

# The Future of Work

Global trends will shape the way we work.  
What are the implications and opportunities  
for Taranaki and its employers?

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8.30am–2pm, Thurs 23 June 2016  
TSB Showplace, Devon St, New Plymouth



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## GRANT ROBERTSON

### MP for Wellington Central

MP for Wellington Central and Chair of the Future of Work Commission, Grant was born in 1971 in Palmerston North and lived in Hastings before his family settled in Dunedin. Grant studied politics at Otago, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with honours in 1995.

After leaving university, Grant joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. On his return to New Zealand he became an advisor for then Minister of the Environment Marian Hobbs. From there he went on to work in the office of former Prime Minister Helen Clark.

He stood for Wellington Central in 2008 when Marian Hobbs retired. Grant was elected Deputy Leader by the Labour caucus after the 2011 election, serving in that role until September 2013.

Grant became the Finance Spokesperson in November 2014, and has previously held spokesperson roles for Labour in Employment, Skills & Training, Economic Development, Tertiary Education, State Services, Health, and Arts, Culture & Heritage. He is a member of the Finance and Expenditure select committee, Parliament's Privileges Committee, and is chair of the Jobs and Growth Caucus Committee.



## GAIL PACHECO

Gail is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law at AUT and Director of the NZ Work Research Institute. She is widely published in the research areas of Labour Economics and Applied Microeconomics. She has considerable experience leading projects involving both academic and industry collaborations (with for instance the Department of Labour, Productivity Commission, the Blind Foundation, Careers NZ, United Nations Women, and Coca-Cola Amatil NZ). She also currently holds the post of Editor-in-Chief for New Zealand Economic Papers.



## PAUL STOCKS

Paul Stocks is the Deputy Chief Executive, Labour, Science and Enterprise at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. In this role he is responsible for labour markets, skills and employment and immigration policy, science and innovation policy and funding, economic and regional development policy, tourism, trade and regulatory co-operation, and international strategy.

He was previously Deputy Director General responsible for Policy at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI); and before that Deputy Director General – Strategy and Performance.

Prior to joining MPI, Paul worked for Treasury, where he held a number of management roles, with responsibility for a range of areas including Education, Market Interventions and Tax Policy.

Between 1997 and 1999 he was seconded to the Office of the Minister of Finance. Paul has also worked at the Ministry of Health and the New Zealand Planning Council.



## RICHARD SHAW

Richard Shaw is a Professor of Politics at Massey University's Palmerston North campus. His research interests are in public sector reform, electoral law reform and cabinet government systems, and his work on the role of political advisers in Cabinet ministers' offices has been published in leading journals including *Governance*, *Public Administration*, *Public Management Review* and *Parliamentary Affairs*. He is also Director BA (External Connections), in which capacity he engages with external audiences, including employers and community groups, in the promotion of the merits of Arts qualifications. He went to school at Francis Douglas Memorial College and his mother's family are from coastal Taranaki.

**Bringing together national experts and thought leaders in research, human resources and policy, this event is designed to inform, educate, inspire and spark conversation on the ever-changing nature and world of work.**

**It offers a forum to discuss the opportunities and challenges that will help shape Taranaki's future.**

## **PROGRAMME AGENDA**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>FUTURE OF WORK EVENT</b>
8.30 am	Registrations, coffee and networking
9.00 am	Welcome – Carrie Thorne, Venture Taranaki, Chair & MC
9.05 am	Setting the Scene – Michelle Jordan, Venture Taranaki
9.20 am	Associate Professor Gail Pacheco – AUT, NZWRI
10.00 am	Professor Richard Shaw – Massey University
10.40 am	Morning Tea
11.00 am	Paul Stocks – Ministry of Business Innovation & Employment
11.40 am	MP Grant Robertson – Future of Work Commission
12.20 pm	Panel Discussion – All speakers
1pm	Lunch & Networking
2pm	Event Close

*\*Subject to change*

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