

Global Venue Experts Forum



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Ross has over 25 years' experience in business events and venue management and is currently General Manager of Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre, New Zealand's first international standard convention centre which opened in May 2022. Ross has led the strategic planning, organisational recruitment, marketing and business development of Te Pae CCC since pre-opening along with the subsequent transition from pre-opening to operations.

Prior to moving to Christchurch in March 2019, Ross was General Manager of the Cairns Convention Centre, which was voted International Association of Convention Centre's (AIPC) World's Best Congress Centre in 2014, and before that was with the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

With a background in finance, Ross is a Fellow of CPA Australia (FCPA), a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a Fellow Certified Venue Executive (FCVE). Ross has experience across several industries and extensive board and governance experience directly aligned to Tourism, Economic Development and Business Events and is currently Director of International Association of Convention Centers and Business Events Industry Aotearoa.