



New Zealand Association of General Surgeons

# 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

29 - 30 March 2014 Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand

— Celebrating 20 Years of NZAGS —



## CELEBRATING THE GENERALIST SUBSPECIALIST

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[www.nzagsconference.co.nz](http://www.nzagsconference.co.nz)

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It is our pleasure to invite you to attend the New Zealand Association of General Surgeons Meeting to be held in Dunedin on 29th – 30th March 2014. The association has a proud history of hosting well-attended meetings throughout New Zealand. Dunedin is a vibrant and cultural university city. Dunedin Hospital is a tertiary hospital that together with various southland and rural hospitals make up the Southern District Health Board.

The conference venue is the beautiful Public Art Gallery located in the Octagon. This central location is surrounded by cafes, bars and restaurants. The Gallery itself houses one of the richest art collections in the country.

The theme of the meeting will be "Celebrating The Generalist Subspecialist". This recognises the general background of surgeons at the Southern District Health Board. A wide range of distinguished speakers will cover areas of interest to all General Surgeons. The conference programme is confined to Saturday and Sunday. There will be a trainee day on the Friday with something for everyone. On the Friday evening there will be informal drinks at one of the local bars.

The conference dinner will be at the newly renovated Toitu Otago Settlers Museum. There is ample opportunity to explore the sights of Dunedin such as Larnach's Castle, the Albatross Colony and the heritage buildings of the city.

We look forward to hosting you at this very special and enjoyable meeting.

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Audeau and Mr Graeme Millar

**CONVENORS**

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## Organising Committee

**Andrew Audeau** (Convenor)

**Graeme Miller** (Convenor)

**Bronwen Evans** (NZAGS)

**Lynda Booth** (Conference Manager)

The Conference Committee is delighted to announce the keynote speaker for the conference is Mike Dixon.

**Professor Mike Dixon**, *Edinburgh Breast Clinic*

Professor Mike Dixon received his BSc (Hons) in Pathology in 1975 followed by an MB ChB in 1978, and an MD in 1986 from Edinburgh University. Professor Dixon is a fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England and an honorary fellow of The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. He was appointed as Consultant Surgeon/Senior Lecturer in Surgery in October 1994 and has been leader of the research performed in the Edinburgh Breast Unit since that date.

Professor Dixon is a member of the British Breast Group, the Scottish Cancer Trials Breast Group, the South East of Scotland Cancer Area Network Breast Cancer Group and the European Association for Cancer Research. He is a panel member of the UK National Breast Cancer Coalition, and a representative on the Central European Cooperative Oncology Group. He is a member of the organising committee of the Nottingham International Breast Cancer Conference, the SIGN Guidelines committee and a medical advisor to Breast Cancer Care and CancerBACUP. Professor Dixon has published over 250 papers, contributed 76 book chapters, and written or edited 27 books. He was the inaugural managing editor of *The Breast* and a former member of the editorial board of the *British Medical Journal*. He is a reviewer for 30 cancer-related journals.

Professor Dixon has given over 200 invited lectures all around the world and has been an invited speaker at all the major international breast cancer meetings including the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, ASCO, Miami Breast Cancer Conference, the American Society of Breast Diseases, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, the American Society of Surgical Oncology and the Australasian Society of Breast Disease. Professor Dixon has been co-chair of the Miami Breast Cancer Conference from 2008.

Professor Dixon's research work focuses exclusively on breast disease and principally on the hormonal treatment of breast cancer. Professor Dixon was involved in the introduction of many of the newer agents now used in the treatment of breast cancer.

## Invited Speakers

**Mr Simon Bann**,  
Capital & Coast DHB

**Mr Tom Elliott**,  
Southern DHB

**Mr Greg Harkness**,  
Southern DHB

**Dr Mike Hunter**,  
University of Otago

**Dr Chris Jackson**,  
Southern DHB

**Prof. John McCall**,  
University of Otago

**Mr Will McMillan**,  
Southern DHB

**Mr Arend Merrie**,  
Auckland DHB

**Mr Win Meyer-Rochow**,  
Waikato DHB

**Prof. Justin Roake**,  
Canterbury DHB

**Mr Ross Roberts**,  
The Hernia Clinic

**Mr Mark Smith**,  
Southern DHB

**Mr Mark Thompson-Fawcett**, University of  
Otago

**Mr Andre van Rij**,  
University of Otago

**Mr John Windsor**,  
The University of Auckland

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Please note that this is a provisional programme and may alter prior to the Conference

SATURDAY 29th March 2014	
7.30am	REGISTRATION OPENS
8.20am – 8.30am	WELCOME
8.30am – 10.00am	SESSION 1
	<p><b>8.30 – 9.00</b> The Role of NZAGS in Last 20 Years, President's Welcome <b>Mr Mike Rogers</b></p> <p><b>9.00 – 9.30</b> Development in Surgery Over Last 20 Years <b>Prof. John McCall</b>, University of Otago</p> <p><b>9.30 – 10.00</b> Advances in Critical Care / ICU in Last 20 Years <b>Mr Michael Hunter</b>, University of Otago</p>
10.00am – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.30am – 12.00pm	SESSION 2
	<p><b>COLORECTAL</b></p> <p><b>10.30 – 10.50</b> Laparoscopic vs Open Resection for Colorectal Cancer <b>Mr Arend Merrie</b>, Auckland DHB</p> <p><b>10.50 – 11.10</b> Surgery for the Acute Complications of Inflammatory Bowel Disease <b>Mr Mark Thompson-Fawcett</b>, University of Otago</p> <p><b>BREAST</b></p> <p><b>11.10 – 11.30</b> Optimal Management of the Axilla <b>Prof. Mike Dixon</b>, Edinburgh Breast Clinic</p> <p><b>11.30 – 11.50</b> Screening Programme/Optimal Imaging <b>Prof. Mike Dixon</b>, Edinburgh Breast Clinic</p> <p><b>11.50 – 12.00</b> PANEL DISCUSSION</p>
12.00pm – 1.00pm	LUNCH
1.00pm – 1.30pm	NZAGS AGM
1.30pm – 3.00pm	SESSION 3
	<p><b>ONCOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>1.30 – 1.50</b> Sequencing of Chemotherapy and Surgery for Resectable Stage IV Colorectal Cancer <b>Mr Chris Jackson</b>, Southern DHB</p> <p><b>RADIOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>1.50 – 2.10</b> CT/MRI/CPPET in the Staging of Colorectal Cancer <b>Mr Greg Harkness</b>, Southern DHB</p> <p><b>VASCULAR</b></p> <p><b>2.10 – 2.30</b> Current Management of Carotid Artery Disease <b>Prof Justin Roake</b>, Canterbury DHB</p> <p><b>2.30 – 2.50</b> Current Treatment of Varicose Veins <b>Mr Andre van Rij</b>, University of Otago</p> <p><b>2.50 – 3.00</b> PANEL DISCUSSION</p>
3.00pm – 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm – 5.30pm	SESSION 4
	<p><b>3.30 – 5.30</b> Registrar Presentations</p>
7.00pm	Conference Dinner: Toitu Otago Settlers Museum

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SUNDAY 30th March 2014	
7.30am	REGISTRATION OPENS
8.30am – 10.00am	SESSION 5
	<p><b>PLASTICS</b></p> <p><b>8.30 – 8.50</b> Skin Grafting/ Flap Reconstruction Post Skin Excision <b>Mr Will McMillan</b>, Southern DHB</p> <p><b>HERNIA</b></p> <p><b>8.50 – 9.10</b> The Laparoscopic Approach to Abdominal Wall Hernias <b>Mr Tom Elliot</b>, Southern DHB</p> <p><b>BARIATRICS</b></p> <p><b>9.10 – 9.30</b> Managing Complications of Bariatric Procedures <b>Mr Mark Smith</b>, Southern DHB</p> <p><b>ENDOCRINE</b></p> <p><b>9.30 – 9.50</b> Maintaining Thyroidectomy in General Surgery or Thyroidectomy vs 131 in Treatment of Thyrotoxisis <b>Mr Win Meyer-Rochow</b>, Waikato DHB</p> <p><b>9.50 – 10.00</b> PANEL DISCUSSION</p>
10.00am – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.30pm – 12.00pm	SESSION 6
	<p><b>UGI</b></p> <p><b>10.30 – 10.50</b> The Difficult Gallbladder <b>Mr Ross Roberts</b>, The Hernia Clinic</p> <p><b>10.50 – 11.10</b> Management of Bile Duct Injury <b>Mr Simon Bann</b>, Capital &amp; Coast DHB</p> <p><b>11.10 – 11.30</b> Management of Severe Pancreatitis <b>Prof. John Windsor</b>, The University of Auckland</p> <p><b>11.30 – 11.50</b> Current Treatment Options for GORD <b>Mr Simon Bann</b>, Capital &amp; Coast DHB</p> <p><b>11.50 – 12.00</b> PANEL DISCUSSION</p>
12.00pm – 12.30pm	AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE CLOSE
12.30pm – 1.30pm	LUNCH



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## Mix & Mingle

Meet for a casual drink on Friday evening. This is a great time to catch up with colleagues and friends

- > **Date:** Friday 28th March 2014
- > **Time:** From 6.30pm
- > **Venue:** Pequeno Dunedin Tapas Bar, 50 Princes Street, Dunedin
- > **Cost:** Beverages and catering is at your own cost and paid directly to the venue

**NOTE:** This is not a formal event, but a great opportunity to meet with friends and colleagues.



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## Conference Dinner

Come and join us at this spectacular venue for wonderful food, beverages, and entertainment for the NZAGS 20th Year Celebrations.

- > **Date:** Saturday 29th March 2014
- > **Time:** 7.00pm to Midnight
- > **Venue:** Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, 31 Queens Gardens, Dunedin
- > **Cost:** \$115.00 per person



Delegates can register online at [www.nzagsconference.co.nz](http://www.nzagsconference.co.nz). Please note that credit card payment is not compulsory for online registration as you will receive a tax invoice with your registration confirmation.

## Conference Registration Fees (\$NZ and inclusive of GST)

	Early <small>(to 14 FEB '14)</small>	Late <small>(from 15 FEB '14)</small>
<b>MEMBERS OF NZAGS</b>		
Full Registration	\$795.00	\$895.00
One Day Registration <small>(Saturday or Sunday)</small>	\$465.00	\$515.00
Full Trainee Registration <small>(Friday, Saturday and Sunday)</small>	\$675.00	\$775.00
One Day Trainee Registration <small>(Saturday or Sunday)</small>	\$415.00	\$465.00
<b>NON-MEMBERS OF NZAGS</b>		
Full Registration	\$945.00	\$1,045.00
One Day Registration <small>(Saturday or Sunday)</small>	\$515.00	\$570.00
Nurse/Allied Full Registration	\$435.00	\$540.00
Nurse/Allied Day Registration <small>(Saturday or Sunday)</small>	\$260.00	\$315.00

### Full and Trainee Conference Registration Includes: (Saturday & Sunday)

- > Admission to all Conference sessions
- > Admission to the Industry Exhibition
- > Catering for the duration of the Conference
- > One satchel containing the Conference handbook and other meeting material

### Day Registration Includes:

- > Admission to all Conference sessions on the day of registration
- > Admission to the Industry Exhibition
- > Catering for day of registration only
- > One satchel containing the Conference handbook and other meeting material

## Registration Terms And Conditions

### Acknowledgement

All registrations received prior to Friday 21st March 2014 will be acknowledged in writing. Registrations received after this date will be processed on the day you arrive at the Conference. If you have not received confirmation of your registration within two weeks of posting your registration form, please contact Workz4U Limited via email [conferences@w4u.co.nz](mailto:conferences@w4u.co.nz). Online registrations will be acknowledged with an automated email response and a tax invoice, which appears as an attachment.

### Alterations

Alterations to your registration will not be accepted over the telephone. Alterations must be in writing via:

1. Email: [conferences@w4u.co.nz](mailto:conferences@w4u.co.nz)
2. Facsimile: +64 9 917 3651
3. Post: Workz4U Limited, PO Box 90641, Victoria Street West, Auckland 1142, New Zealand

### At the Conference

Your registration pack, with the programme, will be available for collection from the Workz4U registration desk located in the ODT Gallery, Dunedin Public Art Gallery. The registration desk will be open from:

- > 7.30am Saturday 29th March 2014
- > 7.30am Sunday 30th March 2014

### Cancellation and Refund Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Conference Manager. Cancellations made by 28th February 2014 will be refunded, less \$100.00 to cover administration costs. After this date, no refunds will be made. All refunds will be processed after the meeting. Refunds will only be made by the same method as payment was received. If, for reasons beyond the control of the Organising Committee, the Conference is cancelled, registration fees will be refunded after deduction of expenses already incurred.

### Payment

Payment can be made by cheque (payable to 'Conference Trust Account'), bank draft or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Amex). Completed registration forms and payment can be faxed or posted to the Conference Managers:

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(If faxing your registration, please complete in black ink and retain a copy for your records)



All trainees MUST REGISTER via the conference website [www.nzagsconference.co.nz](http://www.nzagsconference.co.nz) for the Trainee Day (and Conference) to be included in all the activities planned.

- > It is not mandatory for SET 1's to attend the NZAGS Trainee Days.
- > It is mandatory for all SET 2-5's to attend the NZAGS Trainee Days.

Please ensure you read the registration Terms and Conditions on the previous page.

### Friday Trainee Registration Includes:

- > Admission to all Friday Trainee Day sessions
- > Catering for day of registration only (Friday)

### Trainee Dinner

Only available for Trainees.

- > **Venue:** No. 7 Balmac
- > **Date:** Friday 28th March 2014, 7.00pm.
- > **Cost:** Tickets: \$75.00 per person.

### Trainee Day Venue:

The Trainee Day will be in the:

- > Knowledge Centre, Fraser Building, Southern DHB, Dunedin



NZAGS TRAINEE DAY PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME		March 28, 2014		
8.00 – 8.05	Trainee Day Welcome			
8.05 – 8.35	Essential Guide to Interpreting Liver and Pancreas CT Scans <b>Greg Harkness</b> , Southern DHB			
8.35 – 9.05	Portal Hypertension <b>Mr John McCall</b> , University of Otago			
9.05 – 9.35	Essential Upper GI Anatomy For The Part 2 Exam <b>Mr Mark Stringer</b>			
9.35 – 10.05	Approach to the Safe Gallbladder <b>Mr Grant Bevan</b> , Counties Manukau, DHB			
10.05 – 10.35	Morning tea			
10.35 – 11.05				
11.05 – 11.35	Managing Indeterminate Proliferative Breast Lesions <b>Mr Mike Dixon</b> , Edinburgh Breast Clinic			
11.35 – 12.05	How To Manage An Ischaemic Limb As A General Surgeon <b>Andre van Rij</b> , University of Otago			
12.05 – 12.35	Approach to the Safe Trauma Laparotomy <b>Mr Mike Hunter</b> , University of Otago			
12.35 – 12.50	Trainee Education Representative Address <b>Mr Rowan French</b> , Waikato DHB			
12.50 – 13.05	Trainee Representative Address <b>James McKay</b>			
13.05 – 14.00	Trainee Lunch			
14.00 – 17.00	Suturing (TBC) SET1	Rat Race (TBC) SET2/3	Mock Written (TBC) SET 4	Mock Exam (TBC) SET 5
19.30	Trainee Dinner			



## Dunedin Accommodation

Accommodation has been organised for delegates of the conference. Prices quoted are on a per night basis and do not include breakfast unless otherwise stated.

Please book prior to the closing date of **Wednesday 28th February 2014**. Cancellation fees may apply after this time. Please direct all accommodation enquiries and changes in writing to the Conference Managers. The accommodation venues **WILL NOT** accept direct bookings. If requested accommodation is not available, we will reserve a similar alternative.

If, whilst registering online, you experience difficulties, please contact the conference secretariat:

- > **Phone:** +64 9 917 3653
- > **Email:** conferences@w4u.co.nz

Problems are experienced if selected accommodation is unavailable, or if selections are outside allocated dates.

ACCOMMODATION	ROOM TYPE	RATE/NIGHT (NZ\$)
Scenic Southern Cross Hotel 118 High St, Dunedin 9054	Standard Room	Room Only (Twin/Double/Single Occupancy) <b>NZ\$175.00</b>
	Superior Room	<b>NZ\$185.00</b>
Scenic Hotel Dunedin City 123 Princes St, Dunedin 9016	Standard Room	Room Only (Twin/Double/Single Occupancy) <b>NZ\$175.00</b>
	Superior Room	<b>NZ\$185.00</b>

### Arrival Time and Late Arrivals

Please indicate on your registration form your estimated time of arrival. Check in time is usually from 2:00pm. Should you wish to guarantee your room is ready before the hotel check in time please book and pay for the room for the evening prior to your arrival. Failure to advise late arrival time may mean that your room will be released.

### To Secure Accommodation

A credit card will be required to guarantee your booking. This will not be passed to the accommodation provider but will be used in the case of non-payment of accommodation on departure, cancellation or no-show.

Your account is to be settled directly with the hotel upon checkout. Room rates are in NZ Dollars and include NZ Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 15% unless otherwise specified.

### Change of Booking

Alterations to your accommodation booking must be advised in writing to the Conference Managers via email to conferences@w4u.co.nz.

### Cancellation of Booking

Cancellations must be advised in writing to the Conference Managers. Cancellations received within 30 days prior to arrival or if the room is not occupied on the advised date of arrival will incur penalties at the discretion of the hotel.

NOTE: The hotel will charge a cancellation fee equal to the room's rate for the first night's accommodation for each room cancelled within 30 days of the arrival date. The hotel will charge a cancellation fee equal to the total accommodation cost for the all nights booked for all rooms cancelled within 7 days prior to the arrival date.

### Sharing Accommodation

Delegates who intend to share a room should indicate the name of the person with whom they wish to share on the registration form. Only ONE of the sharing delegates should submit the accommodation booking.

## Destination Information

The Dunedin Public Art Gallery is a unique venue for corporate events, seminars, workshops, luncheons, cocktail functions, dinners and weddings.

Donaghys foyer with its 17m atrium offers a unique space for receptions, formal celebrations, dinners and cocktail functions; the Otago Daily Times Gallery has magnificent views over the lower gallery spaces and the Conference Room with its large windows overlooking the Octagon precinct ensures a memorable experience whatever the occasion. The Auditorium is the ideal space for presentations, launches and lectures.

### Activities



### Larnach Castle

Larnach Castle is a must see for any visitor to Dunedin city. The castle is set high above the harbour where William Larnach commissioned the construction of New Zealand's only castle in 1871. The Victorian castle is also well known for its 14 hectare garden and grounds which has been recognised as a Garden of International Significance. High Tea is a popular dining option at Larnach Castle served daily at 3:00pm. The



Larnach Castle Ballroom Café and gift shop is also on site for visitors and the view from the castle over the city, harbour and peninsula is magnificent. The Castle is located in Company Bay, at 145 Camp Road.

Castle Open: 9am daily, last admission 5pm.

### Garden & Grounds Open:

- > 9am daily, last admission 7pm (1 October to 31 March).
- > 9am daily, last admission 5pm (1 April to 30 September).
- > Ballroom Cafe: 9.30am to 4.30pm daily.
- > Open 365 days a year, including all public holidays
- > **Physical Address:** 145 Camp Road, Otago Peninsula
- > **Phone:** 03 476 1616
- > **Email:** larnach@larnachcastle.co.nz
- > **Website:** www.larnachcastle.co.nz

### Cadbury World



The Cadbury World tour is a chocolate-lover's dream that overwhelms the senses! As you walk into the factory, the enticing scent of Jaffas, Turkish Delight, or cocoa welcomes you in, causing most visitors to let out a satisfied, "Ahhhh." But that's nothing compared to the all-encompassing chocolate scent wafting through the kitchen. Your taste buds will have their chance too, in addition to receiving chocolate samples, you'll also have the pure liquid joy of tasting melted, still-warm chocolate. The Cadbury Tour is a must-do while in Dunedin...just look for the purple silo or follow the scent of chocolaty goodness drifting over the city.

- > **Times:** Cadbury World tours are available 7 days a week. Tours generally run from 9am to 3.15pm with extended hours over the summer season and school holidays.
- > **Distance:** 7-10mins walk
- > **Contact Person:** Cadbury World Marketing and System Support
- > **Physical Address:** 280 Cumberland Street, Dunedin
- > **Phone Number:** +64 3 467 7967
- > **Freephone:** (NZ only) 0800 4 2462 8687
- > **Email:** cadburyworld@cadbury.co.nz
- > **Website:** www.cadburyworld.co.nz



### Dunedin Botanic Garden

Thousands of people visit beautiful Dunedin Botanic Garden each year. A retreat of beauty and calm, it is only 45 minutes from the centre of town. It is a lovely place for a stroll through a range of gardens, in a native forest setting. Dunedin Botanic Garden has been awarded the title Garden of International Significance for its excellence as a public garden and for its botanical collections. There are hillside views, sunny manicured lawns, a bird aviary displaying native and exotic birds and an excellent café. Access is free of charge and the garden is open every day of the year. Or take a tour.

- > **Distance:** 40mins walk and 7mins by car
- > **Physical Address:** Opoho Road, Dunedin
- > **Phone Number:** +64 3 477 4000
- > **Freephone:** (NZ only) 0800 4 2462 8687
- > **Email:** botanic@dcc.govt.nz
- > **Website:** www.dunedin.govt.nz



### Dunedin Chinese Garden

Most cherished in this mundane world is a place without traffic, truly in the midst of a city there can be mountain and forest". Wen Zhengming (1470 – 1559). Our own oasis in the city. This is the

only authentic Chinese garden in the Southern Hemisphere and is a permanent reminder of Dunedin's Chinese heritage. The Scholars Garden in an integral part of Chinese philosophy and culture and has been transported in its original form from Shanghai where the City of Dunedin enjoys a strong sister city relationship. Situated close to the heart of the city and to other attractions, its uniqueness makes it a "must-do" activity.

- > **Distance:** 11mins walk. 7mins by car.
- > **Contact Person:** Margo Reid
- > **Physical Address:** Corner of Rattray & Cumberland Street, Dunedin
- > **Phone Number:** +64 3 477 3248
- > **Fax:** +64 3 474 3594
- > **Email:** [chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:chinesegarden@dcc.govt.nz)
- > **Website:** [www.chinesegarden.co.nz](http://www.chinesegarden.co.nz)

## General Information

- > **Venue :** Dunedin Public Art Gallery, 30 The Octagon, Dunedin

### Air Travel and Airport Transfers

#### By Air

Air New Zealand has regular and direct daily flights to Dunedin from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch plus daily connections to other regional centres. For reservations Ph 09 357 3000, or go to [www.airnewzealand.co.nz](http://www.airnewzealand.co.nz) To obtain the best rates for international and domestic air travel, it is essential to book airfares early. Please arrange your own transport from the airport. Airport transfers can be arranged with the following transport providers:

- > Blue Bubble Taxis Dunedin, 177 Leith Street, Dunedin, 9016  
+64 3 477 7777 [www.bluebubbletaxi.co.nz](http://www.bluebubbletaxi.co.nz)

#### By Car

Dunedin is on State Highway 1, the main highway in New Zealand. Driving to Dunedin you can either come from Christchurch in the north or Invercargill in the south. Easy access to Central Otago and Queenstown travelling westward and inland from Dunedin. Road conditions are excellent with good quality, uncongested roads.

Time allowances to/from major cities and towns are as follows:

- > Christchurch 4.5 hours
- > Oamaru 1 hour
- > The Catlins 1 hour
- > Te Anau 3.5 hours
- > Queenstown 3.5 hours
- > Invercargill 3 hours
- > Wanaka 3.5 hours

### Contact During the Conference

As a courtesy to speakers, delegates are requested to switch off mobile phones and pagers during sessions. A message board will be situated in the registration area. Delegates will need to check the message board, as we are unable to provide a personal service.

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- > ANZ
- > East Tamaki Branch, 116 Harris Road, East Tamaki, New Zealand
- > Name of Account: Conference Trust Account – NZAGS14
- > Account # 06-0293-0099402-51 SWIFT CODE: ANZBNZ22

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### Facilities for People with Disabilities

Please indicate on your registration form if you require disabled facilities.

### Industry Exhibition

A wide and varied Exhibition will be co-ordinated by the Conference Managers. The Exhibition will be held in the Otago Times Gallery. A high degree of exposure for Conference delegates to the Exhibition will be ensured. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be held in the exhibition area.

### Exhibition Opening Hours

- > Saturday 29th March 2014 – 8.00am – 5.00pm
- > Sunday 30th March 2014 – 8.00am – 2.00pm

### Insurance

Delegates are advised to book comprehensive travel and medical insurance and ensure that all possessions are adequately insured. The policy should include loss of fees/deposits through cancellation of your participation in the conference. The Conference Managers will not accept any responsibility for delegates failing to arrange insurance.

### Liability Disclaimer

The Organising Committee, including the Conference Managers, will not accept liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss or damage to their personal property as a result of the meeting or related events. In the event of industrial disruption or other unforeseen circumstances, The Conference Managers accept no responsibility for loss of monies.

### Name Badges

All delegates will be given a name badge upon registration. This name badge is your official pass to the conference. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badge at all time when on-site.

### No Smoking Policy

Delegates should be aware that smoking is banned in public buildings and many hotels and restaurants in New Zealand, including the conference venue.

