

DRAFT SCNZ Conference Agenda

Prosperity Through Partnership

Palmerston North. 21-23 March 2019

Thursday 21 March

From 9am	Registration desk open	Conference & Function Centre Foyer
11am	Pōwhiri / opening ceremony	Te Marae o Hine (The Square)
12pm	Lunch	Conference & Function Centre – Elwood room
1pm	Session 1: Economic benefits of International Relations to city and regional development	Conference & Function Centre – Main Conference Room
2pm	Session 2: Contribution of Sister Cities to NZ Foreign Relations	Conference Room
3pm	Afternoon tea	Gallery Room
3.20pm	Session 3: Regional Forums – break into regional groups for collaboration discussions	Conference breakout spaces
4.20pm	Walk to next venue	Te Manawa Museum (next door)
4.30pm	Friends of Palmerston North Sister City displays & presentations at Te Manawa	Te Manawa
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Reception & tour of New Zealand Rugby Museum Welcome by Hiromi Morris and Ambassador Kobayashi Presentation: Celebrating the 2019 Rugby World Cup via Japan/NZ Sister Cities	Te Manawa, New Zealand Rugby Museum

Friday 22 March

From 8am	Registration	Foyer
9:00am	Session 4: Intercultural competency – Keynote speaker	Conference Room
9:30am	Session 4 continued: “Welcoming communities” panel Cultural benefits via Sister Cities	Conference Room
10- 10.30am	Session 5: Workshops - Measuring, reporting and communicating benefits of city international relations	Breakout rooms
10:30am	Break	Gallery Room

11:00	Session 5 continued: Workshop report-back and discussion	Conference Room
11.30-12:15	Session 6: International Education – best practice models and toolkits for sister city connections	Conference Room
12:15	<i>Working lunch served</i>	
	Lunch keynote address	Elwood room
12:30	Session 7: Environmental cooperation - A Smarter and Greener future	
1.00pm	Lunch panel discussion: International eco-city cooperation	Elwood room
1.30pm	Session 8: Māori and Indigenous exchange via Sister Cities – Cultural, educational and business opportunities	
	Session 9: Leveraging national platforms and resources – Panel presentation/discussion:	Conference Room
2.30pm	2019 China New Zealand Year of Tourism – MBIE Major sport events: Japan 2019 Rugby WC, 2020 Olympics Diplomatic anniversaries – MFAT NZ Story Toolkit	
3.30pm	Break	Gallery Room
	Session 10: Upcoming events & opportunities	Conference Room
4.00pm	2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit, Brisbane, July 2019 2020 Sister Cities Conference 2020 New Zealand China Mayoral Forum	
4:30pm	SCNZ AGM	Seminar room
5.30pm	Pre-dinner break	
6.30-9:00pm	Dinner guests arrive from 6pm SCNZ Annual Dinner & Air NZ Awards evening	Elwood Room

Saturday 23 March

9.30am-10.30am	Prosperity through cultural diversity Office of Ethnic Communities (TBC) Community & school presentations	Elwood Room
10.30am	Light morning tea refreshments	Elwood Room
11.15-12:30pm	Korero 2019 (Youth Dialogue)	Elwood Room
12.30pm	Mayor Grant Smith: Closing remarks	

All conference guests free to enjoy the [Festival of Cultures](#) in the Square