

# DRAFT VHW PROGRAMME



**Immunisation  
Advisory Centre**



**Aotearoa New Zealand  
Immunisation Conference 2025  
and pre-conference Workshop**

**3-5 SEPTEMBER 2025 | HAMILTON**



## Wednesday 3 September 2025: Workshop and VHW programme

**Registrations open from 9am onwards; Morning tea from 10am-10.30am**

### **Mihi Whakatau**

Mamaeroa David | IMAC Senior Māori Advisor

### **Plenary Session**

#### **Current directions: WIPRO, ATAGI, NITAG unpacked**

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#### **Strengthening communication in the misinformation era**

TBC

#### **Polio response in Papua New Guinea**

Richard Duncan | WHO Western Pacific Regional Office

#### **Immunisation insights: ask the experts (*Panel discussion*)**

Nikki Turner, Peter McIntyre, Mamaeroa David | IMAC Medical Advisors

### **Lunch**

#### **VHWs and VHW supervisors only**

*Our two sessions this afternoon are intended to empower VHWs with clear, practical knowledge – covering everything from administration skills, safety, and confident conversations – while sharing real stories that inspire pride, purpose and a bold step into Stage 2.*

### **Session 1**

#### **The VHW role in Aotearoa NZ: Where to from Stage 1?**

- Working with tamariki from 5 years as a VHW stage 2
- VHW role in schools

#### **Building on knowledge**

- Practical activities to develop cold chain knowledge
- What happens when things go wrong? Spot the error, incident management processes, what factors influence safe vaccine delivery?

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Refreshment break

### Session 2

#### Communication and confidence building

- Tools for better vaccine conversations
- Facts vs fiction: Cutting through the noise

#### Vaccine administration and vaccine safety

- Administration technique, including needle positioning, correct needle length and needle phobia
- Scenario-based activity to build confidence in supporting post vaccine complications

Workshop ends at 5.30pm, followed by drinks and nibbles

