Programme

International Coral Reef Symposium

19-24 July 2026 • Auckland New Zealand

Working together to ensure a future for coral reefs

Sunday 19 July

12:00pm	Registration open	Atrium, L3
5:30pm	**Welcome function** Kindly sponsored by Waitt Foundation	**Ariki Hall, L3**

Monday 20 July

8:15am	Opening ceremony	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
9:00am	Plenary: Being A Good Ancestor *Dr Dan Hikuroa*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
9:45am	**Morning Tea | Day 1**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
10:15am	Concurrent session 1A:	Room:
11:45am	**Lunch | Day 1**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
1:15pm	Plenary: Coral Reef Islands and Reef-System Resilience: An Eco-Geomorphic Perspective *Prof Paul Kench*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
2:00pm	Concurrent session 1B:	Room:
3:30pm	**Afternoon tea | Day 1**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
4:00pm	Concurrent session 1C:	Room:
5:30pm	**Poster Session 1** Kindly sponsored by Minderoo Foundation	**Ariki Hall, L3**
6:00pm	Wealth Untold Film Screening + Live Panel Discussion	Te Paepae Theatre, L5

Tuesday 21 July

8:30am	Plenary: In sickness and in health: Cellular regulation of cnidarian-algal symbioses *Prof Virginia Weis*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
9:15am	**Morning Tea | Day 2**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
9:45am	Concurrent session 2A:	Room:
11:20am	Concurrent session 2B:	Room:
12:20pm	**Lunch | Day 2**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
12:30pm	Deep Hope Film Screening	Meeting Room 516, L5
1:45pm	Plenary: Comparative seascape genomics of Great Barrier Reef corals *Prof Cynthia Riginos*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
2:30pm	Concurrent session 2C:	Room:
4:00pm	**Afternoon tea | Day 2**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
4:30pm	Concurrent session 2D:	Room:
6:00pm	Darwin Medal Plenary | Coral Reefs at the Precipice: Accelerating Science and Policy Under Rapid Global Change *Prof Ove Hoegh-Guldberg*	Room:

Wednesday 22 July

8:30am	Plenary: Innovations in Coral Reef Mapping and Conservation Assessments at Regional to Global Scales *Dr Greg Asner*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
9:15am	**Morning Tea | Day 3**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
9:45am	Concurrent session 3A:	Room:
11:20am	Concurrent session 3B:	Room:
12:20pm	**Lunch | Day 3**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
1:45pm	Plenary: Coral resilience to climate change and our collective responsibility to advance solutions *Prof Julia Baum*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
2:30pm	Concurrent session 3C:	Room:
4:00pm	**Afternoon tea | Day 3**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
4:30pm	Concurrent session 3D:	Room:
6:00pm	**Poster Session 2** Kindly sponsored by Minderoo	**Ariki Hall, L3**
6:30pm	Super Reefs Film Screening + Live Panel Discussion	Te Paepae Theatre, L5

Thursday 23 July

8:30am	Plenary: Diversity within coral reef fisheries supports productivity, equity, and sustainability *Prof Christina Hicks* Kindly sponsored by Global Fund for Coral Reef	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
9:15am	**Morning Tea | Day 4**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
9:45am	Concurrent session 4A:	Room:
11:20am	Concurrent session 4B:	Room:
12:20pm	**Lunch | Day 4**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
1:45pm	Plenary: Rāhui, Mana, and Tapu: Community-Led Ocean Governance as a Model for Coral Reef Resilience *Dr Tamatoa Bambridge*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
2:30pm	Concurrent session 4C:	Room:
4:00pm	**Afternoon tea | Day 4**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
4:30pm	Concurrent session 4D:	Room:
7:00pm	**Banquet** Kindly sponsored by AIMS	**Te Paepae Theatre, L5**

Friday 24 July

8:30am	Concurrent session 5A:	Room:
10:00am	**Morning Tea | Day 5**	**Ariki Hall, L3**
10:30am	Concurrent session 5B:	Room:
12.00pm	Plenary: Scaling coral reef restoration activity to meet global conservation goals *Prof David Suggett*	Te Paepae Theatre, L5
12:45pm	Awards and closing ceremony	Te Paepae Theatre, L5