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18–19 FEBRUARY | JAMES COOK HOTEL, WELLINGTON

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DAY ONE: TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY	
8.30 – 9.30am	Registration and welcome coffee
9.30 – 9.40am	Welcome – Professor Jan Evans-Freeman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Sustainability, University of Canterbury and President, Engineering New Zealand MC – Tania Williams, General Manager, Engineering New Zealand
9.40 – 10.35am	**Andrew McLennan** Engineering Manager, Airport Equipment
10.35 – 10.55am	Break
10.55 – 11.45am	**Strengthening Engineering Firms through AI Integration** **Matt Ensor** Director, Kia Ora AI
11.45am – 12.35pm	**Panel discussion: What engineers wished their managers knew to help support them as early career stage engineers** BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY Chaired by Richard Templer, Chief Executive, Engineering New Zealand **Alyce Lysaght** Engineer – Water, WSP **Sanmit Kaimal** Project Engineer, KiwiRail **Mackay Blaikie** Civil Engineer, Tonkin + Taylor **Jack Gillard** Project Manager, Brian Perry Civil **Meg Fahey** Stations Engineer, Primary Assets, Transpower
12.35 – 1.15pm	**Absolute Immigration workshop/presentation** **Arno Nothnagel** Immigration Director, Absolute Immigration
1.15 – 1.55pm	Lunch BROUGHT TO YOU BY ABSOLUTE IMMIGRATION
1.55 – 2.45pm	**A session with Dentons**
2.45 – 3.35pm	**Grappling with infrastructure and climate change** **Professor John E Tookey** School of Future Environments, AUT
3.35 – 3.55pm	Break
3.55 – 4.55pm	**Panel discussion: Walking the path, paving the way – what engineering leaders have learnt and continue to learn for tomorrow's challenges** BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY Chaired by Richard Templer, Chief Executive, Engineering New Zealand **Graeme Hill** General Manager, Group Engineering, Fonterra **Helen Trappitt** Director, Lewis Bradford Consulting Engineers **Josie Fitzgerald** NZ Land and Water Leader, Aurecon **Sulo Shanmuganathan** Chief Engineer, NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi **Mark Evans** Chief Executive Officer, Heb Construction **Professor Jan Evans-Freeman** Pro-Vice-Chancellor Sustainability, University of Canterbury and President, Engineering New Zealand
4.55 – 5.30pm	**Olaf Adam** Head of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), Westpac NZ
5.30 – 7pm	Networking drinks

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY	
7.00 – 9.15am	Networking breakfast served in the hotel restaurant BROUGHT TO YOU BY UC ONLINE
8.30 – 9.30am	Registration and welcome coffee
9.30 – 9.40am	Welcome – Professor Jan Evans-Freeman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Sustainability, University of Canterbury and President, Engineering New Zealand MC – Richard Templer, Chief Executive, Engineering New Zealand
9.40 – 10.35am	**A session with Professor Jarrod Haar, Dean's Chair in Management and Māori Business, Massey University**
10.35 – 11.15am	**Who stays, who wants to leave, who leaves, and why? Insights from the BeLongEng longitudinal project on engineers** **Associate Professor Enda Crossin** Head of Department, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Canterbury
11.15 – 11.35am	Break
11.35am – 12.30pm	**An activity with Professor John E Tookey, School of Future Environments, AUT**
12.30 – 1.20pm	**Panel discussion: Getting the best out of your interns and grads** BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY Chaired by Dee Johnston, People Experience Manager, Engineering New Zealand **Dianne Arnold** Group People & Culture Manager, BCD Group **Janine Perrin** Emerging Talent Program Lead NZ, Transport & Infrastructure, Downer **Mark Mundell** Technical Director – Central Power, Beca **Nicola Dunn** Associate Director, Humankind
1.20 – 2pm	Lunch BROUGHT TO YOU BY ABSOLUTE IMMIGRATION
2 – 2.45pm	**How companies position their brand to recruit the right talent** **Speaker TBC** HainesAttract
2.45 – 3.35pm	**Panel discussion: Integrating AI into your workflows** BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEW ERA TECHNOLOGY Chaired by Tania Williams, General Manager, Engineering New Zealand **Bing Xue** Deputy Head of School – Engineering and Computer Science, Te Herenga Waka — Victoria University **Matt Ensor** Director, Kia Ora AI **Luke Williams** Director of Advancement, Holmes **Chaz Nielsen** Account Executive, New Era Technology
3.35 – 3.45pm	Reflection: What I will take back to work?
3.45 – 3.50pm	Closing thoughts
3.50 – 4.15pm	Break

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