

Data Architecture

New Zealand

Putting flexible architectures at the centre of your data & AI strategy

Tuesday 4th November 2025

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| 08:30 | <i>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</i> |
| 09:00 | <p>Welcome from Corinium and the Chairperson</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Xanthe Sulzberger Head of Data - Operational Excellence Fonterra</p> |
| 09:10 | <p>Speed Networking – Making New Connections!</p> <p>In this 10-minute networking session, the goal is to connect with three new people. Let the questions on the screen spark your conversation. Enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!</p> |
| 09:20 | <p>Pragmatic Data Architecture for Public Sector Realities: Enabling Secure, Scalable Analytics and AI in Healthcare and Beyond</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Ibrahim Shafiu Head of Data Engineering Te Whatu Ora, Waikato</p> |
| 09:45 | <p>Is Your Data AI-Ready? Build Accurate AI with Your Unstructured and Structured Data</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Krishnan Narayana Swamy Field CTO-DataStax IBM</p> |
| 10:10 | <p>AI-Ready Architectures: Designing for Intelligence at Scale</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Sandhya Palepu Service Group Owner DPAI – Technology Westpac</p> |
| 10:35 | <i>Morning Coffee and Connect</i> |
| 11:05 | <p>Accelerate AI Adoption with Data & AI Governance</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Anand Ramamoorthy APAC Data Governance Sales Specialist Informatica Macushla Howell Head of Data NZ Post</p> |
| 11:30 | <p>Building Future-Ready Data Architectures by Blending Modernisation, Governance and Sustainable Growth</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Indrajeet Singh Associate Director, Data and Analytics Engineering University of Auckland</p> |
| 11:55 | <p>Modernising Legacy Architecture for a Digital-First World</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Gurbani Singh Senior Platforms Manager – Data Kiwibank</p> |

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| 12:20 | <p>Panel: Will AI Automate the Art of Data Architecture or Redefine It Completely?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which aspects of data architecture are most ripe for automation through AI, and which still require human judgment and design thinking? • How is AI influencing architectural best practices, from data modelling to pipeline orchestration and governance? • What does the future data architect look like in an AI-augmented environment - will the role evolve or disappear? <p><u>Moderator:</u> Xanthe Sulzberger Head of Data - Operational Excellence Fonterra</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Maju Nair Master Data Management - Technical Manager GS1 NZ Stephen Fenwick Chief Enterprise Architect NZ Post Armon Petrossian CEO & Co-Founder Coalesce.io</p> |
| 12:55 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 13:55 | <p>Engineering for the Now: Architecting Real-Time Data Pipelines That Scale</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Nick Davies Principal - Data Architecture & Engineering Fidelity Life Assurance</p> |
| 14:20 | <p>Making AI Useful: The Data Foundations Powering Real Enterprise Impact</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Darryl Munro Head of Architecture Silver Fern Farms</p> |
| 14:45 | <p>Building an Enterprise Architecture Business-First</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Stephen Fenwick Chief Enterprise Architect NZ Post</p> |
| 15:10 | <p>Unlocking Customer Value: How Mitre10 Uses Data to Build Better Customer Experiences and Boost Sales</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Rodrigo Gemin Lead Delivery Architect Mitre 10</p> |
| 15:35 | <i>Afternoon Coffee and Connect</i> |
| 16:05 | <p>AI and Automation in Data Workflows: From Concept to Execution</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Eric Leung Product/Platform Manager Restaurant Brands Limited</p> |
| 16:30 | <p>Beyond the Hype: Designing Lakehouse Architectures that Actually Work</p> <p><u>Speaker:</u> Neven MacEwan Enterprise Data Architect Foodstuffs North Island</p> |
| 16:55 | Data Architecture New Zealand 2025 Chairperson's Closing |
| 17:00 | Close of Data Architecture New Zealand 2025 |