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Forthcoming Event

Distinguished Lecture Series

Ernie Newman: Ultra-Fast Broadband - Why They Will Come Once We Build

Tuesday, 29 March 2011 from 17:00 to 19:00

**Spectrum Theatre, Cnr Customhouse Quay & Johnston St,
Wellington**

Ernie Newman will talk about the evolution of the Internet, its current impact on our lives, and his prognosis for the next decade or two. He will review where the social and economic returns will occur between now and 2025 - which are the sectors with most to gain, and where the real opportunities will arise from a development perspective. As a passionate believer in the crucial importance of connectivity, he will explain why New Zealand has more to gain from ubiquitous connectivity than any other nation on earth, and more to lose if we don't get ahead of the game.

Ernie Newman was Chief Executive of TUANZ, the Telecommunications Users Association of NZ, for 12 years, leading that organisation through the massive policy reforms of 2000-2010 before moving on in September of last year. During that period he was an active participant in international affairs, holding office in the influential Netherlands-based International Telecommunications Users Group for most of that period including three years as its global Chairman. He led the user delegation to APECTel, the Telecommunications and IT Working Group of APEC for many years, and participated regularly in meetings of several other international bodies including the OECD. He has been a regular speaker at numerous conferences both in New Zealand and overseas, including London, Tokyo, Bangalore, Stockholm and Paris. Since leaving TUANZ to become a consultant he has maintained a keen interest in usages of ultra-fast broadband, with his current assignments including a significant amount of work in the e-Health environment.

**Proceedings will commence with refreshments and conversation at 17:00,
followed by the presentation at 17:30. Non Members welcome.**

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