



## Agenda

### Wednesday 6 August 2025 – The Grand Hall, Eden Park

9.15am – 10:00am Arrival, registration and morning tea – The Grand Hall

10:00am – 10:10am Welcome  
*Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Bruce Wallace*

**Plenary session 1, Keynote speaker  
Minister of Revenue Hon. Simon Watts**  
10.10am – 10:55am A keynote address from the Minister of Revenue on the Government’s tax policy priorities and questions from the audience.

**Plenary session 2, Tax and Growth**  
10:55am – 11:40am In this session our panellists will discuss the Governments focus on growth and how tax can play a part in this. We’ll talk about a range of topics including Investment Boost, foreign investment, productivity, compliance costs and the fiscal position.  
*Panel: Patrick McCalman, Robyn Walker, Troy Andrews, Emma Grigg (Tax Policy Director – Inland Revenue)*

### Tax Traders Update, Compliance, technology and data

11:40am – 11:55am

As a newly authorised IRD Data Services Provider, Tax Traders has first-hand experience on what a data enabled system makes possible when it comes to compliance. Not only is Tax Traders a proud conference partner, they are also leading the way when it comes to reimagining workflows for accountants using the very best technology and data enabled tools.

*Speaker: Josh Taylor (Co-Founder - Tax Traders and Taxi)*

11:55am – 12:45pm Lunch

### Plenary session 3, Inland Revenue's Compliance Focus for FY26 - Back in the Game

12:45pm – 1:30pm

Over the last year many will have noticed a resurgence in Inland Revenue's compliance activities. This session offers an update directly from Inland Revenue on what this has involved, and their compliance priorities for the coming year. We'll also share Deloitte's insights based on current market soundings, and a refresher on best practices for tax governance and maintaining audit readiness. The session will close with some Inland Revenue/Deloitte dialogue on topical issues arising from the last year's experiences.

*Speakers: Tony Morris (Customer Segment Lead Significant Enterprises – Inland Revenue), Campbell Rose, Amy Sexton*

1:30pm – 1:40pm Move to concurrent sessions

### Concurrent session 1

#### General tax update [Grand Hall]

1.40pm – 2.25pm

The General Tax Update will provide an overview of key recent tax changes, focussing on the flagship Budget 2025 tax announcement – the investment boost – as well as looking at the raft of guidance Inland Revenue has released in recent times, an update on property rules, software-related issues, a snapshot of international tax issues, and some gazing ahead as to what we can expect coming in the tax world.

*Speakers: Susan Wynne, Alex Kingston*

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### **International tax update** [Aotearoa Room]

Join us for an insightful session exploring the latest shifts in international tax over the past year. We'll delve into significant international tax developments, including the impact of recent U.S. changes and the implications of Pillar Two. Additionally, we'll cover pressing Australian tax issues and the evolving landscape of New Zealand's international tax rules.

*Speakers: David Watkins (Deloitte Australia), Annamaria Maclean, Sam Mathews*

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2:25pm – 2:35pm      Changeover to concurrent session 2

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### **Concurrent session 2**

#### **Employment and fringe benefit tax update** [Grand Hall]

In this session we'll be giving an overview of some of the most topical employment tax developments and issues we regularly advise on. We'll be providing practical guidance on how to deal with increasingly complex rules and we'll provide an update on the direction of FBT reform. The session will end with Steven from Extraordinary explaining how its product can both practically reduce compliance costs for employers and allow employees to access tax savings from using public transport.

*Speakers: Stephen Walker, Robyn Walker, Steven Zinsli (CEO - Extraordinary)*

2:35pm – 3:20pm

**OR**

#### **Indirect tax update** [Aotearoa Room]

Allan Bulloot and Sarah Kennedy will update you on the exciting world of GST, with a focus on Inland Revenue GST compliance activity, including their top tips for dealing with an Inland Revenue walkthrough (or other compliance initiative) in relation to your GST systems and processes. This session will also cover legislative changes, a financial services update, the Tax Counsel Office's policy agenda, GST technical decision summaries, and other topical GST issues you should be aware of.

*Speakers: Allan Bulloot, Sarah Kennedy*

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3:20pm – 3:45pm      Afternoon Tea

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#### Plenary session 4, AI – Emergence and impact of Agentic AI

3:45pm – 4:30pm

Deloitte's AI Institute Director Dr Amanda Williamson, along with Phil Claridge from our tax team, will provide an update on the developments in artificial intelligence. This will focus on the rapid emergence and evolution of agentic AI systems capable of adapting their actions based on changing inputs to perform complex tasks independently. They will discuss what this may mean for businesses and their finance teams, adoption strategies and potential applications for revenue authorities like Inland Revenue.

*Speakers: Dr Amanda Williamson, Phil Claridge*

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#### Plenary session 5, Economic forum

4.30pm – 5.15pm

A reflection on the state of the economy in a global context, and to what extent a rethink is required of key policy settings to attract greater investment and kick-start the economy.

*Speakers: Liza Van Der Merwe, Patrick McCalman, Alex Mitchell*

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5.15pm – 5.30pm

Closing remarks

*Bruce Wallace*

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5.30pm – 7:00pm

#### Networking drinks

*For those staying at the Pullman Hotel, please pick up your key card from the administration desk at the beginning of the Networking drinks*

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#### Gala dinner with guest speaker from 7:15pm

7:00pm – 10:30pm

Olympic Gold Medallist Ellesse Andrews joins Deloitte partner James Arlidge to discuss performance, resilience and growth.

*Ellesse Andrews MNZM is a New Zealand racing cyclist. She represented New Zealand at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and the 2020 Summer Olympics, where she gained a silver medal in the keirin. At the 2024 Summer Olympics, she earned two gold medals for winning the keirin and sprint, as well as a silver medal in the team sprint becoming the second women behind Dame Lisa Carrington to win 3 Olympic medals at a single games.*

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