

# SLIANZ

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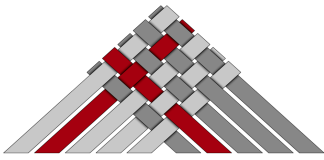
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CONFERENCE 2026  
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**Conference / AGM - 27 & 28 June, 2026**

*Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre, Mt Wellington, Auckland*

Friday 26 June 2026	
19:00	<b>Event at Auckland Deaf Society</b> - 16 Hillsborough Road, Three Kings, Auckland
Saturday 27 June 2026	
08:00	<b>Registration Opens</b>
08:45	<b>Mihi Whakatau</b> -
09:00	<b>Welcome</b> - <i>(MC Jon Tai-Rakena)</i>
09:25	<b>SLIANZ President Welcomes Keynotes</b> - <i>(Dan Hanks)</i>
09:30	<b>Keynote Presentation:</b> (TBC)
10:30	Morning Tea (30min)
11:00	<b>Presentation:</b> 1985 to 2026: An Interpreter's Story — What's Changed, What Hasn't? - <i>(Megan Mansfield)</i>
11:30	<b>Panel:</b> Standing on Their Shoulders: Honouring NZSL Interpreting Pioneers - <i>(Rachel Tate)</i>
12:00	Lunch (60min)
13:00	<b>Presentation</b> - Developing role shift skills in interpreting: Learning from Deaf signers (Susie Ovens, George Major, Catherine Greenwood, Pascal Marceau & Rachel Coppage)
13:30	<b>Workshop:</b> Repeat, Reflect, Refine: Using SRTs for NZSL Growth (Andrew Townshend)
14:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Three Interpreter Why (Rachel Coppage, Frances Bird, Mark Hodgson, and Jasmine Pegg)
15:00	Afternoon Tea (30min)
15:30	<b>AGM</b> - <i>(SLIANZ Board)</i>
17:00	<b>Karakia Whakamutunga</b>
17:05	<b>Board Handover</b>
18:30	<b>Conference Dinner</b> - Venue TBC



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Sunday 28 June 2026	
08:30	Registration Desk Opens
09:00	<b>Karakia</b> -
09:05	<b>Welcome back!</b> - Any Business, Updates, and Day 1 Reflections - <i>(MC Jon Tai-Rakena)</i>
09:30	<b>Workshop:</b> (TBC)
10:00	<b>Presentation:</b> - <i>Interpreter strategies for rendering codeswitching (English/ Te Reo Māori) from spoken source texts (Rachel McKee)</i>
10:30	<b>Morning Tea</b> (30 mins)
11:00	<b>Presentation:</b> NZSL styles in online video posts: implications for interpreting practice (Catherine Greenwood)
11:30	<b>Presentation</b> - From Translation to Innovation: Deaf-Led AI and the Future of Access - <i>(Kara Technologies)</i>
12:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Signs of the Times - NZSL, AI and What Interpreters Need to Know Now (Erica Dawson)
12:30	<b>Lunch</b> (60 mins)
13:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Another way is possible—Reimagining NZSL interpreting in our health system (Rachel Noble)
14:00	<b>Presentation:</b> Whaikaha (Darell Firth)
14:30	<b>Presentation:</b> SLIANZ Board
15:00	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
15:30	<b>Future of SLIANZ</b> (SLIANZ Board)
16:00	Reflections, Highlights, and Closing Moments - <i>(MC Jon Tai-Rakena)</i>
16:15	<b>Closing Mōteatea</b> - <i>(SLIANZ Board and Conference Committee)</i>
16:30	Farewells