



EVENT PROGRAM

- 8:00**
Arrival, morning coffee and networking sponsored by Nova Systems NZ
- 9:00**
Welcome remarks / MC David Downs, Mark Rocket
- 9:05**
Opening Address / Hon Dr Megan Woods, Mayor Lianne Dalziel
- 9:15**
Keynote 1 - Astronaut Pamela Melroy, Deputy Administrator, NASA (Virtual)
- 10:00**
Keynote 2 - Peter Beck, CEO, Rocket Lab
- 10:40**
Morning tea
- 11:10**
Panel Discussion: Affordable Space Access
Paul Stocks, Head of the New Zealand Space Agency and Deputy Secretary, Labour, Science and Enterprise, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Peter Beck, CEO, Rocket Lab
Stefan Powell, CEO & CTO, Dawn Aerospace
Additional Panellists: TBC
- 11:45**
Panel Discussion: Women In Space
Anna Kominik, Asia Pacific Region Director, Wisk
Jessica Tucker, Senior Associate Systems Engineer, Beca
Lara Collier, Rocket Lab
Dr Lisa Brown, General Surgeon
Dr Priyanka Dhopade, Faculty of Engineering, University of Auckland
Dr Sarah Kessans, School of Product Design, University of Canterbury
Moderator: Kate Breach, Technical Specialist – Aerospace, Space Policy and Regulatory Systems, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
- 12:30**
Lunch break sponsored by Tourism New Zealand
- Due to current travel and availability restrictions, speakers will be a combination of in-person, virtual and pre-recorded. Program subject to change.*
- 1:30**
Panel Discussion: Aerospace and High Altitude Policy Panel
Andrew Johnson, Manager – Space Policy and Regulatory Systems / Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Bronwyn Turley, Deputy Chief Executive, System & Regulatory Design, MoT
Keith Manch, Director and Chief Executive, CAA NZ
Val Sim, Director Legal Services / Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Additional Panellists: TBC
Moderator: Anna Kominik, Asia Pacific Region Director, Wisk
- 2:15**
Panel Discussion: Aerospace Projects
Emily Blythe, Pyper Vision
Linda Falwasser, Project Tāwhiki
Malcolm Snowdon, Argo Navis Aerospace
Max Arshavsky, Zenno Astronautics
Philipp Suelthrop, Kea Aerospace
Additional Panellists: TBC
- 3:00**
Afternoon tea
- 3:30**
Panel Discussion: Access to Aerospace Capital
Ashwath Sundaesan, Investment Manager, Pacific Channel
Jon Sandbrook, WNT Ventures
Kate de Ridder, Bridgewest Ventures
Imche Fourie, CEO, Outset Ventures
Martin Duursma, Partner, Main Sequence Ventures
Troy McCann, Funder, Moonshot
Additional Panellists: TBC
- 4:15**
Panel Discussion: Building an Aerospace Nation
Anna Kominik, Asia Pacific Region Director, Wisk
James Powell, CFO, Dawn Aerospace
Mark Rocket, CEO, Kea Aerospace
Peter Beck, CEO, Rocket Lab
Shaun Johnson, CEO, Merlin Labs NZ
Moderator: TBC
- 5:00**
Closing remarks / Mark Rocket





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