



## Hundreds to glimpse into tomorrow's world at Canterbury Tech Summit

When: 12 September 2018

Time: 11:30AM – 7:00PM

Where: Air Force Museum, 45 Harvard Ave, Christchurch

Info: [www.techsummit.nz](http://www.techsummit.nz)

*Press release, 20 August 2018, Canterbury Tech Summit, Christchurch, New Zealand: With only a handful of tickets remaining, next month's Canterbury Tech Summit is on track to be another sell out event with over 700 attendees.*

Those lucky to attend this tech mecca summit will not be disappointed. Organisers have attracted a strong line up of speakers from remarkable tech firms including Rocket Lab, Trineo, Cryptopia, RedShield Security, Skilitics, FaceMe, and more.

Many of these exceptional "home grown" businesses have found their niche on the world stage with unique offerings and dogged Kiwi can do attitude.

Speakers will share their experiences and technologies, with subjects from "working with digital humans" and "empathic computing" to the "future of money", latest defence strategies against "hacking" and even "New Zealand's role in space".

"We have an incredible tech industry with many diverse examples of leapfrogging innovations. Our no.8 wirers, risk takers and techpreneurs are creating newer, better, faster and more efficient solutions that are selling around the world. It's no surprise the NZ Government is aiming for ICT to be our second-largest contributor to GDP by 2025," says David Carter Canterbury Tech Chair.

Balancing these remarkable tech tales will be expert tips on agility, collaboration, and transformation to investment and international expansion.

Opening keynote, Harold Hillman of Sigmoid Curve knows first-hand the impact that this increasing pace of change is having on organisations today. If NZ is to reach this GDP goal, it's critical our tech firms get it right from the get go. Hillman will demonstrate how authentic leadership and genuine connection management can lead organisations through change with a collective sense of ownership and commitment to strong results.

Attendees will also be given the opportunity to dive deeper into the latest developments in Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Organisation-wide Innovation, and Team Dynamics. These will be in four workshops with speakers from Microsoft, NEM NZ, Callaghan Innovation and Assurity.

An exhibition area will again complement this industry-led conference that will be held at the Air Force Museum in Wigram.

Event Manager, Nina Lamb says, "This year's theme "Amplify" echoes the energy of our industry's unique propulsion. If Kiwis are to maintain our significance in this fast-evolving tech world, we must increase volume both in noise and mass."

The conference will be held on 12 September 2018 at the Air Force Museum in Wigram, Christchurch. Tickets cost \$350 and pre-conference workshops range from \$50- \$75 per person plus GST, with discounts for students and members of Canterbury Tech. A light lunch and networking refreshments are included. To register visit [www.techsummit.nz](http://www.techsummit.nz).

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### **About Canterbury Tech**

Canterbury Tech (Canterbury Software Inc.) is Canterbury's leading professional association dedicated to advancing innovation, commercialisation and export. We have a broad-based member community – New Zealand's most innovative companies and successful entrepreneurs.

It aims to develop globally successful technology companies through collaboration and education for businesses small and large. The non-profit organisation is run by a voluntary committee and has over 300 company and individual members.

For more information about Canterbury Tech visit [canterburytech.nz](http://canterburytech.nz).

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**Available photos:**



David Carter, Canterbury Tech Chair



Summit attendees



Top: Speaker Victor Yuen from FaceMe at his desk

Right: Opening keynote,  
Harold Hillman of  
Sigmoid Curve

