



2022 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

31 JULY

SUSTAINING OUR WORK AND OURSELVES AS CELEBRANTS
Kia tautineia ā tātou mahi, me tātou anō hei kaiārahi ritenga

He manga wai koia, kia kore e whitikia

It is a big river indeed that cannot be crossed.
Given time and effort most things are achievable,
but let us always understand our human limitations.



PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY: Sunday 31 July, 9am – 3.30pm

8.30am – 9am	Joining in and gathering together in the space	MC – Pinky Agnew
9am – 9.20am	Mihi whakataua and karakia	
	Agenda	MC – Pinky Agnew
	Welcome	Celebrants Aotearoa President – Lianne Fraser
9.20am – 10.20am	KEYNOTE: The art of communication: navigating difficult conversations	Dr. Hetty Rodenburg
10.20am	MORNING TEA (20 min)	
10.40am – 11.40am	PLENARY: Embodying mindfulness through the creativity of Seminaria	Gaylene Denford-Wood
11.40am – 12.10pm	AGM	
12.10pm – 12.40pm	Births, Deaths and Marriages	Jeff Montgomery
12.40pm – 1pm	Learning from the challenges of COVID – the experience for Australian celebrants	Ant Burke
1pm	LUNCH (1 hour)	
2pm – 2.15pm	Sponsor presentations	
2.15pm – 3.15pm	PLENARY: Ways to support yourself as you support others – using professional self-care as a strategic resilience tool	Tricia Hendry
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Closing – Celebrants Aotearoa President	Lianne Fraser
	Whakamutunga	
3.30pm	FINISH	
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Post-conference conversations	Conversation starters will be provided to huddles
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Cocktail hour	For huddles to arrange – pay your own way
	Dinner	For huddles to arrange – pay your own way

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

for the Celebrants Aotearoa Virtual Conference and AGM

This conference is open to both members and non-members of Celebrants Aotearoa. If you have a passion for celebrant work of any description or are just keen to learn more about the work a celebrant does, we invite you to come along to this event.

Theme

Sustaining our work and ourselves as celebrants
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Date

Sunday 31 July, 9am – 3.30pm (including AGM)

Venue

You have the choice to attend from the comfort of your own home; or to attend a branch huddle where they are offered

The National Executive is excited to bring Celebrants Aotearoa members our 2nd virtual conference.

We sincerely hope this virtual offering will enable you to attend; either together with members of your branch in huddles or from the comfort of your own home.

We have a streamlined programme of 3 plenary sessions throughout the day, alongside the AGM and presentations by Jeff Montgomery – Registrar General for BDM and Ant Burke from the AFCC.

The day concludes at 3.15pm with closing remarks from the President. A conversational sharing space, drinks and dinner to follow are optional branch/huddle activities.

We look forward to a full and enjoyable day with you.

Registration is for the full day. If you need to take a break from the ZOOM, please do so and look after your own comfort.

All individuals attending the conference need to register through Humanitix and pay individually, even if Lounge Lizards end up viewing the conference with a celebrant colleague. This will ensure all costs in providing this conference for you are covered such as speaker fees, technology etc.



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TICKETS/REGISTRATION

Registration costs (inclusive of GST)	Member	Non-Member
HUDDLE Attending at your local branch, see listed locations when you register		
Early Bird – closes 31 May 2022	\$115	\$135
Standard – closes 30 June 2022	\$135	\$150
Late – closes 24 July	\$150	\$170
LOUNGE LIZARD Attending from the comfort of your own home		
Early Bird – closes 31 May 2022	\$105	\$125
Standard – closes 28 July 2022	\$120	\$135
Once registered, you may choose to get together with another lounge lizard or two in your local area to participate in the conference.		
Can't attend due to a clash in dates? Purchase a ticket to view later! Purchase a Lounge Lizard ticket at the rates above and you will be sent the conference recording to view post-conference.		

Please read this disclaimer relating to venue changes

If in the unexpected event, whereby a nominated branch huddle or all branch huddles need to be cancelled due to unexpected circumstances (such as a change in alert levels), the conference will proceed as a fully virtual affair. No refunds will be made.

REGISTER HERE TODAY – don't miss out!
Early Bird Registration closes 19 June 2022

Event kindly sponsored by



YOUR SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY

Master of Ceremonies



Pinky Agnew

[Writer, actor, MC, speaker & celebrant](#)

Since becoming a celebrant, Pinky has published two collections of readings for ceremonies. In 2004 she became a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM).



Keynote speaker



Dr. Hetty Rodenburg

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The art of communication: navigating difficult conversations

Dr. Hetty Rodenburg graduated from Leyden University, Holland. After working in Holland and the USA she arrived in New Zealand in 1971.

She practiced as a General Practitioner until 1998. During that time she developed an interest in grief counselling, the effects of trauma on psychological, physical and spiritual health and 'working' with terminally ill patients.

Over the years Hetty has given numerous presentations on these topics. She worked and trained with Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and facilitated Kubler-Ross's workshops in New Zealand and overseas until 2001.

At present she is in private practice and involved with grief counselling, professional supervision, and the emotional and spiritual care of people diagnosed with life threatening illness.

She is frequently invited to give presentations and group-interactive teaching in New Zealand and overseas.

Plenary speakers



Gaylene Denford-Wood

[Mindfulness of Seminararia](#)

Embodying mindfulness through the creativity of Seminararia

A fifth generation, South Island Kiwi, I was born the year tea, sugar and meat rationing was abolished and farm-raised as post-war life improved, especially for women. I've married, raised children, pioneered a school, a new degree at AUT, and now (similar to celebrants), I strive to serve with the power of words!



Tricia Hendry

www.triciahendry.com

Ways to support yourself as you support others – using professional self-care as a strategic resilience tool

Tricia is a published writer, educator, consultant, and presenter specialising in issues of grief and trauma, professional self-care, mental health & wellbeing, and resilience. She has lived experience of loss and trauma herself and understands the complexity and challenge unwanted life changes bring. Formerly Deputy Chief Executive of the national support agency Skylight, Tricia currently works on resource, education, and policy projects for a range of government agencies and NGOs. She is also a qualified professional supervisor of front line professionals.

Session speakers



Jeff Montgomery

[Births, Deaths & Marriages](#)

Jeff is New Zealand's Registrar-General of BDM and Citizenship. He leads a team of almost 500 staff providing life event and identity services to all New Zealanders and those wishing to be a New Zealander.



Ant Burke

[Australian Federation of Civil Celebrants](#)

Learning from the challenges of COVID – the experience for Australian celebrants

Anthony Burke, also known as Ant, is a highly sought Celebrant, Motivational Speaker, MC, and Business Coach from the beautiful Hunter Valley in Australia. He is the National President of Australia's largest celebrant association, elected Councillor for Cessnock City Council, and someone who is passionate in creating opportunities for others. He brings a light-hearted touch and an ability to inspire and motivate, his motto: "Be you because everyone else is taken."

Ant is a father to two boys, Kyan and Harlen, and lives a life full of kindness, love, family and friends.