



CBAFF 2025 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 2 September 2025

1.00 pm -2.00pm	Registration Open	Foyer Napier War Memorial Centre
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CBAFF 2025 PORT TOUR

2.00pm-2.30pm	Transfers for Port Tour depart Napier War Memorial Centre	
2.30pm-4.30pm	<i>Napier Port Tour</i> Hosted by : Adam Harvey , Chief Operating Officer, Napier Port	
4.30pm-5.00pm	Transfers from Port Tour to Napier War Memorial Centre	

CBAFF 2025 CONFERENCE WELCOME RECEPTION

5.30pm-7.30pm	Welcome Reception Special Guest: Kirsten Wise , Mayor of Napier CBAFF Welcome, Sherelle Kennelly , CBAFF CEO	Large Hall, Napier War Memorial Centre
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8.00am-9.00am	Registration, Arrival Tea & Coffee	Foyer & Large Hall, Napier War Memorial Centre
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9.00am-9.05am	Welcome & Housekeeping Greg Ward , Master of Ceremonies	
9.05am-9.30am	President's Welcome Rachel Madden , CBAFF President	
9.30am-10.15am	Opening Keynote Address Navigating 2025 - Trade Uncertainty and the New Rules of Resilience Peter Creeden , MPC International PTY Ltd, Sydney, Australia In 2025, trade certainty is dead, and political uncertainty is becoming the norm. For New Zealand's freight community, resilience now demands more than managing risk. It requires developing skilled people, building smarter systems, and fostering deeper industry collaboration. Global pressure on capacity and ESG compliance is accelerating the need for digital maturity and sustainable practices. The future will favour those who invest in capability, connectivity, and accountability. I want to challenge all of us to lead with clarity, adapt with confidence, and shape a more intelligent, coordinated logistics ecosystem for the decade ahead. We need to make NZ Inc not just reactive, but strong, strategic, and adaptable.	
10.20am-10.50am	Morning Tea & Industry Exhibition	
10.50am-11.50am	Networking at Speed Hosted by Greg Ward , MC	
12.00pm-1.00pm	Lunch and Industry Exhibition	
	<i>Direct Couriers Prize Draw</i>	



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1.00pm-2.00pm	<i>Carriers Panel</i> This panel brings together leaders from the world's major carriers—COSCO, CMA/CGM, MSC and NPD L for a candid conversation about the state of global shipping. We'll discuss capacity, service reliability, port congestion, and how regional dynamics are shaping global strategy. With supply chains still recovering and realigning, this session offers direct insights from the bridge of international trade. Panel Facilitator: Simon Dedman, Managing Director, Kuehne & Nagel Mark Scott, General Manager, COSCO SHIPPING Lines (New Zealand) Ltd Gary Carter, General Manager, CMA CGM Group Agencies (NZ) Ltd Simon Edwards, General Manager Liner, NPD L Shipping Leonard Bentley, Managing Director NZ, Mediterranean Shipping Company
2.10pm-3.10pm	<i>Port to Port Panel</i> Join representatives from Ports of Auckland, Napier, Tauranga, and Lyttelton for an in-depth discussion on the current state and future direction of New Zealand's port network. This session will explore key issues including infrastructure investment, congestion management, and intermodal connectivity all critical to meeting trade demands, enhancing resilience, and supporting national logistics strategies. Adding an international perspective, the Port of Philadelphia will offer a comparative view on these shared challenges and opportunities, providing a broader context on how global port strategies intersect with local ambitions. Panel Facilitator: Lincoln Hollis, Operations Manager, Hillebrand Gori Adam Harvey, Chief Operating Officer, Napier Port Tessa Auelua, General Manager Containers & Engineering, Port of Auckland Sean Bradley, Group Manager, Inland Ports and Supply Chain, Lyttelton Port Company Blair Hamill, General Manager Commercial, Port of Tauranga Dominic Enthoven, Marketing Manager, PhilaPort
3.20pm-3.50pm	Afternoon Tea and Industry Exhibition



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3.50pm-4.20pm	Showcase Presentation - Seaglanders & the Future of Coastal Freight A game-changing innovation in freight transport is on the horizon. Ocean Flyer is set to introduce fully electric seaglanders to New Zealand's coastal routes, unlocking a new era of zero-emission, high-speed freight movement. This presentation will showcase how seaglanders offer an unprecedented opportunity to move cargo smarter, faster, and cleaner, especially along key domestic coastal corridors. Operating at speeds of up to 300 knots per hour, these seaglanders combine the efficiency of marine access with the speed of aviation, flying just metres above the water. Unlike airports, which are often on the city outskirts, seaglanders use existing harbour infrastructure, placing freight right where it needs to be, in the heart of our CBDs and regional centres. Ocean Flyer will walk us through, from 2022 and beyond, the operational model and expected cargo capability, infrastructure and safety considerations for port access, how this technology aligns with ESG and decarbonisation goals, opportunities for regional connectivity and agile, just-in-time logistics. This is more than a transport innovation, it's a bold step toward the future of low-impact, high-performance coastal freight. Be among the first to see how New Zealand is positioned to lead the way. Introduced by: Simon Dedman, Managing Director, Kuehne & Nagel Shah Aslam, CEO, Ocean Flyer John Hamilton, Operations Director, Ocean Flyer
4.20pm-5.20pm	Infrastructure: Connecting the Dots Panel Efficient freight movement relies on a well-connected, multi-modal network supported by the right enablers, technology, policy, and engagement. With a government inquiry now underway into the New Zealand maritime industry, this session takes on added relevance. KiwiRail, National Road Carriers, NZ Transporting, and Port Connect come together to explore how infrastructure planning and key enablers are shaping a more sustainable and resilient freight system. From carriers to ports, and road to rail, we'll examine the challenges, opportunities, and long-term strategies needed to strengthen New Zealand's supply chain and keep it moving. Panel Facilitator: Peter Creeden, MPC International PTY Ltd Dan Cowie, General Manager, PortConnect Alan Piper, Executive General Manager Freight Markets, KiwiRail Justin Tighe-Umbers, Chief Executive Officer, National Road Carriers Billy Clemens, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Transporting New Zealand
5.20pm-5.30pm	Close of Day One
From 1800	Free Evening to enjoy Napier's Art Deco, Ocean Views & Local Cuisine



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8.00am-9.00am	Registration, Arrival Tea & Coffee
8.20am-8.25am	Welcome Back Greg Ward , Master of Ceremonies
	<i>Direct Couriers Prize Draw</i>
8.30am-8.45am	Biosecurity at the Border - Protecting New Zealand's Future Introduced by: Emma Hope , Customs Manager, Toll Global Diane McDermott , Commissioner, Biosecurity, Central/South, MPI Sina Waghorn , Team Manager Aquatic/Environmental Approvals & Advisory, MPI
8.45am-9.45am	Panel – Tech, Talent & Territory (AI, Software & the Offshoring Debate) Software is reshaping how we work, but where should the work be done. Join us as we dive into the evolving tech landscape, explore the role of AI, and ask the big question: to offshore, or not or perhaps use both offshore and new tech. This session looks at the real-world impact of automation, outsourcing, and smart platforms on local talent, compliance, and the future of freight forwarding. Panel Facilitator: Rachel Madden , General Manager, KLN Oceania AJ Smith , Executive Director & CEO, TradeWindow Matthew Brown , Commercial Director, The Compliant Group Matthew Abercromby , Senior Program Manager, WiseTech Global Logan Pritchett , Vice President, Bravotran
9.55am-10.25am	Morning Tea and Industry Exhibition
10.25am-11.10am	Securing the Skies – Air Cargo Compliance & the Path Forward With aviation security under increasing scrutiny, this session brings together CAA and CBAFF to unpack the evolving cargo threat environment, risk management expectations, and the broader regulatory framework shaping air cargo security. From RACA responsibilities to Known Customer processes, we'll explore how industry can stay compliant, accountable, and prepared in a rapidly changing landscape. A timely discussion on risk, regulation, and readiness across the supply chain. Facilitator: Katrina Jenner , CEO, Jenners Worldwide David Willing , Head of Security Certification, Monitoring & Response, Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand Marcus Linnell , Lead Analyst, Aviation Security Threat and Risk, Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand



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11.10am-11.55am	<i>Insider Threats & Border Security - Confronting Organised Crime in Our Supply Chain</i> Introduced by: Emma Hope, Customs Manager, Toll Global Jared Nicholson, Manager Intelligence, NZ Customs Service Bruce Berry, Manager Integrated targeting and Operations Centre, NZ Customs Service
12.10pm-1.15pm	Lunch and Industry Exhibition
1.15pm-2.15pm	<i>On the Ground & In the Air Panel - The Future of New Zealand's Air Cargo Infrastructure</i> This session brings together key players from New Zealand's air cargo ecosystem—Air New Zealand Cargo, Auckland Airport, Menzies Aviation, New Zealand Airports Association, Swissport and Wymap—for a focused discussion on infrastructure, capacity, and engagement. From freight terminals to tarmac operations, the panel will explore current challenges, future opportunities, and what's needed to build a more resilient and efficient air logistics network across Aotearoa. Panel Facilitator: Dean Moore, Cargowise Specialist & Project Solutions Manager, Fliway Justin Bailey, Managing Director, Wymap Group Traci Cox, Cargo Manager, Menzies Aviation Harrison Kennedy, Cargo Manager, Swissport New Zealand Ltd James Reddy, Head of Cargo Operations, Air New Zealand Billie Moore, Chief Executive, NZ Airports Association
2.20pm-3.20pm	<i>Navigating Uncertainty Panel - Trade, Productivity & New Zealand's Global Position</i> In a shifting global landscape, how is New Zealand positioning itself for sustainable economic growth? This session, featuring insights from MFAT, MBIE, NZTE, and guest speakers, will unpack the big-picture forces shaping our productivity and trade future. From Free Trade Agreements to the "Trump effect," we'll explore the strategic choices facing Aotearoa in a time of geopolitical tension, supply chain disruption, and opportunity. Panel Facilitator: Andrew Hudson, Partner, Rigby Cooke Lawyers & Director, IFCBAA Sarah Salmond, Partner, MinterEllisonRuddWatts Paul Smith, Partner, Indirect Tax & Global Trade, Ernst & Young Carolyn Tremain, Chief Executive, MBIE Joshua Tan, Executive Director, ExportNZ/ManufacturingNZ James Medina, Customer Manager, NZTE Stu Horne, Divisional Manager Economic Division and Climate Change Ambassador, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
3.30pm-3.45pm	Tea & Coffee Break and Industry Exhibition



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3.45pm-4.45pm	<i>Shifting Gears Panel - Generational Change, Industry Renewal & Future Pathways</i> This session turns our focus firmly to the future - generational change, industry renewal, and the education pathways shaping what comes next. We'll hear from Lisa Coleman on her journey and showcase how CBAFF is investing in talent, through school outreach, cadet registers, shadowing opportunities, and industry starter packs. You'll hear directly from our Generation Future working group, alongside last year's Young Achiever, Carina Voigt. We'll touch on current and future training opportunities, before spotlighting our award finalists and their inspiring submissions. This forward-looking session closes the Conference with purpose and momentum, celebrating what's ahead and who will lead us there. Panel Facilitator: Lisa Coleman, Director, Rocket Freight Glenn Turner (Council), Chief Executive Officer, Sneddens Global Logistics Hayden Travers, General Manager, Star Personnel Carina Voigt (2024 Young Archivers Winner), Manager Ocean Freight, Expeditors Rachel Madden (President), General Manager, Kerry Oceania Generation Future Young Achievers 2025 Finalists
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CBAFF 2025 GALA DINNER

6.30pm-11.30pm	Gala Dinner Toitoti, 109 Hastings Street South, Hastings 4122 Special guests: Hon. Andrew Hoggard, Hon. Casey Costello, Kirsten Wise
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