

Social
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Te Pai
Ora o
Aotearoa



Whakamanawa 2026

The National Social Services Conference
24 & 25 September 2025, Due Drop Event Centre, Manukau

Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities



Nau mai, haere mai ki Whakamanawa 2026

Inspiring, Connecting, and Empowering our sector

You're invited to be part of Whakamanawa 2026

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Whakamanawa is a conference that inspires, encourages, and connects; fostering kotahitanga across Aotearoa New Zealand's social sector. It's about bringing together our collective knowledge, skills, and passion, so we can return to our communities and hāpori with renewed energy, ready to make a lasting difference.

Whakamanawa is open to all who work within and with the social sector. We welcomed over 400 delegates last year from across community-based social service providers, government agencies, academia, and a wide range of related sectors.

As the host of Whakamanawa, Te Pai Ora SSPA warmly invites you to join us as a Conference Sponsor or Exhibitor at Whakamanawa 2026.

We have a range of sponsorship options available:

- Platinum Sponsor \$9,500 + GST
- Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor \$8,000 + GST
- Gold Sponsor \$5,500 + GST
- Coffee Cart \$5,000 + GST
- Associate Sponsor \$2,000 + GST
- Single Exhibition Space - \$1,000 + GST
- Double Exhibition Space - \$1,800 + GST

**If you would like to talk about one of our sponsorship opportunities
please contact our Kaiwhakahaere Matua, Belinda Himiona at
ceo@sspa.org.nz.**

Platinum Sponsor

\$9,500 + GST

- Recognition as the 'Platinum Sponsor' of Whakamanawa 2026
- Your logo and organisation acknowledged as the Platinum Sponsor in all promotional and printed material
- Your logo, linked to your website, displayed as the Platinum Sponsor on the Whakamanawa website
- Your logo displayed on plenary screens at Whakamanawa
- Your logo displayed in the Whakamanawa app including a link to your website
- Promotion on Te Pai Ora SSPA's social media channels prior to Whakamanawa as our Platinum Sponsor
- You will be acknowledged as the Platinum Sponsor in the opening and closing addresses at Whakamanawa by our Kaiwhakahaere Matua
- Four complimentary Whakamanawa registrations
- Two exhibition stands (3m x 3m) in a prominent location
- A sponsor listing in the Whakamanawa app
- A push notification via the Whakamanawa app, highlighting you as our Platinum Sponsor
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference
- First right of refusal as the Platinum Sponsor for Whakamanawa 2027



Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor

\$8,000 + GST

- Recognition as the Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor at Whakamanawa 2026
- Your logo and organisation acknowledged as the Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor in all promotional and printed material
- Your logo, linked to your website, displayed as the Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor on the Whakamanawa website
- Your logo displayed on plenary screens at Whakamanawa
- Your logo displayed in the Whakamanawa app including a link to your website
- Opportunity to display pull up banners at the Whakawhanaungatanga Event
- Promotion on Te Pai Ora SSPA's social media channels prior to Whakamanawa as the Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor
- Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the opening and closing addresses at Whakamanawa by our Kaiwhakahaere Matua and at the Whakawhanaungatanga Event
- Three complimentary Whakamanawa registrations
- Two exhibition stands (3m x 3m) in a prominent location
- A sponsor listing in the Whakamanawa app
- A push notification via the Whakamanawa app, highlighting you as our Whakawhanaungatanga Event Sponsor
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference



Gold Sponsor

\$5,500 + GST

- Recognition as a 'Gold Sponsor' for Whakamanawa
- Your logo and organisation acknowledged in all promotional and printed material as a Gold Sponsor
- Your logo on the Whakamanawa website as a Gold Sponsor, linked to your website
- Your logo displayed plenary screens at Whakamanawa
- Your logo displayed in the Whakamanawa app including a link to your website
- You will be acknowledged as a Gold Sponsor in the opening and closing addresses at Whakamanawa by our Kaiwhakahaere Matua
- Two complimentary Whakamanawa registrations
- Exhibition stand (3m x 3m) in a prominent location
- A sponsor listing in the Whakamanawa app
- A push notification via the Whakamanawa app, highlighting you as a Gold Sponsor
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference

Coffee Cart

\$5,000 + GST

- Free barista coffee will be made available to delegates
- Your brand associated with the ever-popular Whakamanawa Coffee Cart throughout the conference.
- Customised branding opportunities available including pull up banners in this area
- Your logo and organisation acknowledged in all promotional and printed material as the Coffee Cart Sponsor
- Your logo on the Whakamanawa website as the Coffee Cart Sponsor, linked to your website
- Your logo displayed in the Whakamanawa app including a link to your website
- Verbal recognition as the Coffee Cart Sponsor by the Conference MC
- Two complimentary Whakamanawa registrations
- One exhibition stand (3m x 3m) in a prominent location
- A sponsor listing in the Whakamanawa app
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference

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Associate Sponsor

\$2,000 + GST

- Recognition as an 'Associate Sponsor' for Whakamanawa
- Your logo and organisation acknowledged in all promotional and printed material as an Associate Sponsor
- Your logo on the Whakamanawa website as an Associate Sponsor, linked to your website
- Your logo displayed on the Whakamanawa plenary screen
- Your logo displayed in the Whakamanawa app including a link to your website
- You will be acknowledged as an Associate Sponsor in the opening and closing addresses at Whakamanawa by our Kaiwhakahaere Matua
- Two complimentary Whakamanawa registrations
- A sponsor listing in the Whakamanawa app
- A push notification via the Whakamanawa app, highlighting your Associate Sponsor status
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference

Complete our Sponsorship and Application form [here](#).



Exhibition Opportunities - Apply [here](#)

The exhibition space is an important part of Whakamanawa. It provides an excellent opportunity to increase your organisation's visibility and to connect with potential customers, partners or collaborators face to face. It also allows you to display and demonstrate your products and services. Meal breaks will be in the exhibition area, ensuring good exposure to delegates.

Single stand

\$1,000 + GST

- Whakamanawa registration for one company representative (If additional personnel are needed to assist at your stand, exhibition passes are available to purchase at \$85 per person. Each pass includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, with a maximum of two additional passes per company)
- One x 4 pin multibox
- One x trestle table and cloth
- Two x chairs
- Your logo on the Whakamanawa website linked to your website
- Your logo and listing on the Whakamanawa app, including company details and a link to your website
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference.

Double stand

\$1,800 + GST

- Whakamanawa registration for two company representatives (If additional personnel are needed to assist at your stand, exhibition passes are available to purchase at \$85 per person. Each pass includes morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea, with a maximum of two additional passes per company)
- One x 4 pin multibox
- Two x trestle table and cloth
- Four x chairs
- Your logo on the Whakamanawa website linked to your website
- Your logo and listing on the Whakamanawa app, including company details and a link to your website
- A list of Whakamanawa delegates who have agreed to name disclosure in relation to the conference sent two weeks prior to the conference.

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

This agreement sets out the terms and conditions for support and sponsorship of Whakamanawa 2026 – The National Social Services Conference ('the Conference').

Social Service Providers Aotearoa Te Pai Ora O Aotearoa (Te Pai Ora SSPA) is the Organiser of the Whakamanawa 2026 – The National Social Services Conference ('Conference') and the accompanying exhibition.

The Conference will be held in person at Due Drop Events Centre, Manuakau on 24 & 25 September 2026. The pack-in time is expected to be between 3-5pm Wednesday 23 September, while pack-out will occur after Whakamanawa ends on Friday 25 September. Further details will be provided closer to Whakamanawa.

1. Acceptance

These terms and conditions (Terms) govern the Sponsors and Exhibitors (the Sponsor):

- a) Exhibition and/or sponsorship of the Conference as specified in the Application Form;
- b) Sponsor and exhibitor rights granted to the Sponsor or Exhibitor by Te Pai Ora SSPA with respect to the Conference;
- c) The advertising by the Sponsor of the Conference (whether hardcopy, electronic, online or otherwise);
- d) Advertising rights granted to the Sponsor by Te Pai Ora SSPA at the Conference.

2. Application Options

Te Pai Ora SSPA reserves the right to decline any Sponsor application to participate in the Conference and/or exhibition at the Conference.

3. Attendance & Participation

Sponsorship of and/or exhibition at the Conference is subject to the Te Pai Ora SSPA application acceptance, confirmation of registration and full payment of the package fees by the due date.

Te Pai Ora SSPA reserves the right to change the date or times upon which the Conference is to be held and shall not be liable for damages or otherwise by reason of any such change. If the Conference dates are varied due to circumstances outside Te Pai Ora SSPA's control, sponsorship or exhibition packages will be transferred to the new date(s) and you will be duly notified.

4. Benefits

Te Pai Ora SSPA shall provide the Sponsor with benefits as outlined in the Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities prospectus.

5. Fees & Payment

The Sponsor must pay to Te Pai Ora SSPA the fee (Fee) specified in and in accordance with the Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus.

Unless otherwise stated in the Application Form, the Fee is due on the 20th of the month following the date of the invoice. All payments must be received prior to the conference. In the event that the Sponsor does not pay the Fee or any other amount specified in the Application or under these Terms to Te Pai Ora SSPA within the specified timeframe (Due Date), the sponsorship and/or exhibition booking may be cancelled by Te Pai Ora SSPA. All prices are in NZ dollars and exclude GST.

Sponsors will not be listed on the website until full payment is received and receipted by Te Pai Ora SSPA. Payment options are as per the Te Pai Ora SSPA issued invoice.

6. Modification & Cancellation

Sponsor requests for modifications or cancellations of packages must be in writing to Te Pai Ora SSPA via email to office@sspa.org.nz

Acceptance of a request to modify or cancel a sponsorship or exhibition package will not be deemed to have occurred until written acknowledgement has been issued by Te Pai Ora SSPA.

Where payment is outstanding at time of cancellation, the Sponsor is liable for the balance as per the cancellation

Sponsorship and Exhibition Cancellation Charges

If a cancellation request is received in writing on or before 30 June 2026: 50% less 10% administration fee.

If a cancellation request is received in writing on or after 30 June 2026: no refund will be available.

Where a cancellation has been accepted by Te Pai Ora SSPA, refunds will be processed within 10 business days.

All bank charges, including senders and receiver's charges, resulting from a refund related to cancellation of sponsorship/exhibition items will be passed on to the Sponsor. Credit card surcharges will not be refunded under any circumstances.

7. Sponsor Rights & Obligations

Unless otherwise expressly stated, the Sponsor will not be the exclusive Sponsor (of their industry or otherwise) at the Conference. Notwithstanding any provision of these Terms, any and all Sponsorship Rights and Exhibition Rights granted to the Sponsor are granted on a non-exclusive basis.

The Sponsor will comply with any conditions, rules, regulations and standards as well as any procedure provided by Te Pai Ora SSPA and any reasonable direction of Te Pai Ora SSPA in relation to the Conference and the venue.

8. Nature of the Partnership

- a) In this document and in their other dealings, the term "partnership" is and may be used to describe the "relationship" between the parties;
- b) This is intended to describe the close and cooperative working relationship that is to exist between them;
- c) It is not, however, intended to, and does not create anything in the nature of a partnership, in a legal sense. The parties are, and will remain, wholly independent entities.

9. Cooperation

- a) Te Pai Ora SSPA and the Sponsor each acknowledge that in the course of the partnership, there will be details that will require discussion and agreement between them;
- b) Each agrees to cooperate to the fullest extent with the other, with the aim of securing a successful Conference event from which both parties will derive the maximum possible benefit.

10. Force Majeure

- a) Neither Te Pai Ora SSPA nor the Sponsor are liable for any breach of this Agreement caused by circumstances beyond their respective control, provided that all possible steps are taken to remedy or minimise the effects of such circumstances.

11. Dispute Resolution

- a) The parties shall endeavour to settle any dispute or difference in a fair, objective and friendly spirit by their respective representatives meeting together to discuss the question at issue;
- b) If any dispute is not resolved within 14 working days after it was first brought to the attention of the other party, it will be submitted to and resolved by arbitration.

12. Confidentiality

Both parties shall:

- Keep the details (including sponsorship contribution and benefits) of this sponsorship agreement in confidence; and
- Keep the terms and conditions of this sponsorship agreement in confidence; and
- Not disclose this agreement to any person without express written consent of both the Sponsor and Te Pai Ora SSPA, or as ordered in a Court of Law.