



VALGROUP CONFERENCE



New Plymouth
18th - 20th September

Novotel
x9 CPD Points



“Enabling member
firms to provide
superior service and
to grow in a vibrant
supportive network.”

Mission Statement

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Message from the Chair



On behalf of our host firm Hutchins & Dick, I am delighted to welcome you to the annual ValGroup Conference 2024.

As we navigate through the ever-evolving landscape of our profession, I want to take a moment to emphasise the critical role that Continuing Professional Development (CPD) plays. In today's fast-paced business environment, adaptability and knowledge is key to remaining relevant. CPD equips Valuers with the flexibility and agility to keep abreast of change, navigate uncertainty, and embrace new opportunities as they arise.

Therefore, CPD is not a checkbox to mark off; it's an ongoing investment that demonstrates commitment to excellence and professionalism. More importantly, this contributes to our reputation as a forward-thinking profession and earns the trust and respect of clients, partners, and stakeholders.

On behalf of the Board and our host firm, Hutchins & Dick, we are delighted with the calibre of this year's lineup of speakers and believe we have a full and varied programme with something for everyone.

Whilst CPD is a focus of the ValGroup conference it is not the only focus. Conference is also a fantastic way of connecting, socialising and networking with colleagues. This year we are especially delighted to be able to open the ValGroup Conference up to non-ValGroup members, and on behalf of the group, we welcome you to New Plymouth and to the collegiality that is synonymous with the ValGroup culture.

Jo Harvey

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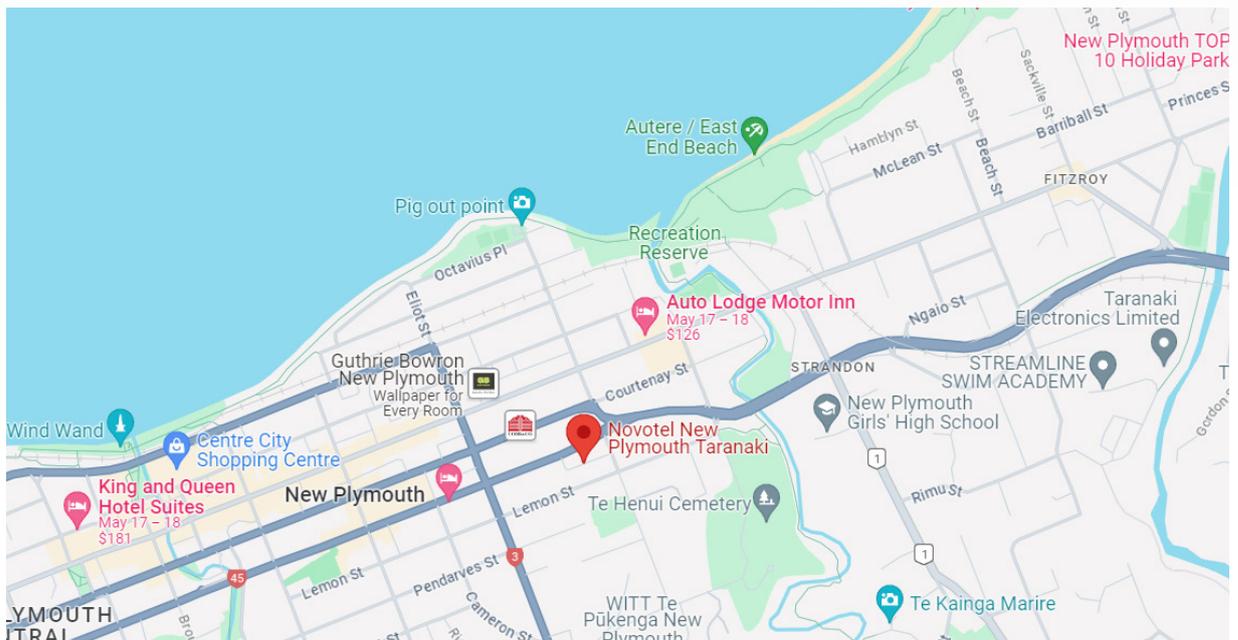
BOARD CHAIR

**Full attendance
at conference is
x9 non verified
CPD points**

Conference Venue

Novotel, New Plymouth

▶ Corner of Hobson and Leach Street, New Plymouth



Conference Location

This year's ValGroup Conference will be based in New Plymouth, Taranaki.

New Plymouth is the main urban centre of the Taranaki region and is named after the English city of Plymouth, in Devon, from where the first English settlers to New Plymouth migrated. Prior to the arrival of English settlers, the area where New Plymouth was founded had for centuries been the home for several Māori iwi. From about 1823, Māori began having contact with European whalers as well as traders who arrived by schooner to buy flax. In 1828 Richard "Dicky" Barrett (1807–47) set up a trading post at Ngāmotu after arriving on the trading vessel Adventure.

The New Plymouth District, which includes New Plymouth City and several smaller towns (Waitara, Inglewood, Oakura, Okato and Urenui), is the 10th largest district (out of 67) in New Zealand and has a population of 88,900. The city itself is a service centre for the region's principal economic activities - mainly dairy farming. It is also the region's financial centre and the home of the TSB Bank (formerly the Taranaki Savings Bank), the largest of the remaining non-government New Zealand-owned banks. New Plymouth also has a reputation as an events centre, with major festivals including the TSB Bank Festival of Lights, WOMAD and the biennial Taranaki Arts Festival, sports fixtures (including international rugby, surfing, cricket and tennis matches, and the annual ITU World Cup Triathlon) and concerts including Sir Elton

John, Jack Johnson, REM, John Farnham and Fleetwood Mac.

With its rich volcanic soil, the city is well known for its gardens. Chief among them is the 52 hectare Pukekura Park in the centre of the city (named a Garden of National Significance), and Pukeiti, a rhododendron garden of international significance high on the Pouakai Range.

Pukekura Park is also the home of the TSB Bank Festival of Lights, which runs for free every year from mid-December to early February. It has daytime and night-time programmes of events for people of all ages, and the festival itself transforms the park into an illuminated wonderland every evening. Next to the foreshore in the central city is Puke Ariki – the world's first purpose-built, fully integrated museum, library and information centre.

The Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, a contemporary art museum includes the Len Lye Centre, a purpose-built extension to the museum that houses the collection of filmmaker and kinetic artist Len Lye, which opened in 2015. The Coastal Walkway is a 13 km path that forms an expansive sea-edge promenade stretching almost the entire length of the city, from the Bell Block mouth in the east to Port Taranaki in the west. The pathway includes the iconic Te Rewa Rewa Bridge and is ideal for walking, running, cycling, skating, or simply enjoying.



Accommodation

ValGroup has some 30 rooms available for ValGroup members at the Novotel. Please book direct.

Please see below for alternative accommodation near the conference venue.

The Devon Hotel

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New Plymouth

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Email:
mail@devonhotel.co.nz

Website
www.devonhotel.co.nz/

Auto Lodge Motor Inn

▶ 393 Devon Street East
New Plymouth

Phone: (06) 759 9918

Email
reservations@autolodge.co.nz

Website
www.autolodge.co.nz

Asure Abode on Courtenay

▶ 155 Courtenay Street
New Plymouth

Phone: 0800 327 660

Email
reservations@abodemotorinn.co.nz

Website
www.abodemotorinn.co.nz

Kings and Queen Hotel Suites

▶ 41 Queen Street
New Plymouth

Phone: 06) 757 2999

Email
reservations@kingandqueen.co.nz

Website
www.kingandqueen.co.nz

Dawson Motel

▶ 16 Dawson Street
New Plymouth

Phone: 0800 581 177

Email
info@thedawsonmotel.co.nz

Website
www.thedawsonmotel.co.nz/

Quest Apartments

▶ 21 Curry Street
New Plymouth

Phone: 06) 758 5483

Email
Book through website

Website
www.questapartments.co.nz/
properties/north-island/new-
plymouth/quest-new-plymouth

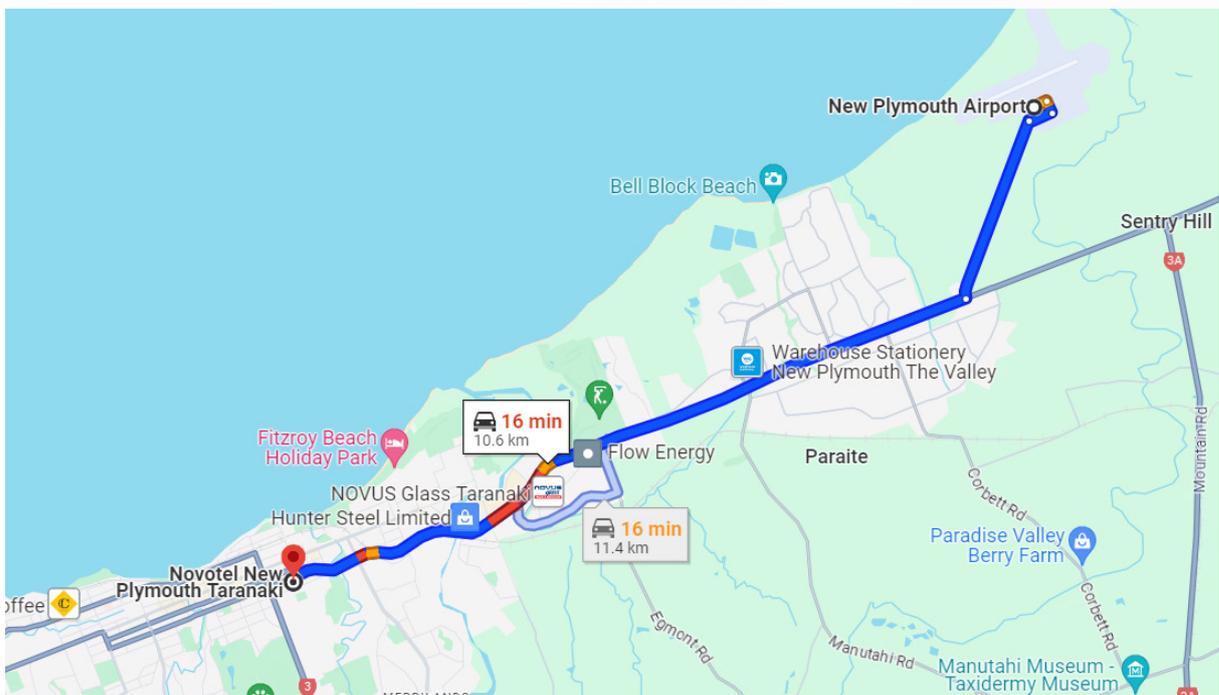
Travel to & around New Plymouth

New Plymouth Airport is located 11 km from the city centre, on State Highway 3 north to Auckland, and 4 km from the outer suburb/satellite town of Bell Block

It takes approximately 16 minutes to travel by car from the airport to the conference venue.

Rental car hire and/or taxis are available from the airport.

New Plymouth Taxis	(06) 757 3000
T.E Taxis	0800 999 222
UBER	via App
Scotties Airport Shuttle	0800 737 001 bookings@npairportshuttle.co.nz



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**x9 CPD
points for full
attendance at
conference**

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Wednesday

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Thursday

2.00pm- 3.00pm - Waitangi Room
Director's Meeting

3.00pm- 3.30pm - Waitangi Room
AFTERNOON TEA

3.30pm- 4.00pm - Waitangi Room
ValGroup AGM

4.10pm- 5.30pm - Waitangi Room
Shareholder's Forum

6.00pm onwards
'ICE BREAKER'
DRINKS & DINNER

Haukai Bar & Bistro
Novotel



8.00am - 8.15am
Conference Registration
Waitangi Room, Novotel

8.15 - 8.25
David Todd - MC
Welcome & Housekeeping

8.30am- 9.00am
Heather Beard - NZIV President
NZIV Overview

9.10am- 10.10am
Debbie Ireland - Digital Workplace Results
'What Co-Pilot can do for you'

10.10am - 10.40am
MORNING TEA

10.40am - 11.25am
John Lucas - Insurance Council of NZ
'Insuring the Landscape'

11.35am - 12.35pm
Blue Hancock
Property & Valuation Standards Board

12.35pm - 1.35pm
LUNCH

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Thursday/Cont

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Friday

1.35pm - 2.35pm

Jason Foden - Rānui Generation
'Powering the Future'

2.45pm - 3.45pm

Dr Colin Hutchinson - Kaweka Hospital
The journey to build a private hospital

3.45pm - 4.15pm
AFTERNOON TEA

4.15pm - 5.00pm

Tristan Shannon - EB Developments Ltd
Oakura Residential Subdivision

7.00pm - Meet in hotel lobby
7.15pm - Bus leaves for restaurant

8.00am

BUFFET BREAKFAST
Waitangi Room, Novotel

8.30am - 9.30am

Conrad Smith, Ex All Black
'Life on the paddock and beyond'



9.45am

Please meet in the lobby
Bus leaves for Green School at 10.00am

10.15am - 12 Noon

FIELD TRIP

Michael and Rachel Perrett
Green School, New Zealand

“ You are invited to the
‘T’ Party!
Come as something
beginning with the
letter ‘T’ ”



7.30pm - 11.30pm

Fancy Dress Dinner
The Social Kitchen Restaurant



CONFERENCE ENDS

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Heather Beard
 NZIV
 President

Based in Queenstown, Heather is a Registered Valuer, Director and Shareholder of Otago Valuations Limited (Colliers) having joined the company in 2014. Predominately working in the commercial space Heather’s area of practice also includes apartments, tourist accommodation properties, lifestyle and residential.

Heather started as an observer on the NZIV Council in 2019, being voted as the Southern representative in Mid-2021, and became president in 2022. Heather also serves on the Property Institute of New Zealand Board as the NZIV representative. Additionally, Heather is an appointed member of the Land Valuation Tribunal for Otago. Heather’s focus is to work with members, councillors, and the PINZ National Support Team to promote the profession and ensure Valuers retain the confidence of the New Zealand public and the membership.



Debbie Ireland
 Digital Workplace Results
 Managing Director

Debbie is the Managing Director of Digital Workplace Results (DWR), formerly ShareThePoint, with over 20 years of experience in delivering technological innovation and empowering people to use Microsoft 365 as an enabling tool. Debbie is a Microsoft Regional Director and a former Microsoft MVP, recognised for her expertise and leadership in the online collaboration space.

Debbie is also a productivity specialist and founded and grown the Digital Workplace Conferences in New Zealand and Australia, connecting thousands of Microsoft technology users, experts, and vendors. She regularly presents and blogs on the business capabilities of Microsoft 365, as well as on work-life balance and self-development. As well as a published author, Debbie is also a chartered member of the Institute of Directors NZ and a board member of Youth Search and Rescue, a non-profit organization that trains and supports young people in emergency services.



John Lucas
 Insurance Council of NZ
 Director

John Lucas started with the Insurance Council in 1996 as an Insurance Manager responsible for facilitating a number of the Council’s technical working committees and takes the leading role in coordinating the industry response to an Insurance emergency event and is the Council’s spokesperson for property, marine and motor insurance issues. John began his insurance career with NZI in the early eighties specialising in farm insurance and commercial property underwriting. John is a Senior Associate of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance.

John is presently assisting the Insurance Council with community messaging about property and business resilience from the effects of climate change, seismic events and flammable building materials.



Blue Hancock
 Property & Valuation
 Standards Board Chair

Blue is well known in the Valuation fraternity and has over 40 years of valuation experience encompassing rural and resource interests, specialised agriculture-assets, public sector property (especially forest interests), expert evidence and management. His prior work in senior roles with both Valuation New Zealand and Quotable Value has given him broad property knowledge. In 2023 Blue was also made a life member of the New Zealand Institute of Valuers (NZIV) and the Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ).

As a past President of the Property Institute of New Zealand and former President of the New Zealand Institute of Valuers, Blue is highly regarded by both his clients and peers in the profession and is currently the Chair of the Property and Valuation Standards Board.



Jason Foden
CEO & Co Founder
Rānui Generation

After qualifying from Otago University with a BCom, Grad Dip IS, Marketing, Accounting, Information Systems and BCom, Grad Dip IS, Marketing, Accounting, Information Systems Jason has had a wide and varied career. From being General Manager of On demand TVNZ, CEO of Freeview TV and Chief Digital and Innovation Officer for SKY New Zealand Jason has proven executive and senior management experience with some of New Zealand’s largest and most successful companies with further experience extending across Telco, media, services, e-commerce, financial services, education and digital in both business to business and business to consumer.

Jason Foden is now the CEO and Co-founder of Rānui Generation, a renewables business which provides ready-to-build solar sites in New Zealand with solar investments in Kaitaia, Taranaki and Central Hawke’s Bay. Jason will speak to the current progress Rānui has made in Taranaki and future development plans in the region.



Dr Colin Hutchinson
Kaweka Private Hospital
CEO

Colin completed his specialist training and PhD at the University of Birmingham. Following several years in medical leadership roles, including Chief Operating Officer for Hawke’s Bay DHB, Colin then stepped into the private sector. Colin was a co-founder of Westside Healthcare Ltd and he now serves as the Managing Director and is the Managing Director for Kaweka Health Ltd. Nationally, Colin is a director, or Board Chair, of seven private healthcare organisations across both North and South Islands.

Not only has Colin led the development of Kaweka Hospital but he also led the development of the Hawke’s Bay Hospital’s renal unit and then a new medical centre in Hastings. From experience, Colin says there are lots of moving parts to leading the development of a new healthcare facility. Colin shares the journey of an incredibly exciting opportunity to build a modern facility from concept through to securing funding, turning the soil and seeing the facility emerging from the ground.



Tristan Shannon
Land Development
Manager
EB Developments

EB Developments are developing communities we would be proud to call home—developments that get better with age, and neighbourhoods where ‘generations live for generations’.

As a Land Development Manager, Tristan has diverse knowledge spanning land surveying, civil engineering, and quantity surveying. His comprehensive understanding of the entire land development process, from feasibility studies through to construction and obtaining titles, helps drive successful outcomes for projects he is involved in. Tristan’s skills align perfectly with EB Developments’ commitment to creating subdivisions that stand the test of time.



Conrad Smith
Lawyer and All Black
Extraordinaire

Conrad Smith was born and bred in New Plymouth, New Zealand, before moving to Wellington to begin a Law Degree at Victoria University. Life took a sudden turn in his last year at University when he made his first class rugby debut for Wellington. Twelve months later he was an All Black, starting a 15 year rugby career that would see him win two World Cups and 94 test caps for the national team.

The majority of this time he continued to play in Wellington, eventually captaining the Hurricanes for 4 years and playing 126 times. By the end of his career, he was the most capped centre in All Black history and his midfield pairing with Ma’a Nonu remains the most capped partnership in the world. He is now using the law degree he completed in 2004 to help Player Associations’ support the players of today.



David Todd

MC

Originally from a Sheep and Cattle farming background (Waipukurau) David is married with 3 adult children who are all now in the workforce. He lives on an orchard block which is leased to Bostocks and has a B Com Ag (Valuation and Farm Management) from Lincoln. He completed a Directors Course run by the NZ Institute of Directors in 2008. After an extensive Rural Banking career David established "Toddy Talks" in 2011. He provides Sales Training, Keynote addresses, Facilitation and MC services along with some specific project work. He was facilitator with the Rural Support Trust from 2017 until March this year. He is part of The Evergreen Foundation, a Hawke's Bay based cyclone relief fund established immediately post cyclone Gabrielle.

As a presenter, something he has done professionally since 1991, David's style is both entertaining and thought-provoking. David's client list includes, among others, Cardrona Distillery, Hazlett, Silver Fern Farms, Pamu, Rabobank, Mission Estate, Dairy NZ, Farmlands, Lawlink and Pioneer. He has spoken throughout New Zealand, in Australia, Bangkok Thailand and the UK. He has been a "regular" at our ValGroup conferences. For 10 years he served as an elected School Board member and Chair. David also assists with specific charities and enjoys water sports and tennis.



Michael and Rachel Perrett

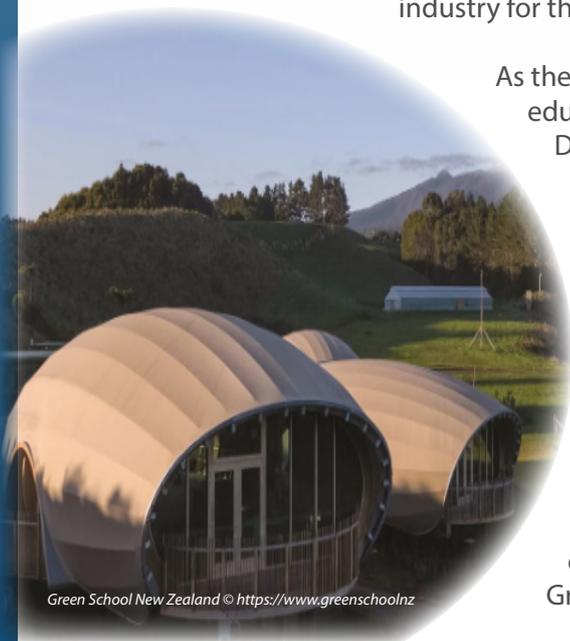
Green School, New Zealand

Founders

Michael and Rachel both completed their degrees at Massey University. Michael studied Marketing and Communications and Rachel studied Statistics and Operations Research followed by a postgraduate diploma in Business Administration. Michael went into sales while Rachel entered the corporate world for a large FMCG business. Rachel quickly rose into managerial positions and was overseeing a budget of more than \$10 million at just 26 years old. By 31 years old, Rachel and Michael had co-founded a ventilation business - HRV, successfully growing the business into a 25 office franchise across NZ and Melbourne, vertically integrating the supply chain. Over the following 10 years, they built 43 businesses, within 10 industries, each with a strong focus on innovating that industry for the better.

As their children grew, they recognized a significant need for educational reform to empower children and sustain the planet.

Discovering Green School Bali proved transformative for their family, igniting a passion to globalize its model. They established Green School New Zealand, followed by Green School South Africa, with Green School Tulum under construction and several others in development. Their ultimate goal is to have many Green Schools around the world, nurturing passionate changemakers who think in systems for the betterment of people and the planet. Within each industry, the goal is to revolutionise the systems and processes to make them just and relevant for the 21st century. Their ultimate challenge now is turning our wonderful young learners into influential green leaders of the future, to create a more sustainable future for us all. Green School New Zealand is designed as a school for now.



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