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MEMBERS HUI

ROTORUA | TE PUIA | 21-23 MAY 2026



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CONNECTED. COURAGEOUS. CHANGEMAKERS.

The 2026 Members' Hui invites our community to pause and reconnect - to place, to purpose, and to one another. Grounded in whenua and guided by connection, Rotorua's landscapes and geothermal springs remind us that renewal is both powerful and necessary. Coming together as Global Women members fills our cup, with learning, challenge, laughter, and the energy that only collective leadership can bring.

This Hui is a moment to acknowledge progress and to be honest about what has not shifted - particularly for women and communities facing intersecting inequities. Across two days, we will examine where power sits and how it must be redesigned; how capital, talent, health systems, and institutions can work differently; and where leadership responsibility must now be held with greater courage and accountability. We will bring global insight into sharp local focus, centring wāhine Māori leadership and reflecting the diversity of women's experiences across Aotearoa.

Above all, this Hui is designed to move us from insight to action. Through purposeful kōrero, connection, and reflection, members will be challenged to leave with clearer priorities, practical shifts to make within their spheres of influence, and renewed confidence to lead meaningful change. Together, we step forward - connected, courageous, and ready to act as changemakers.

At this Hui, members can expect: bold conversations, diverse perspectives, practical leadership insights, and clear calls to action - grounded in place, equity, and collective responsibility.

Ngā mihi nui,

Katie Bhreatnach,  
CEO, Global Women



Dame Theresa Gattung  
Chair, Global Women Board



# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

**Co-MC's: Judy O'Brien and Dame Farah Palmer**

This dynamic duo will guide us through the two days ensuring we are where we need to be, doing what we need to do, and are cared for and supported.

## DAY ONE - Thursday 21st May: Power, Place, and Systems Change

Time	Activity	Speakers
09:30am-10:00am	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>	
10:00am-10:20am	<b>Mihi Whakatau</b> <b>Opening Address</b>	<b>Te Puia</b> <b>Dame Theresa Gattung</b> - Chair, Global Women Board
10:20am-10:45am	<b>Welcome &amp; Grounding in Leadership of the Place</b> Leadership shaped by place, history, and responsibility. This session grounds the Hui in Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty, exploring what it means to lead with accountability to community, environment, and future generations.	<b>Fiona McTavish</b> – Chief Executive, Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council <b>Matemoana McDonald</b> – Chair, Toi Moana Bay of Plenty Regional Council Board
10:45am-11:30am	<b>Māori Women Investing in Māori Futures</b> A kōrero across the investment system - from iwi capital to enterprise leadership to innovative wahine-led ventures - examining how capital can flow differently to create intergenerational Māori prosperity.	<b>Te Kahukura Boynton</b> – Founder, Māori Millionaire <b>Maria Ngawati</b> – Founding member, IndigiShare and Chief Executive and Founder, AkoMaiWay <b>Facilitator: Traci Houpapa MNZM</b> , Director and Business Advisor
11:30am-12:15pm	<b>Beyond Representation: Redesigning Power Through an Intersectional Lens</b> This kōrero will focus on moving beyond visibility to structural change. This panel will name the systems failing women, examines power at the intersection of gender, race, class, and disability, and challenges leaders to redesign decision-making with intention.	<b>Shelley Katae</b> – Chief Executive, Tāmaki Regeneration Company <b>Prue Kapua</b> – Principal of Tamatekapua Law   Waitangi Tribunal member <b>Laina Raveendran Greene</b> – CEO and Founder of Angels of Impact <b>Gail Pacheco</b> – Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission <b>Facilitator: Judy O'Brien</b> , CEO InsideOUT Kōaro Board
12:15pm-12:30pm	<b>Member Voices: Intersectionality in Action (Video Reflections)</b> Short, powerful reflections from Global Women members.	
12:30pm-1:30pm	<b>Lunch and Table Kōrero</b> An opportunity to partake in table conversations to unpack themes from the morning and strengthen member-to-member connection.	

1:30pm-2:15pm	<p><b>The New Power Map of Talent</b> A future-facing session exploring how talent is shifting globally, and why Aotearoa can lead as a strategic talent testbed.</p>	<p><b>Catherine O’Connell</b> – Principal, Catherine O’Connell Law <b>Tanya Pitchforth</b> – Chief Commercial Officer, McPherson’s <b>Carrie Hobson</b> – Founding Partner, Hobson Leavy Executive Search</p>
2:15pm-3:00pm	<p><b>Leading for People and the Planet</b> The intersections between climate, human rights, economic systems, and leadership courage, and what meaningful action looks like now.</p>	<p><b>Antoinette Vermilye</b> – Co-founder, Gallifrey Foundation <b>Rez Gardi</b> – Special Assistant to the High Commissioner of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees <b>Hong Paterson</b> – Co-founder and Chief Financial Officer, Greenbridge Capital Management <b>Audette Exel</b> – Founder of the Adara Group <b>Facilitator: Amanda Ellis</b> – Executive Director, Asia-PacificASU Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation</p>
3:00pm-3:30pm	<p><b>New Member Introductions</b> Brief, purposeful introductions centred on why members joined and what they bring, designed to strengthen connection across the network.</p>	<p><b>Facilitator: Julia Raue</b>, Deputy Chair, Global Women Board</p>
3:30pm-4:00pm	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>	
4:00pm-4:30pm	<p><b>Raising Capital: Engineering a Yes</b> A practical case study on raising capital - understanding decision-making psychology, influence, and momentum.</p>	<p><b>Jenny Rudd</b> - Founder, Dispute Buddy</p>
4:30pm-5:15pm	<p><b>Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi – Auckland Girls Grammar</b> Ngā Tūmanako o Kahurangi will perform He Taonga Kamehameha, the Global Women waiata. Members will be guided through the whakapapa and meaning of the waiata and learn it together, strengthening collective understanding, voice, and connection.</p>	
5:15pm	<p><b>Day 1 Close</b></p>	
6:00pm	<p><b>Hangi Buffet Dinner - Pataka kai Restaurant, Te Puia</b></p>	

## DAY TWO - Friday 22nd May: Leadership in Action

Time	Activity	
09:00am	<b>Welcome to Day 2 - Open and Reflections</b> Shared insights from Day One and setting intention for applying learning to leadership practice.	
09:15am-9:35am	<b>Honouring Mākereti Papakura</b> Reflecting on Mākereti Papakura's legacy and international recognition, and what it continues to mean for wāhine Māori leadership, scholarship, and cultural authority.	<b>Evie O'Brien</b> - Chief Executive, Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
9:35am-10:30am	<b>Champions for Change &amp; Allieship that Acts</b> What has shifted - and what hasn't - in gender equity. This session challenges leaders to move beyond intent into consistent, accountable action.	<b>Facilitator: Phillippa Harford</b> - Partner, Morrison, Chair of One New Zealand <b>Chloe Gallagher</b> - Partner and Chief People Officer, PwC <b>Philip Doak</b> - General Manager People and Legal, Port of Auckland
10:30am-11:00am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11:00am-11:45am	<b>Banking Hui: Women Leading Financial Institutions</b> Leadership responsibility, influence, and legacy within banking and financial systems - and what it means to lead institutions with power over capital.	<b>Facilitator: Pip Greenwood</b> - Chair, Westpac <b>Juliet Tainui-Hernandez</b> - Director, ASB <b>Antonia Watson</b> - CEO, ANZ <b>Susan Peterson</b> - Chair, KiwiBank
11:45am-12:30pm	<b>High Performance Under Fire: Lessons from Elite Sport</b> What elite sport teaches about leadership, pressure, accountability, and teamwork - and what boards and corporates often get wrong.	<b>Louisa Wall</b> - Former Black fern and Silver Fern, and Chair of Tuwharetoa Iwi Maori Partnership Board & <b>Guests</b> <b>Facilitator: Dame Farah Palmer</b> - Former Black Fern, and Global Women Board member
12:30pm-1:30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30pm-2:15pm	<b>The Health and Wellbeing Gap Is a Leadership Gap</b> How health inequities shape productivity, innovation, and leadership outcomes, and what leaders must understand to design fairer systems.	Opening: <b>Dr Moana Theodore</b> - Director of the Dunedin Study <b>Dr Erica Whineray Kelly</b> - Director of Innovation and Chief Medical Officer, Allevia <b>Markerita Poutasi</b> - Independent Director
2:15pm-2:45pm	<b>Tū Tangata: Grounding Our Advocacy</b> An interactive session aligning member voices with Global Women's advocacy priorities for the year ahead.	<b>Sarah Baddeley</b> - Partner, Martin Jenkins, Global Women Board Member
2:45pm-3:15pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
3:15pm-3:45pm	<b>Power Circle: Own Your Own Growth #OYOG</b> An interactive session which asks audience members to share their reflections on growth, advice, and leadership courage with aspiring wāhine.	<b>Facilitated by Co-MC's Judy O'Brien and Dame Farah Palmer</b>

3:45pm-4:15pm	<b>Activity and Close from the Chair &amp; CEO</b> Global Women's refreshed strategy, leadership expectations, and commitments for impact into 2026 and beyond.	<b>Dame Theresa Gattung</b> - Chair, Global Women Board <b>Katie Bhreatnach</b> - CEO, Global Women
4:15pm-4:30pm	<b>Close and Reflections</b>	
4:30pm-6:00pm	<b>Free Time and Opportunity to Dress for Dinner</b>	
	<b>An evening focused on the Impact and Influence of the Arts</b>  Join us for an inspiring evening with a panel over dinner exploring the profound impact and influence of the arts in shaping narratives, shifting perspectives, and amplifying voices. This evening will bring together leading creatives who use storytelling to challenge, connect, and inspire across disciplines.  Together, they will reflect on how creative expression can influence culture, spark dialogue, and drive change-offering insight into the unique power of storytelling in today's world.	<b>Daisy Boulton</b> - Filmmaker <b>Miriama McDowell</b> - Māori actress and writer <b>Amy Mansfield</b> - Musical Theatre Creator <b>Facilitated by Heather Harris.</b> <b>Suprise guest to be announced.</b>
6:00pm - 10:00pm	<b>Pre-Dinner Drinks</b> <b>Dinner and Arts Panel</b> <b>H.R. The Musical Performance</b> <b>Dessert Canapes and Drinks</b>	