

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN**



# THE NEXT DIRECTORS PROGRAMME AUCKLAND 2026

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026**



The Next Directors Programme has been designed to develop and mentor individuals looking towards a senior leadership role, or would like to position themselves for a governance role in the future. The programme provides a comprehensive understanding of the requirements of the board and senior leadership team.





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# About the Next Director Programme

## ABOUT

The Next Directors Programme has been designed to develop and mentor individuals looking for a pathway to senior leadership and governance roles.

Now in its sixth year in Auckland, this successful programme provides a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals associated with the role of the board, being a director and the boards expectation of the senior management.

Attendees will also gain an understanding on how to become more influential and impactful in meeting the needs of senior management. The sessions will include topics on board principles and rules; governance and strategy; the role of the senior leadership team; and practical examples from industry leaders.

**Each participant will be matched with a board/director Mentor who will guide them for a twelve-month period.**

The programme sessions will be delivered over a four-month period, with six two-hour sessions running from August to November 2026.

The participants will be a small group of like-minded individuals, with the integrity of the programme based on the calibre of the alumni.

Each session is expertly facilitated by Lee Marshall, Managing Partner at Hunter Campbell, Recruitment Specialists.

## WHY APPLY?

- Learn the fundamentals of how boards operate & plan your pathway towards senior leadership or board roles
- Gain the confidence and knowledge to more effectively contribute to the board and senior management
- Benefit from the guidance of a matched mentor skilled in the areas you wish to develop for twelve months
- Develop a wider network through the broader industry eco-system via the alumni, speakers, and mentors
- **12 CPD Hours in total**

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## BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES - SPONSORING EMPLOYER

- Employee who is more effective at supporting the SLT and board
- Supports retention of rising star
- Provides significant growth and development opportunity
- Exceptional value
- Professional development

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Professionals looking at ways to add value to the board and senior management
- Individuals between 32 – 45 years of age who wish to prepare themselves for senior leadership and governance roles
- Those early in their governance career who wish to further develop their directorship capability



## Programme Format

### 1. SETTING THE SCENE

Thursday 13 August 2026  
7.30am - 9.30am

Opening breakfast, meet your fellow participants; look at your career direction; mentoring and programme expectations.

**FACILITATOR:**

Lee Marshall, Founding and Managing Partner,  
Hunter Campbell

### 2. GOVERNANCE 101

Thursday 27 August 2026  
7.30am - 9.30am

Best practice; director obligations; corporate governance principles & rules.

**SPEAKER**

Kevin McCaffrey, Director, My  
Governance.

Former Associate Partner, EY  
People, Advisory Services;  
Governance & change  
management at EY, IBM, PwC, IOD.  
Master of Governance, Massey  
University

### 3. THE MANY FORMS OF A BOARD

Thursday 17 September 2026  
7.30am - 9.30am

From advisory board, not-for-profit, or sub-committee, to the dynamics and different roles of the board.

**FACILITATOR:**

MJ Daly, Independent Director

### 4. THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CEO

October 2026  
7.30am - 9.30am

What does the board expect from their CEO and how can the Senior Leadership Team assist?

**FACILITATORS:**

Glenys Talivai, CEO, Public Trust  
Michael Boggs, CEO, NZME

### 5. THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE CHAIR

November 2026  
7.30am - 9.30am

Keeping up with diversity & culture; governance leadership; and the Chair's expectations of the CEO and management team.

**FACILITATORS:**

Rebecca Thomas: Founder & Chief Executive  
Officer of Mint Asset Management  
Henry Lynch: Founder and CEO of Faraday

### 6. WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT?

Wednesday 11 November 2026  
5.30pm - 7.30pm Evening

Graduation, Networking + Drinks  
Graduation. Participants will share with the group their learnings from the programme and how they plan to apply them over a relaxed discussion at a cool venue within the city centre.



## **COSTS**

INFINZ Members - \$1890 + GST\*

Non-Members - \$2540 + GST

\$1700 + GST each if two members apply from the same organisation\*

\*To be eligible for the Members discount, the applicant must be a financial member for the Membership Year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

## **HOW TO APPLY**

**Download and complete the Application Form from the website.**

## **Applications Close 31 July 2026**

Return to Faith Taylor at [faith@infinz.com](mailto:faith@infinz.com) and include your LinkedIn Profile or CV.  
**Please note the Criteria on the Application Form.**

## **WHERE**

The sessions will be held at Hunter Campbell office, Level 3, 13 Blake Street, Ponsonby. Breakfast sessions will include breakfast, tea and coffee. Final graduation will include drinks and nibbles.

## **WEBSITE**

[www.infinz.com/site/thenextdirectors/nd-auckland/](http://www.infinz.com/site/thenextdirectors/nd-auckland/)