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# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Corporate Restructuring, Insolvency & Turnaround Conference

**11 – 12 June, 2025**

The premier conference for  
accountants, lawyers, licensed  
insolvency practitioners,  
financiers and advisors working  
in our industry in New Zealand.

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# The Location

## Conference Location:

Eden Park Stadium  
2 Walters Road  
Kingsland, Auckland

*Earn up to 13 CPD hours*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Kenneth Feinberg**

CONFERENCE CHAIR  
**Hon. Paul Heath KC**

STRATEGIC AI PRESENTATION  
**Joel Barolsky**

GUEST SPEAKER  
**Lance Burdett**

ECONOMIST  
**Shamubeel Eaqub**

MC for GALA DINNER  
**Paul Ego**

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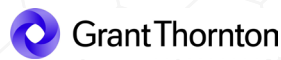
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## Message from the Chair of RITANZ

Kare Johnstone

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 23rd RITANZ Conference on behalf of the Board of RITANZ.

This year, the conference will return to Eden Park Stadium, Auckland with a new format spanning over two days. The conference will commence on **Wednesday 11 June 2025**, starting with the Workshop in the morning, followed by the WIRI luncheon and presentation, with the main conference starting after lunch at **1.45pm** (on Wednesday 11 July 2025). The welcome drinks will be held at the conclusion of the first day, and the Gala Dinner will finalise the conference activities at the end of the second day on **Thursday 12 June**.

We currently have 112 Licensed Insolvency Practitioners based in New Zealand, and close to 500 members! Well done to our Executive Director, Rachael Peacock, and the Board for their continuing commitment in strengthening our membership and the profession.

As members are aware, activity is ramping up in the industry, which is being driven by many compounding factors. The IRD's new enforcement approach means those who have not been adhering to their tax obligations are being called to account. The IRD has less appetite for creditor compromises and debt repayment schemes, and we are seeing more business being pushed into liquidation as a result.

Although consumer confidence rose 5 points to 98.3 in April, the OCR fell further to 3.50%, businesses are not seeing the positive flow on effect in terms of spending. Consumers continue to be concerned about their job security and household budgets, which has a direct impact on our spending behaviour, ultimately impacting economic growth.

Insolvency appointments have increased approximately 40% compared to pre pandemic levels, underscoring the growing demands and responsibilities placed on practitioners and our members. In this environment, it is more important than ever to uphold the highest of standards of professionalism, liaise with stakeholders with respect, and support clients with empathy during challenging times. We must continue to follow best practice, maintain professional standards and accept only those engagement for which we are suitably qualified – ensuring we manage capacity responsibility, avoid overtrading and provide advice that can be relied on and trusted by our public.

As always, our conference this year has a dynamic programme. Firstly, we are excited to introduce the **Future Leaders'** event to the pre-conference programme this year. This will take place the evening before the conference on **Tuesday 10 June 2025** at Dentons, 18 Viaduct Harbour, Auckland. This event is

a fantastic opportunity for those who are at the earlier stages of their career to connect with their peers and hear from a world class speaker, Joel Barolsky, discussing **What it Takes to Become a Successful Rainmaker**.

The main conference opens on **Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 1:45pm** (after the Workshop) with the much-anticipated case study on **Ruapehu Alpine Lifts**, at 2:00pm. Followed by Joel Barolsky who is presenting on the **Strategic implications of generative AI**.

The last session of day one is an interview with **Kenneth Feinberg**, one of the United States' leading experts in mediation and dispute resolution including in bankruptcy cases. Mr Feinberg has overseen numerous compensation schemes for some of the most significant and tragic events in recent history, including 9/11, the Boston marathon bombing, Sandy Hook, and the BP Oil Spill. The Hon. Paul Heath and I sat down with him to explore his role in navigating these complex and emotionally charged processes. It will be a fascinating session, if not a little chilling.

Once again, we are fortunate to have Shamubeel Eaqub open day two of the conference, providing his view on what the economic headwinds in front of us mean for the economy and our industry.

The Hon. Scott Simpson will join us to give insights into legislative updates including the Insolvency Working Group and the current focus of government.

We will hear from Lance Burdett who is an expert in crisis management and resilience. We look forward to his lessons on how to manage challenging conversations and how to keep safe while doing so.

On the second day, we have two panels. The first focuses on the retail sector, exploring high street challenges and consumer spending. The second panel examines the impact of big company closures in small towns. The final session before the Gala Dinner is the ELE case study.

We look forward to the Life Member award at the Conference Gala dinner at Eden Park – always a highlight of the evening. We're also delighted to welcome Paul Ego as our MC for the evening and are excited to have 'The Sober Assessments' band for pre-dinner entertainment.

The conference will finish at 5.30pm Thursday 12 June 2025, the Gala Dinner will finish at 10.30pm.

Thank you again to Hon. Paul Heath, KC, for his continued support of RITANZ and our industry – this will be Paul's 22nd conference he has chaired! Thank you to the Conference Committee for their commitment, dedication and personal time invested in organising and coordinating the conference, our Executive Director, Rachael Peacock, and of course our Events Coordinator, Julia Clancy.

Join us to expand your knowledge, network with industry leaders and your peers.

We thank all our sponsors, particularly our Platinum Sponsors, Turners and Front Line Accounting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kare Johnstone  
Chair

# Future Leaders' Networking Function

**10 June 2025**

Registration from **4:30pm** for **5pm start**, networking drinks at 6pm, concluding at 7pm

**Dentons**

18 Viaduct Harbour Avenue  
Auckland

**Networking Registration**

*Join our other future leaders for an evening presentation with Joel Barolsky.*

*All RITANZ members welcome.*



TOPIC

## **What it Takes to Become a Successful Rainmaker**

There are many ingredients to becoming a successful and consistent revenue generator in a professional services firm. This session will cover the attributes of successful rainmakers with supporting research evidence and case studies. It will include practical tips and tools, and will conclude with a proven model or process of practice development for professionals.



DAY 1

11 June 2025

Eden Park

The Grand Hall Te Pa, Level 5  
North Stand

8:15 am

Registration opens

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10:30 am

Morning tea

12:00 pm

Workshop concludes

8:30 am

2025 RITANZ  
Conference Workshop  
"Nailed It or Failed It?  
Lessons from Construction  
Insolvencies"

KPMG

12:20 pm

WIRI lunch

Women in  
RESTRUCTURING  
& INSOLVENCY

12:45 pm

WIRI Presentation  
Guest speaker Rachel Paris

Fintech Lawyer and Novelist

Moderators: **David Webb**, Partner, Deloitte  
and **Jane Innes-Jones**, Partner, Mayne  
Wetherell

This year's WIRI lunch guest speaker is Rachel Paris, fintech lawyer turned novelist who has just released her first novel, See How They Fall.

Rachel will share her journey through law, fintech and fiction. Prepare for an engaging discussion with venture shifts and plot twists.

Speakers: **Kristal Pihama**, Director – Deal Advisory, KPMG (LIP); **Ray Cox**, Director, EcoVis (LIP); **Alex MacDuff**, Partner, Russell McVeagh; **Jennifer Tunna**, Director, TWA Legal

Chair: **Larissa Logan**, Director, Fixity – Chair

This workshop explores key legal and practical challenges in distressed construction projects — from pre-insolvency actions like sunset clause terminations and shareholder withdrawals, to securing funding and managing creditor pressure.

The panel will cover early-stage restructures, compromises, and key issues in formal processes including site control, PMSIs, retentions, personal guarantees, and DOCA strategies.

Designed for both lawyers and insolvency practitioners, this session offers practical guidance on managing risk and preserving value across the construction lifecycle.



DAY 1

11 June 2025

**Eden Park**

The Grand Hall Te Pa, Level 5  
North Stand

**1:45 pm**

## Conference Opening

Speaker: **Kare Johnstone**, RITANZ Chair and Partner, McGrathNicol

Chair: **Hon. Paul Heath KC**, Bankside Chambers

**2:00 pm**

## Case Study Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL)

Speakers: **Richard Nacey**, Partner, PwC and **Scott Abel**, Buddle Findlay

Richard Nacey and Scott Abel will provide an overview of lessons learned in the administration and liquidation of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL). RAL's collapse presented unique operational challenges, with two ski fields operated by the not for profit company on Mt Ruapehu within an active volcanic area in the Tongariro National Park, under concessions granted by the New Zealand government, against a backdrop of complex overlapping stakeholder interests involving both the physical mountain assets and the ski field business of RAL. This presentation will consider a range of practical and legal issues navigated by the administrators and liquidators in securing the continued operation of the fields over a two year period.

**3:00 pm**

## Strategic Implications of Generative AI

Speaker: **Joel Barolsky**, Consultant, Barolsky Advisors

This session presents three scenarios on how Gen AI might impact law firms and the legal market in general. It draws on exchange theory and lessons from the CAD experience in the design industry. It concludes with a framework for firms to apply and seven practical recommendations for firms to implement immediately.

**4:00 pm**

## Break

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DAY 1

11 June 2025

**Eden Park**

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North Stand

**4:30 pm**

**Practical issues for Insolvency  
Practitioners  
Statutory Interviews**

Speakers: **Nick Frith**, Partner,  
MinterEllisonRuddWatts and **Alex Church**,  
Senior Associate, MinterEllisonRuddWatts

This session will provide tips and tricks for undertaking statutory interviews, examining recent case authorities and providing practical guidance on s 261 and other formal interview processes. There will be a focus on local and international legal updates, including on the privilege status of s 261 interview recordings/transcripts and the extra-territorial reach of s 261 notices. This session will apply those updates to practical situations faced by insolvency practitioners.

explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Purdue opioid bankruptcy. Greater use is being made of bankruptcy courts as the most efficient and effective way to aggregate mass claims in one legal forum for comprehensive resolution. Mr. Feinberg has been involved in these major bankruptcy proceedings and will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of bankruptcy as an appropriate mechanism for resolution of such claims.

**6:00 pm**

**Networking Drinks**

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**5:00 pm**

**Keynote conversation with  
Kenneth Feinberg**

Speakers: **Kenneth Feinberg**, specialising in mediation and alternative dispute resolution; **Kare Johnstone**, RITANZ Chair and Partner, McGrathNicol; **Hon. Paul Heath KC**, Bankside Chambers

Complex litigation in the United States continues to pose major problems for prompt resolution of mass claims such as the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the BP Horizon oil rig



## DAY 2

**12 June 2025**

**Eden Park**

The Grand Hall Te Pa, Level 5  
North Stand

**8:30 am**

**Conference opens**

Hon. Paul Heath KC, Conference Chair

**8:35 am**

**Economic Update  
2025 and beyond**

Speaker: **Shamubeel Eaquad**

**9:35 am**

**Changes to corporate  
governance legislation**

Speaker: **Hon. Scott Simpson**, Minister of  
Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Minister of  
ACC

The Government is updating legislation to  
make it easier for people to do business in  
New Zealand. In this session, the Minister will  
focus on:

- The Government's Companies Act reforms;  
and
- Insolvency Working Group (IWG)  
recommendations the Government is  
looking to enact.

**10:30 am**

**Morning tea**

**11:00 am**

**Spotlight on Retail  
Retail industry outlook**

Panellists: **Chris Wilkinson**, First Retail Group;  
**Carolyn Young**, CEO, Retail NZ; **Aston Moss**,  
Chief People Officer, Briscoe Group

Moderator: **Kare Johnstone**, McGrathNicol  
and RITANZ Chair

As New Zealand has emerged from COVID,  
and the market has slowly recovered, the  
retail sector continues to be hit with further  
challenges. With continued international  
pressures, higher logistical costs and global  
uncertainty, the sector's outlook continues  
to be impacted. This panel will discuss the  
challenges at the frontline of the sector,  
reviewing the challenges of tariff wars,  
logistical costs, consumer expectations and  
behaviour, and digital impact.

## DAY 2

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**12:00 pm**

### **Techniques to deal with conflict**

Speaker: **Lance Burdett**

Lance Burdett is a renowned expert in crisis negotiation, resilience, and mental health advocacy. This session is an opportunity to gain insights into handling challenging workplace interactions. A chance to hear from an expert on practical ways to cope with and work towards mediating conflict. Lance will offer tips on personal resilience to keep us safe within our work lives.

**1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**2:00 pm**

### **Legal Update**

Speakers: **Michael Arthur**, Partner, Chapman Tripp; **Janko Marcetic**, Senior Associate, Chapman Tripp

The last 12 months have seen a number of decisions of significance which will shape trends in restructuring and insolvency law and practice. The Courts have provided apparent closure on the interplay of equitable property rights and the PPSA, which has dominated

discussion for a number of years. The Courts have also continued to develop the law on a range of other topics, including voidable transactions, receivers' and liquidators' powers, and the intersection of insolvency law and arbitration. This session will cover not only the most notable cases from New Zealand but also from overseas, and consider the extent to which those overseas judgments will be relevant in New Zealand.

**3:00 pm**

### **Regional Issues**

#### **Big business closures in small towns**

Speakers: **Emma Laing**, Director, Laing Insolvency ; **Daryl Carran**, Meat Workers Union; **Scott Shannon**, Deputy Mayor of Timaru; **Morgan Simmons**, Regional Manager Corporate, Central and South, Westpac

What happens when one of the main employers has gone from a regional town? This session will gain perspective from discussion with a panel of experts to understand the ripple effects for regional areas when large businesses close including the recent closure of the Smithfield Meat Works Plant in Timaru.. How do the closures effect other businesses, employers, the community and the wider industry? What can be done to limit the damage to our regional communities? How can restructuring and diversification ensure continued employment and other opportunities?

## DAY 2

**12 June 2025**

**Eden Park**

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**4:00 pm**

Coffee break

**4:30 pm**

**Case Study**  
**ELE Receivership: Managing Stakeholders During a High Profile Engagement**

Facilitator: **Rob Campbell**, Turnaround and Restructuring Partner, Deloitte

Panellists: **David Webb**, Turnaround and Restructuring Partner, Deloitte; **Craig Ritchie**, Former CFO, ELE; **Riley Kennedy**, Senior Journalist, Business Desk

This receivership was a public and high profile appointment due to the impact on 1000+ staff who were made redundant days before Christmas with over \$5m in wages and entitlements owing. A significant number of the employees were migrant workers in the construction industry and the public interest in the subsequent fallout from the receivership was therefore, understandably, high.

This session will be a panel discussion and will cover how the Receivers communicated with parties involved, from managing the challenges of the media interest to working with multiple interested parties, including employees, unions, government departments (such as Ministry of Social Development and Immigration) and other stakeholders.

**5:30 pm**

Networking drinks

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**7:00 pm**

Gala dinner

MC: **Paul Ego**

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# Speaker Biographies



## **Kenneth Feinberg / Keynote Speaker**

Kenneth R. Feinberg is one of the Nation's leading experts in alternative dispute resolution. He is currently the Court-appointed Mediator in the Imerys/Cyprus talc bankruptcy in Delaware and was formerly the Court-appointed Mediator in the Hess-Honx asbestos bankruptcy in Texas. He previously served as the voluntary Mediator in the Georgia Pacific/Bestwall bankruptcy in North Carolina, was co-Mediator in the successful Owens Illinois/Paddock asbestos bankruptcy proceeding in North Carolina and was formerly the Court-ordered Estimation Expert in the Johnson & Johnson/LTL Management bankruptcy in New Jersey.

He has served as the Court-appointed Mediator in the successful resolution of the Purdue and Mallinckrodt opioid bankruptcies in the Southern District of New York and Delaware.

Mr. Feinberg has been designated by the Federal Government to serve in a variety of public compensation and related funding programs over the past 25 years. He previously served as Special Master of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, the Department of Justice Victims of State-Sponsored Terrorism Fund, the Department of Justice Boeing 737 Max Crash Victim Beneficiaries Compensation Fund, the Department of the Treasury's TARP Executive Compensation Program and the Treasury's Private Multiemployer Pension Reform program.

He was also appointed by the Obama Administration to oversee compensation of victims of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

In addition to his acting as Mediator and Administrator in a wide variety of federally related compensation programs, Mr. Feinberg has also served as Administrator of 24 Catholic Church Dioceses' Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Funds designed to compensate the victims of Church sexual abuse. He also served as Administrator of the One Orlando Fund following a terrorist attack at the Pulse nightclub, the General Motors Ignition Switch Compensation Program, and the One Fund Boston Compensation Program arising out of the Boston Marathon bombings. He was also the Mediator in the successful effort to return an original Chagall painting from the Museum of Modern Art in New York City to its original family owners in Europe.

He previously served as the Court-appointed Settlement Master in the Fiat/Chrysler Diesel Emissions class action settlement in San Francisco and is currently the Court-appointed Special Settlement Master in the national federal multi-district mass tort Roundup litigation.

Mr. Feinberg has been appointed mediator and arbitrator in thousands of complex disputes over the past 40 years.



# Speaker Biographies



## **The Honourable Paul Heath KC / RITANZ Conference Chair**

Paul Heath KC was called to the New Zealand Bar in 1978. After time as a partner in a firm of barristers and solicitors, he moved to the separate Bar in 1998 and was appointed Queen's Counsel the same year. He was appointed a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand in March 2002, and sat intermittently in the Court of Appeal between 2003 and 2016. He retired from the Bench, with effect from 6 April 2018. On 9 April 2018, Paul joined Bankside Chambers in Auckland, offering services primarily in dispute resolution (particularly arbitration) and insolvency advice. From the same date, he became an Associate of the leading set of insolvency chambers in London, South Square.

Between 1997 and 1999, Paul was a consultant to the New Zealand Law Commission on commercial issues. He was appointed a member of the Commission in the period between 1999 and 2002. During that time, he oversaw preparation of a report recommending adoption of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, was responsible for the preparation of study papers for the Ministry of Economic Development's insolvency law review and also attended meetings of UNCITRAL's Working Group on Insolvency, chairing the meeting on one occasion. Paul was responsible for preparing the first draft of the UNCITRAL publication Judicial Perspective to the Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency, now available on the UNCITRAL website. Paul is a co-consulting editor of Heath & Whale on Insolvency. He was granted life membership of RITANZ in 2015.

In addition to his private work, Paul continues to hold judicial office in four jurisdictions. He is a Judge of Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) Courts, a Judge of the Court of Appeal in both Fiji and Tonga, and Chief Justice of the Pitcairn Island.



## **Joel Barolsky / Founder, Barolsky Advisors**

Joel Barolsky is a specialist adviser to managing partners, boards and practice group leaders on issues of strategy, culture, governance, partner remuneration, succession and practice development. He has advised over 100 of Australia and New Zealand's leading law, accounting and advisory firms. Around 70% of his clients are repeat clients or come directly from referrals from existing clients. He is a Principal of Edge International, a Senior Fellow of the University of Melbourne and a regular opinion writer for the Australian Financial Review Legal Affairs section. Previously, he was head of the strategy practice of Beaton Research & Consulting.



# Speaker Biographies



## **Lance Burdett / The crisis negotiator**

Lance Burdett is a renowned expert in crisis negotiation, resilience, and mental health advocacy.

Over a distinguished 13-year career as a crisis negotiator, he served as the National Advisor for the New Zealand Police Negotiation Teams. He achieved international recognition by qualifying as a negotiator in three jurisdictions, including the FBI, and played pivotal roles in high-profile incidents such as the Napier Siege and the Paremoremo prison hostage crisis.

Lance's enduring focus on suicide intervention and prevention remains at the heart of his expertise.



## **Daryl Carran / Meat Workers Union**

Daryl Carran has been involved in the New Zealand meat processing and related trades industry for 45 years — more than 40 of those as a union man and he is currently the National Secretary of the New Zealand Meat Workers & Related Trades Union.



## **Shamubeel Eaquad / Economist**

Shamubeel Eaquad is an experienced economist who makes economics easy. He is also an author, media commentator and a thought leading public speaker.

He has over two decades of experience as an economist in Wellington, Melbourne and Auckland in leading international banks and consultancy. He currently balances a portfolio of consulting, public speaking, governance and family duties.

He holds a BCOM with Honours in Economics from Lincoln University and is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

He lives in Auckland with his wife and two sons.

# Speaker Biographies



## **Aston Moss** / **Chief People Officer, Briscoe Group**

Aston is the Chief People Officer at Briscoe Group, trading as Briscoes Homewares and Rebel Sport. He brings a wealth of cross-sector experience from both public and private domains with a career spanning organisations including SkyCity, Woolworths NZ, Woolworths Group (Australia), Progressive Enterprises, Manukau Institute of Technology, NZ Post, and Fonterra, where he has held diverse roles across operations, buying, and human resources.

His leadership portfolio at Briscoe Group includes all facets of Human Resources, as well as Health & Safety, Employee Communications, and Privacy. He brings governance experience from work with a range of voluntary organisations and a Certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors. He holds Master's degrees in Management and Legal Studies from the University of Auckland and a Diploma in Business Administration from Massey University.

First and foremost, Aston sees his role as being the nexus of employee and business interests – optimising those to provide sustainable, safe and satisfying business and employment



## **Rachel Paris**

Rachel Paris was a banking and finance lawyer for nearly 20 years and a partner in Bell Gully. She holds a BA/LLB(Hons) from the University of Auckland and an LLM (International Finance) from Harvard Law School. Rachel recently turned to writing fiction and her debut novel, *See How They Fall*, debuted at #1 in the bestseller NZ fiction charts in April 2025. The screen rights to the novel have been optioned by a Hollywood production company. She lives in Auckland with her husband and three children.

# Speaker Biographies



## **Scott Shannon / Deputy Mayor of Timaru**

Scott was raised in South Canterbury, and lives in Temuka with his partner, Carol. He has three teenage children with two attending school in Timaru and one at university.

Scott spent the first decade of his working life with The Warehouse Group. He worked in store management and as the National Fine Jewellery Manager, across the country from Invercargill to Auckland.

In the early 2000s, Scott's position as National Jewellery Manager was made redundant. He and Carol returned to Temuka to take over the family retail business as third-generation owners.

In 2012, Scott and Carol sold their business and partnered with his father to start a new family venture focused on producing and supplying bagpipe accessories both domestically and internationally.

Scott is very active in his local community and is a Justice of the Peace, a first term councillor for the Pleasant Point/Temuka ward and the Timaru District Deputy Mayor.



## **Morgan Simmons / Regional Manager Corporate, Central and South, Westpac**

Morgan is people-oriented, with over 20 years of experience in the banking industry. He has a diverse background in Consumer, Commercial, Property Finance, and Strategy. He now leads the Central and Southern Corporate team at Westpac, which includes Corporate, Property Finance, and Asian Business Banking team nationally.

Morgan is recognised for his collaborative leadership. He is committed to developing his team to their fullest potential, ensuring they deliver exceptional customer experiences. A strategic thinker, Morgan contributes valuable insights to the Corporate Leadership Team.



# Speaker Biographies



## **Hon. Scott Simpson / Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Minister for ACC**

Scott Simpson is the Minister for ACC and Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He has been the MP for Coromandel since he was elected in 2011.

Scott has extensive business and commercial experience. Prior to entering Parliament, Scott was CEO of the nationwide children's charity Make-A-Wish New Zealand. He has also previously held roles as New Zealand General Manager of several businesses.

Scott resides in Thames and his extended family have been farming in the Coromandel region for four generations. Scott has a law degree from the University of Auckland and is also a Justice of the Peace.



## **Chris Wilkinson / Managing Director, First Retail Group Ltd.**

Chris Wilkinson, a leading retail expert and futurist, is the Managing Director of First Retail Group Ltd – an award-winning retail consulting practice.

With decades of experience under his belt, Chris is an experienced strategist who has helped numerous brands, government organisations and NGO's navigate the ever-changing retail landscape.

He's not just about the present, though. Chris is a forward-thinker who translates complex trends and emerging technologies into actionable insights that propel organisations towards sustainable growth and success.



## **Carolyn Young / Chief Executive, Retail NZ**

With over 12 years' experience as a Chief Executive Carolyn brings a wealth of knowledge to Retail NZ. Carolyn has been at Retail NZ for over two years and during this time has worked extensively across a range of key issues for retailers including retail crime, payments, Health & Safety, Holidays Act, ERA, Immigration, Small Business Issues and much more. Not afraid to speak up Carolyn has an extensive profile with media and is the go-to person on everything retail. With over 1,100 media features a year it is a large part of the role, advocating for retailers to both government and the wider public. Carolyn represents retailers on the Ministerial Advisory Group for the victims of retail crime and is a strong advocate for preventative measures to protect staff, customers and stores.

# Speaker Biographies



## Paul Ego / Gala Dinner MC

Paul Ego has New Zealand's most recognisable voice, but his massive portfolio and ability to make everyone laugh is pretty cool too. A NZ radio veteran with award winning stints on both More FM and The Rock, Paul Ego was awarded the Billy T Comedy Award in 2000 and he continues to delight crowds with his masterful improv and acclaimed wit today. An innovative industry stalwart, Paul easily moves (and grooves) with the times, lending his charm to productions and making them iconic. Paul's extensive career has seen him as a staple favourite on the hugely popular comedy show 7 Days, as well as the voice of the stickman in the PAK'nSAVE ads!

Paul has even thrown it back to his years as frontman for band The Yes Men, when he performed as 'Mantis' on reality singing competition The Masked Singer NZ. Still touring his stand up comedy on a regular basis, Paul is a highly sought-after MC and Entertainer.

His impressive experience, charisma and humour have generated glowing reviews from clients and audiences alike, making Paul the perfect pick for a variety of events. Paul Ego will always engage a crowd, and deliver a polished and entertaining performance.



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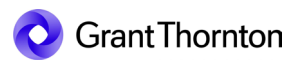
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Alternatively, RITANZ will offer a refund (less a \$100 service charge) for cancellations received in writing (letter or email) at least seven working days prior to the event. Regrettably, due to RITANZ's obligations with the conference venue, no refund will be made for cancellations received less than seven working days prior to the event.

## WORKSHOP

The interactive Workshop on the 11th June 2025 is an in-person event, the preferred format to maximise learning opportunities and career development. If the Workshop cannot be held in person it will be deferred to a later date. In the event that a delegate from outside of Auckland is not able to attend on the rescheduled date, RITANZ will refund the delegate the workshop registration fee (or, where relevant, the difference between attending as a workshop/conference package or conference only attendee).

# Registration Form

## 23rd Annual Corporate Restructuring, Insolvency and Turnaround Conference

11 – 12 June 2025  
Eden Park, Auckland

### Register Online

EMAIL [conf@ritanz.org.nz](mailto:conf@ritanz.org.nz)

WEB [ritanz.org.nz](http://ritanz.org.nz)

MAIL RITANZ, c/o PO Box  
287, Shortland Street,  
Auckland 1140

### DELEGATE DETAILS

Surname ..... First name .....

Position held ..... Email .....

Additional delegate(s) full name .....

Position held ..... Email .....

Firm .....

Address .....

Tel No .....

Contact Name (if not delegate) .....

By registering to attend the conference, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the Terms and Conditions on page 16, and the Acceptable Behaviour and Social Function Policy, and that you agree to observe and be bound by those Terms and the Policy.

TICKET		Qty	Subtotal
Member Conference fee	\$1575 + GST = \$1811.25		
Member Conference + Dinner	\$1680 + GST = \$1932		
Member Conference + Dinner + Workshop	\$1875 + GST = \$2156.25		
Member Conference for Small Practitioners, Government, Academics	\$1103 + GST = \$1268.45		
Member Conference for Small Practitioners, Government, Academics + Dinner	\$1348 + GST = \$1550.20		
Workshop	\$300 + GST = \$345		
Gala Dinner	\$245 + GST = \$281.75		
Table Purchase (10 seats)	\$2450 + GST = \$2817.50		
NON MEMBERS			
Conference fee surcharge (includes membership*)	\$1900 + GST = \$2185		
Gala Dinner	\$245 + GST = \$281.75		
Post conference access to education materials available to be purchased on request.		Total	

\* Subject to membership process

## Booking Options

### Book Online

For group bookings, please email.

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Please email the completed registration page.

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Payment only by direct debit to the RITANZ account (as per invoice) or by credit card (Visa or Mastercard only), no cheques please. Credit card payments will attract a surcharge of 1.85%.

☐ I am a member of RITANZ and would like my firm to be invoiced

☐ Paying by credit card. Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Details

### PRIVACY NOTICE

The personal information you provide on this form is collected and held by RITANZ for the purposes of processing your registration or enquiry and keeping you informed of upcoming services and events. The provision by you is voluntary but if you do not provide some or all of the requested information we may be unable to properly process your registration.

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