

NZPPA 12th Annual Payroll Leaders' Summit Programme, 3 July 2026, FINALV10 (subject to change)

8:15 am	Event opens (Registration)
9.00 – 9.10	<p>Conference Opens – Opening Remarks</p> <p>Summit MC: Gary Hollier, Payroll Manager, Todd Corporation</p>
9.10 – 9.40	<p>PRESENTATION #1: Inside Payroll Leadership: Real Stories on Governance, Teams & Change</p> <p>Presenters: Gabriella Barbara Fusion5 + Panel: Sharon Lysaght (Dept. of Conservation), Arini Kyne (KiwiBank), Sally Matheson (Silver Fern Farms), Megan Qela (Fusion5)</p>
9.40 – 10.10	<p>Presentation #2: Hot Payroll Topics</p> <p>Presenters: Annabel K Duncan, Director & Phil Fisher, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand</p>
10.10 – 10.40	<p>Presentation #3: Keynote Speaker</p> <p>Presenter: Hon Brooke van Velden Minister for Workplace Relations</p>
10.40 – 11.10	Morning Tea
11.10 – 11.45	<p>PRESENTATION #4: Developing a high-performing payroll function</p> <p>Presenters: Ana-Mari Gates Bowey, Lead Growth and Revenue function for Datacom's SaaS portfolio & Lili Welch, National Systems Manager, Steel and Tube</p>
11.45 – 12.20	<p>PRESENTATION #5: Mergers and Acquisitions and how payroll manages these</p> <p>Presenters: Fletcher Building (Panel Discussion) Sharon Hodge, Financial Services Manager, Oji Fibre Solutions as our Panel Moderator, Cheryl O'Brien (Head of ANZ Payroll and Credit Management & Debt Recovery), Claire Woodbury (Payroll Systems Lead), Christine Stowers (Payroll Divisional Lead), Melissa Tembo (Payroll Systems and Compliance Lead)</p>
12.20 – 1.00	Lunch
1.00 – 1.45	<p>PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP #6: Assessing talent against the requirements of contemporary payroll</p> <p>Presenter: Trina Jones, Co-CEO, Cultivate Co-founder</p>

1.45 – 2.20	<p>PRESENTATION #7: What Makes Payroll Truly Resilient? Lessons from Organisations That Have Been Through Transformation</p> <p>Presenters: Michael Ross, Payroll Technology Lead, Spark and Abhinav Sinha, Ramco Systems</p>
2.20 – 3.00	<p>PRESENTATION #8: Employment Law Update</p> <p>Presenter: Senior Associate, Matt Belesky, Buckett Law</p>
3.00 - 3.25	Afternoon Tea
3.25 – 4.00	<p>PRESENTATION #9: Beyond a pay run – Stepping into your awesomeness</p> <p>Presenter: Ganapathy Iyer, Transformation Advisor, Frontier Software</p>
4.05 – 4.25	<p>PRESENTATION #10: Using AI as a Coach</p> <p>Presenter: John Rynearson, Practice Manager, Dayforce, Alxemy</p>
4.25 – 4.30	Conference Close – Closing Remarks