12</p> <p>Workshop with facilitators: Tom Lear, Society and Alex Metson, Office Party</p>	<p>The Role Clarity Roadmap: From Whiteboard to Reality</p> <p>♥ Room 2.08</p> <p>Workshop with facilitator: Josh Turner, Culture Fuse</p>	<p>Community-Driven Approaches to Building Youth Capability</p> <p>♥ Room 2.13</p> <p>Workshop with facilitator: Jay Tihema, Kia Mau Charitable Trust</p>
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3:45 – 6:00 The Sundowner – festival finale (Room: Te Manawaroa)
Networking with creative drinks, canapes and a showcase of multi-sensory, interactive displays