

PwC Leaders Forum | Building Collective Strength

Date: 9 September 2026

Time: 10.30am – 4.30pm

Venue: TSB Showplace, New Plymouth

Facilitator: Sally Sheedy, Ōtorohanga District Council

10am	Coffee on arrival
10.30am	Welcome & Building Collective Strength Opening Karakia Introduction & overview of what is ahead for the day
10.35am	Leadership Connections Icebreaker & whakawhanaungatanga
11am	Leading Through Constant Change – Keynote Speaker Doug Griffiths Doug Griffiths will draw on his experience as an Alberta elected official, adviser to communities and author of <i>13 Ways to Kill Your Community</i> to offer candid lessons on helping communities adapt and thrive.
12pm	Collective leadership in partnership - Hononga Consulting Explore mātauranga Māori, iwi and hapū partnerships, building an understanding of your council whakapapa, Tiriti settlements, collaboration and co-design with Scott Summerfield and Lisa Hopa of Hononga Consulting.
12.30	Lunch with Chief Executives
1.00pm	Chief Executive Speed Connect Connect with local government chief executives for honest discussions about wellbeing, trusted advisors, hard calls, moral courage, and shared leadership.
2.00pm	Partner Perspective (PwC) Speaker tbc

2.30pm	Afternoon tea
2.45pm	Leadership Exchange Interactive discussion bringing together forum and conference themes.
4pm	Update from Taituarā Mereana Beconcini, Taituarā Chief Operating Officer, will provide an update on Taituarā developments and priorities.
4.30pm	Leading What's Next Wrap up and closing Karakia
5pm	Conference Welcome Function