

8:00am Registration Opens

8:30am Mihi Whakatau

8:50am Conference Welcome

8:55am Conference Housekeeping

9:00am **Session 1: Future Selwyn Panel Discussion**

This session explores how AI, emerging technologies, and global economic trends are shaping the future of Selwyn. Learn about key growth sectors, upcoming opportunities, and what's on the horizon for businesses and communities looking to thrive in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex environment.

10:00am Morning Break

10:30am **Session 2: Selwyn's Economic Landscape**

This session helps local leaders understand the regional trends, risks, and opportunities shaping Selwyn's economic future. With a focus on connection and collaboration, it explores how Selwyn can better position itself within the wider regional picture – leveraging relationships, shared infrastructure, and collective capability to support sustainable growth and long term resilience.

11:15am **Session 3: Government Speaker Session**

For this session we will be joined by a government representative who will be discuss Selwyn in relation to a wider New Zealand picture.

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm **Session 4A: Growing Talent**

This session connects the Skills and Workforce Programme with workforce insights to explore future skills pathways for Selwyn. It will examine labour market gaps, the role of youth and emerging talent, and how training and education partnerships can better prepare people for the jobs of tomorrow.

**Session 4B: Story as Strategy**

This session explores how identity and storytelling can help businesses strengthen their appeal and attract visitors. It discusses how Selwyn's stories – shaped by land, people, and innovation – can be woven across sectors to support a place-brand narrative that resonates with visitors and locals, and reflects values of guardianship, care, and long-term stewardship.

2:00pm **Session 5A: Systems for Tomorrow**

This session looks at the energy, infrastructure, and transport systems needed to support Selwyn's growth over the long term. Focusing on growth enabling projects and strategic planning, it explores how smart investment, flexible systems, and coordinated decision making can support communities, manage future pressures, and ensure Selwyn remains adaptable and fit for purpose.

**Session 5B: Future Foods**

This session explores how future foods innovation and agritech are transforming how food is grown, produced, and brought to market in Selwyn. New technologies, research, and collaboration are creating opportunities for productivity, sustainability, and resilience – supporting farmers and food businesses to respond to changing conditions while remaining globally competitive

3:00pm Afternoon Break

3:30pm **Session 6: Impact Group Wrap Up – Panel Discussion**

This session discusses the learning from the day and some of the key takeaways. Kai Aku Rika Impact Group members will be given the opportunity to discuss what conversations they felt were important in navigating the economic and business landscape today in Selwyn.

4:14pm **Session 7: Keynote Speaker**

5:15pm Conference Wrap up

5:20pm Poroporoaki

5:30pm Networking Function