



2026 CRANE CONFERENCE

Draft programme



Te Pae Christchurch, NZ

23 – 24 July 2026

Thursday 23rd July 2026

- 08:30** **Networking & exhibition**
Meet our exhibitors and enjoy coffee and a light breakfast
- 10:00** **Morning tea**
- 10:30** **Conference official opening**
- 10:40** **Keynote: James Laughlin**
- 11:40** **CANZ Update**
Annual overview of activity, CANZ CEO Sarah Toase
- 12:00** **Future of Infrastructure in NZ**
Nick Leggett, CEO of Infrastructure New Zealand
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 13:00** **CANZ Annual General Meeting**
- 13:30** **Temporary Works Forum**
TBC
- 13:50** **Platinum Sponsor Presentation**
TBC
- 14:10** **Session**
TBC
- 14:30** **Afternoon Tea**
- 15:00** **Insights from the frontline**
NZ's biggest crane companies share lessons from their own safety incidents
- 15:30** **WorkSafe's Strategic Reset**
Hear from the regulator about what this means for the kiwi crane industry
- 16:00** **ACOP for Cranes Re-write**
A first look at the draft document and changes made to date
- 18:30** **Social Networking Function**
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- 09:00 Conference opens**
Day One reflections and official opening of the day's formalities
- 09:10 Lift & Project of the Year Presentations**
The best of NZ's crane activity presented by the leaders in industry as they vie for the Peoples Choice Award
- 10:10 Presentation**
TBC
- 10:30 Morning tea**
- 11:00 Cranes are Road Users Too – Panel**
The heavy vehicle industry's experts discuss roading regulation, issues and lobbying efforts.
- Manufacturers Panel**
Leading global OEM's discuss crane technology, manufacturing and innovation
- Sessions and timing to be confirmed*
- 12:45 Lunch**
- 13:30 Tour of One New Zealand / Te Kaha Stadium**
13:30 Walk or bus to stadium (weather dependent)
14:00 Tour commences
15:00 Refreshments
15:45 Tour complete, head back to hotels (buses available if wet)
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- 18:30 Gala Awards Dinner**
Te Pae

*This programme is a draft and subject to change.
The final draft will be issued prior to conference.*

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