



# SEMINAR 2025

Rydges Hotel, Wellington Airport

Shark & Shelley Room

16th & 17th March 2025

**Seminar  
Attendance  
7 CPD Points**



# SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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## Sunday

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## Monday

All sessions are to be held in the Shark and Shelley Room which is on Level 2

2.00pm- 2.50pm Director's Meeting

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm - 6.00pm Shareholder's Meeting

Discussion regarding future options for ValGroup.

- Future goals and Strategy
- Budget
- Levies

Shareholders Q & A

7.00pm Dinner  
Whiskey Lima Golf, Rydges Hotel

8.00am - 8.25am Welcome & Housekeeping

8.30am - 9.25am Gareth Kiernan - Informetrics

9.30am - 10.30am Hamish Bills - NZIV Council

10.30am - 10.45am Morning Tea

10.45am- 11.40am Andrew Eagles - NZ Green Building Council

11.45am- 12.40pm Hon, Chris Penk MP

12.45pm - 1.15pm Lunch

1.15pm - 2.10pm Kerry Allen - Agribusiness Curriculum NZ

2.15pm - 3.10pm Neill Sullivan - LINZ

3.10pm- 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - 5.00pm Allison Mooney -  
Understanding Business Behaviour

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# Speakers



## Gareth Kiernan

Chief Forecaster,  
Infometrics

Gareth leads the forecasting team at Infometrics, where he oversees the company's economic forecast publications, focusing on macroeconomic trends and property and building forecasts. With over two decades of experience, Gareth joined Infometrics in 1999 after earning an MCom (Hons) in economics and a BSc in economics and statistics from the University of Canterbury. Rising to managing director in 2006, he transitioned to operations director in 2014.

Gareth has also authored notable reports, including Infometrics' Regional Hotspots (2016), exploring New Zealand's growth regions, and Megatrends (2018), examining long-term economic shifts, as well as Food for Thought, highlighting South Island export opportunities.



## Andrew Eagles

NZ Green Building Council,  
Chief Executive

Andrew is a qualified economist with more than fourteen years experience in the built environment. Working for consultancies, associations, government and built environment charities, he has a wealth of knowledge in housing, market mechanism, advocacy and the construction supply chain.

Andrew joined the NZ Green Building Council in September 2016 as Chief Executive. The NZGBC is the country's leading not-for-profit for the sustainable built environment. As well as exemplary research, the NZGBC oversees Homestar and Green Star the award winning certifications for New Zealand homes and buildings, and NABERSNZ, the tool for confirming performance of offices in use.



## Kerry Allen

St Paul's Collegiate School  
Agribusiness Curriculum Director

Kerry is the Project Curriculum Director for the national Agribusiness in Schools and 'Sow the Seed' advisory programmes based at St Paul's Collegiate School in Hamilton, New Zealand.

She has been involved in the education sector for the past 28 years, specialising in Agricultural and Horticultural Science and Agribusiness as a teacher, regulator of NCEA exams and a Ministry of Education curriculum and assessment writer.

As an experienced educator, Kerry has held various roles in senior curriculum management in secondary schools over the years, has written numerous Agricultural and Horticultural Science and Agribusiness workbooks, and has worked in the private sector as an educational consultant to schools. She also is the secretary / treasurer for HATA (Horticulture and Agriculture Teachers Association of New Zealand). Kerry has witnessed the primary industry skills shortage first hand as a part owner of a dairy farm and of AgFirst, a national agricultural consulting company that provides competitive business solutions to the rural sector.



## Hamish Bills

New Zealand Institute of Valuers  
Council Member

Hamish is a Registered Valuer, a Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Valuers (NZIV), and sits on the NZIV Council.

He began his professional career with the Government Valuation Department, Wellington, in 1986. During his time at the department Hamish rose to a senior level undertaking a wide range of valuation work including residential, industrial, commercial and rural assignments, gaining registration in 1990.

Hamish entered private practice in 1991 after returning from an overseas working holiday and was with Lockwood & Associates Limited from its formation in 1993 until late 2017, becoming a director/shareholder in 2004.



## Hon. Chris Penk

Minister for Building and Construction &  
Land Information  
MP Kaipara ki Mahurangi

Chris studied at the University of Auckland, gaining a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours). After his initial studies, he joined the Royal New Zealand Navy, serving on frigate HMNZS Te Kaha, and then the submarine squadron of Australia's Navy. After practising law for a number of years, including in a firm he co-founded, Chris entered Parliament in 2017 to represent the then-Helensville electorate.



## Neill Sullivan

Valuers Registration Board  
Valuer General

Neill Sullivan is the Valuer-General and he has been a registered valuer since 1983 and has worked in a variety of private and government roles in New Zealand and abroad. The Valuer-

General is primarily responsible for regulation of the rating valuations system, chairing the Valuers Registration Board and is also a member of the NZIV Council in accordance with the Valuers Act 1948.



## Allison Mooney

Author and Key Note Speaker  
Understanding Business Behaviour

It's not surprising that Inspirational International speaker Allie Mooney has been recipient of "Speaker of the Year (National Speakers Association – Auckland New Zealand) award three times and her best-selling book Pressing the Right Buttons earned her "Author of the Year" by the National Speakers Assoc. of NZ (Auck).

You will come away from this session with a very effective but simple tool that will change the way you see others and wished many years ago that you had learned how to "Press the Right Buttons" thus avoiding people challenges. Allie's wisdom and insights cover the four styles of influence, understanding your own capabilities and strengths, communicating and relating effectively with all personality, quickly understanding what makes people tick and increasing your performance capability as well as many more insights to help you both personally and professionally understand your personality style and those of others



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