

Stephen Caunter's career as a speaker started in 2006. During his banking career of nearly 40 years the majority of this time was spent dealing with business customers.



Stephen is particularly passionate about the topics of Networking, Marketing and Customer Service.



Sarah Meikle has had extensive experience in both the food and tourism sectors over the last 20+ years. Helping "tell New Zealand's food story" is hugely important to Sarah and she has been fortunate enough to have been

invited to speak to a number of symposiums around the world.

Barrie Sutton is a Principal Investigator and long term employee of the Competition Branch of the Commerce Commission.

His various roles have always included investigating cartels and now he also does outreach, training, and development work.

Barrie has been involved in the Commission's cartel criminalisation implementation project.



Kevin Oliver is the founder of Harmony Ridge Farms located in Tobaccoville, North Carolina, USA. In 2009 he and his son Isaac started a small organic vegetable operation and over the years have diversified into meat production of pastured



hogs, beef, ducks and eggs. Started as a local retail operation they have expanded becoming one of the largest restaurant suppliers in North Carolina. The operation has thrived in the face of COVID as they have continued to adapt to the new normal. Kevin and his wife Wendy spend part of their year in Nelson, NZ.



Gavin Findlay comes to KiwiHarvest as CEO, having spent his career across the travel, aviation, business and logistics sectors. An ex Officer in the Royal Air Force, he has previously worked with vulnerable communities and individuals in

various parts of the world.

Gerard Vaughan will deliver the Farmstrong Conference Session where he will share practical ideas based on what farmers and growers, and the latest science say about how to improve wellbeing, performance and resilience. Farmstrong is a rural wellbeing programme that aims to help farmers and farming families live well to farm well.



# Farmers' Markets New Zealand Conference 2021

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# FMNZ CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## Sunday 15 August

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## Monday 16 August

8.30 am	Registration
9.00 am	Formal Welcome
9.30 am	Stephen Caunter - Business Physics
10.30 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	Sarah Meikle - Food Tourism

The Nelson Farmers Market has received a Waste Minimisation grant from the Nelson City Council and has chosen to focus on reducing the use of plastic packaging among its stall-holders.

In this brief presentation Miriam Clark, Manager of Nelson FM will explain the grant and its parameters.



## Monday Continued

12 Noon	LUNCH
1.00 pm	Miriam Clark, Nelson FM Waste Management Fund
1.30 pm	MPI - Update, Organics
2.00 pm	FMG - Sponsor
2.45 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00 pm	AGM
6.30 pm	Cable Top Eatery Dinner

## Sponsors



## Conference Prices

\$270.00	Full Registration (includes Monday evening dinner)
\$150.00	Single Day Registration
\$ 70.00	Monday evening dinner only

## Tuesday 17 August

9.00 am	Welcome
9.15 am	Barrie Sutton - Commerce Commission -
10.15 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am	Overseas FM - Kevin Oliver, Harmony Ridge Farm
11.15 am	Maggie Asplet - Tupperware Fundraiser
11.30 am	Gavin Findlay - CEO, Kiwi Harvest
12 Noon	LUNCH
1.00 pm	Gerard Vaughan - Farmstrong - practical ideas on how to improve wellbeing, performance & resilience
2.15 pm	OPEN DISCUSSION - Jono Growing the Growers
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea & Close



This conference will be held at AREA Events, Boulcott Suites, 1 O'Reily Ave, Wellington.  
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