

CEO Retreat

15 – 17 August 2019
Millbrook Resort

NEW BOUNDARIES



Thursday 15 August

6:00pm	Drinks and nibbles in the Millhouse
7:00pm	Dinner in the Clubhouse Restaurant

Friday 16 August

From 6:30am	Breakfast in the Millhouse Restaurant
8:30am – 10:00am	Session 1: Geopolitics of the sky Millhouse Conference Centre
10:00am	Morning tea
10:30am – 12:00pm	Session 2: Regulation of the internet Millhouse Conference Centre
12:15pm – 1:45pm	Lunch in the Clubhouse Restaurant
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Session 3: Mental health of the young Millhouse Conference Centre
3:30pm	Afternoon tea
4:00pm – 5:30pm	Session 4: India, where is it heading? Millhouse Conference Centre
6:30pm	Depart for dinner from Millbrook Reception
7:00pm	Dinner at Gibbston Valley Restaurant

Saturday 17 August

From 6:30am	Breakfast Clubhouse Restaurant
8:30am – 10:00am	Session 5: Circular bioeconomy Millhouse Conference Centre
10.00am	Morning tea
10:30am – 12:00pm	Session 6: The global economy Millhouse Conference Centre
12:15pm – 1:30pm	Lunch in the Clubhouse Restaurant

If circumstances require, some details of this programme may change.

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Anjum Rahman

Anjum Rahman, of the Islamic Women's Council of New Zealand, was a prominent voice in the wake of the Christchurch attacks, especially as she spoke of the many previous attempts she and others in the Muslim community made to get government agencies to take seriously the rising threat from white supremacists in this country. Anjum is now working on a project called the Inclusive Aotearoa Collective that seeks to provide a long-term solution towards ensuring that such hate-fueled attacks never happen again.

Thursday 7:00pm | Dinner

Geopolitics of the sky

The geopolitics of the sky: how satellites are revolutionising the information-intensive and hyper-mobile world economy; the new beneficial and downright dangerous uses for satellite imagery and remote sensing data; satellite activism that is challenging the sovereign gaze of the state; space clutter; global powers and the battle for influence. This rich and critical topic explores issues that are fundamental to our future.

Dr Duncan Steel

Duncan Steel is Chief Systems Architect with the Xerra Earth Observation Institute in Alexandra. He has worked in space research for forty years with NASA, ESA, and at institutions in the UK, USA, Canada, Sweden, Australia and NZ. Duncan has appeared in hundreds of radio and TV programmes (including an Emmy winner), plus authored four books and over a thousand articles for magazines and newspapers such as the Guardian, BBC Focus, and New Statesman. Asteroid 4713 Steel is named for him.

Friday 8:30am – 10:00am | Session 1

The internet, can and should it be regulated?

What is the future for this still new but already vital and pervasive platform? The answer isn't clear but the possibilities are both exciting and frightening. Where is the line between the free expression that online platforms engender and the legitimate role of the state in curbing social ills that such communication can promote?

Jordan Carter

Jordan Carter is Chief Executive of Internet New Zealand and an advisor to Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in the creation of the 'Christchurch Call' for action on social media platform regulation following the March 15 mosque shootings in Christchurch. Jordan chaired the civil society group that gathered in Paris to advise political leaders on the content of the Christchurch Call.

Dr Paul Buchanan

Paul Buchanan is a former intelligence and defence policy analyst and consultant who specialises in comparative politics, international relations and security. He has provided regional, subject and country specific analysis and advice to senior US military, intelligence and diplomatic decision-makers.

Rob Everett

Rob Everett is the Chief Executive of the Financial Markets Authority. He brings a global perspective to the role and has experience in investment banking, legal and risk management.

Mental health of the young

Increasing levels of deterioration in the mental health of young people are being widely reported and are causing significant concern. New Zealand has high levels of youth suicide and increasing levels of anxiety across all social groups. Why is this and what can we do about it?

Dame Sue Bagshaw

Dame Sue Bagshaw is a senior lecturer in paediatrics at the University of Otago, director of the Collaborative Trust for Research and Training in Youth Health and Development and a senior medical officer for the organisation 298 Youth Health, which in the past year has assisted around 4,000 young people aged between 10 and 25.

India, where it is heading?

India, where it is heading – both as a democratic and economic powerhouse while also a sectarian and protectionist society? With the second largest population in the world today, India's population is set to surpass China's in 2027. Its economy continues to grow at among the fastest rates in the world, with real GDP growth in 2019 forecast at 7.6%. Today, its service sector represents more than 60% of its economy and accounts for 28% of employment. The economy's strength lies in a limited dependence on exports, high saving rates, favourable demographics, and a rising middle class. But a huge, under-skilled, under-employed and youthful population is impatient for economic opportunity. What next?

Professor Sunil Khilnani

Sunil Khilnani is Director of the India Institute at King's College London, which he established in 2011. Prior to this he was the Starr Foundation Professor and Director of South Asia Studies at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC. He is the author of *The Idea of India*, recently published in a 20th anniversary edition, and *Incarnations: A History of India in Fifty Lives*, which was also a 50-part BBC radio and podcast series.

Sir Douglas White and Hon Chris Finlayson QC

Sir Douglas White, who recently retired as President of the Law Commission, will join the Hon Chris Finlayson QC in a moderated session at the dinner on Friday 15 August. The topic is: Pressures on the relationship between government and the judiciary.

Circular bioeconomy

The transition to a circular bioeconomy is said to be a major opportunity for New Zealand. Are the industrial potential and benefits for the environment, climate and a sustainable society real and achievable? Can we move from a carbon-based economy to a plant-based economy at scale? New Zealand lags behind in starting to make the necessary investment and changes. However, advocates for us taking this step are growing and are putting their money where their mouth is.

Dr Elspeth MacRae

Elspeth MacRae is the chief innovation and science officer for Scion, a Crown research entity. She sits on the boards of the Biopolymer Network Ltd and the Bioprocessing Alliance, the NZ Packaging Council, and previously sat on the Materials Accelerator Industry Advisory Board. Elspeth is in demand to speak around the world on this rapidly growing global area of industrial and government activity, which is disruptive to many business models.

The global economy and financial markets – what now?

There are conflicting views about the prospects for the global and New Zealand's economy. We are in uncharted economic waters following the massive amount of money that flooded the world economy after the GFC, followed by the return of isolationism, protectionism and populist politics in the west. Is another recession around the corner? What is influencing the current world economy and just how concerned should we be?

Dr John McDermott

John McDermott recently left the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, where he was an assistant governor and chief economist, to take up a new position as the executive director of Motu, a New Zealand global top ten ranked think tank.

Todd Muller MP

Todd Muller was elected to Parliament at the 2014 election as the MP for Bay of Plenty. He is the National Party spokesperson for Climate Change and Forestry.