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PIA 2026 Conference – Registrations Close 10am tomorrow!

We're nearly there! The PIA 2026 Conference is just around the corner and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone to Christchurch.

Registrations are looking fantastic, with strong representation from across our membership, our Pacific Island colleagues, associate members and the wider industry.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time – registrations close at 10am tomorrow Friday 18 September.

This year we're trying something a little different, with our new 1½-day conference format, introduced following feedback from last year's conference.

Tuesday 29 September – Conference kicks off at 1pm, followed by networking drinks

Wednesday 30 September – Full conference day, followed by our Conference Dinner at the new One New Zealand Stadium

Thursday 1 October – PIA Subcommittee meetings

Our theme this year is Charting the Course: Threats, Opportunities, the Future of the Port Sector, and we have a great mix of speakers and topics lined up.

The full agenda is below – have a look and start planning your conference!

Not registered yet? Simply email eo@portindustry.co.nz by 10am Friday with the name and email address of each attendee.

For those already registered, please make sure you've completed your short PIA Conference 2026 Registration Form that you've been sent, particularly so we have your dietary requirements and know which subcommittee meetings you'll be attending.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Christchurch!

Conference delivered in
partnership
with Lyttelton Port
Company (LPC)
and based at Rydges
Latimer Christchurch



The Conference Agenda

PIA Conference 2026 AGENDA

THEME: Charting the Course: Threats, Opportunities, the Future of the Port Sector

Time slot	Tuesday 29th September	Category
1315-1330	Registrations & name tags	
1330-1335	Welcome - PIA	
1335-1400	People at the Heart of Progress	Karl Trask & Karen Naude, Port of Tauranga
1400-1420	Minister James Meager	A Government perspective
1420-1440	Member presentation: People verse Machine – an example of more layers of protection	Aaron Temperton, Qube Logistics
1440-1510	Member Presentation: LPC's use of drones	Steve Barclay, Chief Health & Safety Officer, LPC
1510-1530	AFTERNOON TEA	
1530-1550	Vessel breakaway incidents at Australian ports	TT Club Henry Steindl
1550-1610	Transport ISB	Samantha McNaughton
1610-1630	Sub committee updates	Jacqui & Subcommittee Chairs
1630-1640	Wrap-up and close	

1730-19:30	NETWORKING DRINKS with canapes, at Rydges	
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Time slot	Wednesday 30th September	
900-930	Registrations & arrival coffee	
930-940	Welcome - PIA & Host	
940-1010	Global Industry Perspective	Leonard Bentley, MD, MSC NZ
1010-1030	Platinum sponsor presentation	Ian Magee, owner, Portstar Machinery
1030-1110	MORNING TEA & NETWORKING	
1110-1130	Customs NZ: Sector Threats & Opportunities	Matthew Haddon, Customs Marine Manager - Central and Southern
1130-1200	AI in the Port Sector: Threats & opportunities	Elsa Botha, Associate Professor, University of Canterbury
1200-1300	LUNCH	
1300-1345	Panel discussion: Predictable surprises (Facilitated by Francois Barton)	CEO, Christchurch International Airport, Justin Watson; CEO, National Emergency Management Agency (NZ) & former CEO Pike River Recovery Agency, David Gawn
1345-1405	Practical Innovation for Safer, More Connected, More Productive Ports	Matt McLay, IoT Sales Lead, Spark
1405-1425	Port Health and Safety Leadership Group (PHSLG) Update	Gavin Hudson, CEO, C3
1425-1435	Gold sponsor's presentation	James Bowman, Bothworlds/RASP software
1435-1515	AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING (sponsor Manson Engineering)	
1515-1545	HSWA update - what it means for the Port sector	Francois Barton, CE, Business Leaders Health & Safety Forum
1545-1620	Economic Outlook - Cameron Bagrie	Cameron Bagrie, MD, Bagrie Economics
1620-1630	Closing remarks & wrap up	

GALA DINNER | One NZ Stadium

1830-1900 arrival: Join us from 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks, with dinner starting at 7.00pm.

📍 **Gate A, 218 Madras Street** – just a 7-minute walk from Rydges. A host will be there to welcome and direct you.

Dress: Smart casual

Thursday 1 October Subcommittee meetings		VENUE:
NB: Sorry, these can only be attended by PIA members/Assoc members OR any Sponsor/Speaker booked to present to a subcommittee		
800	Blue-highlighted subcom's depart Rydges for LPC Waterfront House (must take bus & bring photo ID which matches your registration name, for security sign-in)	
830 - 1330	Health & Safety Subcommittee - including lunch at end	North/Boardroom, LPC Waterfront House, 37/39 Gladstone Quay, Lyttelton
830 - 1330	People & Capability Subcommittee - including lunch at end	Drake Room, LPC Waterfront House, 37/39 Gladstone Quay, Lyttelton
830 - 1330	Education & Training Subcommittee - including lunch at end	Pacific Room, LPC Waterfront House, 37/39 Gladstone Quay, Lyttelton
830 - 1330	Terminal Managers Subcommittee - including lunch at end	Atlantic Room, LPC Waterfront House, 37/39 Gladstone Quay, Lyttelton
930 - 1600	Port Security Subcommittee (arrange own transport, includes lunch)	The hall, CWEA Christchurch, 59 Gloucester St, Chch CBD
830 - 1330	Container Park Subcommittee (arrange own transport, includes lunch)	LPC Midland Port, 686 Jones Rd, Templeton, Rolleston
1345 - 1425 (traffic dependent)	Ritchies bus takes those at blue-highlighted subcommittees from LPC Waterfront House to airport	

Congratulations C3 PCANZ graduates!

It's fantastic to see so many C3 employees graduating from PCANZ courses - well done!



PCANZ GM Lara Manley (left) and PIA Chairman and C3's GM Logistics Dave Wakelin (right) standing with graduates Tiaree Iareko (LH photo) and Cameron Riddington (RH photo).



Lara and Dave with Shaina Ririnui (LH photo) and Reuben Taare-Elliott (RH photo).



Lara and Dave with Bryce Broughton (LH photo) and Logan Westhead (RH photo).



Lara and Dave with Kairo Matita.



Branch Manager – C3 Onboard Labour Paul De Ville, (in both photos) with Morgan Jones (LH photo) and Dylan O'Dea (RH photo).