

Research Networks Showcase

2 September, WG308

9:00

Karakia & Welcome

Professor Mark Orams

9:15 – SESSION 1: Understanding the Changing Research Funding Landscape

*Distinguished Professor
Sir Peter Gluckman*

*Distinguished Professor
Sir Peter Hunter*

Professor Brett Cowan

Hunter and Cowan will share insights into the current research funding landscape in Aotearoa New Zealand, including recent changes, the implications for universities and researchers, and opportunities emerging from this evolving environment. Gluckman will focus on talking about how AUT academics can make the most of the new funding environment. The session will provide space to discuss how researchers can adapt, collaborate, and position their work to support impactful research outcomes.

10:45

Morning Tea

11:15 – SESSION 2: Panel discussion

Dr Conal Smith

Le-Shan Pomana-Wesley

Chris Hill

*Distinguished Professor
Sir Peter Gluckman*

*Adjunct Professor
Robyn Whittaker*

Following the guest speaker session, a panel of researchers and research leaders will respond to the issues raised by Hunter, Gluckman and Cowan, exploring what the changing funding environment means in practice for researchers and institutions. The discussion will consider how researchers can best navigate current funding pressures, identify emerging opportunities, build effective collaborations and position their research for impact. The panel will also provide an opportunity for an open and practical conversation about what support researchers need, how universities can respond strategically, and how Aotearoa New Zealand can strengthen its research capability and international connections in the current environment.

12:45

Lunch

1:45 – SESSION 3: Network split workshops

Toi o te Ora

Te Whare Tūroa

Te Rau Auaha

The three networks will split up for the final portion of the day for their respective sessions. All attendees will gather together again at 3pm for a formal close to the Networks Showcase, drinks, and kai.

3:00

Karakia Whakakapi Networking Kai & Drinks

