Delegate entry – 19:00-19:10
Delegates walk into the “Middle Earth” adorned atrium. Delegates will receive a bubbly, beer, juice or mineral water on entry.

Dr Sarah-Kate Millar – Master of Ceremonies 19:10-19:12
Dr Sarah-Kate Millar, will outline the evening’s activities and will provide the Karakia.
Nau mai e ngā hua
o te wao
o te ngakina
o te wai tai
o te wai Māori
Nā Tane
Nā Rongo
Nā Tangaroa
Nā Maru
Ko Ranginui e tū iho nei
Ko Papatūānuku e takoto nei
Tuturu whakamaua
Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E! I

AUT Group Chef Matthew Farley, AUT Hospitality Services - 19:12-19:15
Matt Farley will explain the food and the Sileni wine for the evening. Food is available from the “Middle Earth” themed areas.

Kiwiana and Industry Partner Playing Field Awards – 19:15- pm
The competitions at the Kiwiana Opening and during the week at the Industry Partner Playing Field will be awarded.

Live band “off the wall” – 19:30 to 22:30
“Off the Wall” https://www.offthewallnz.com/ will be the four piece band for the closing banquet party. With the Middle Earth themed dinner and surrounds, the closing banquet is going to be a highlight of the conference for networking and relaxing after the quality academic presentations.