



# 2026 National Conference

CPD accredited lectures \* Workshops \* Industry Hub \* Networking time

Join us **Friday 11 & Saturday 12 September**

Distinction Palmerston North Hotel & Conference Centre

*Turning connections into opportunities*



Registrations open soon at:  
[www.adonz.co.nz/conference](http://www.adonz.co.nz/conference)



Email us:  
[info@adonz.co.nz](mailto:info@adonz.co.nz)

# INDUSTRY HUB

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

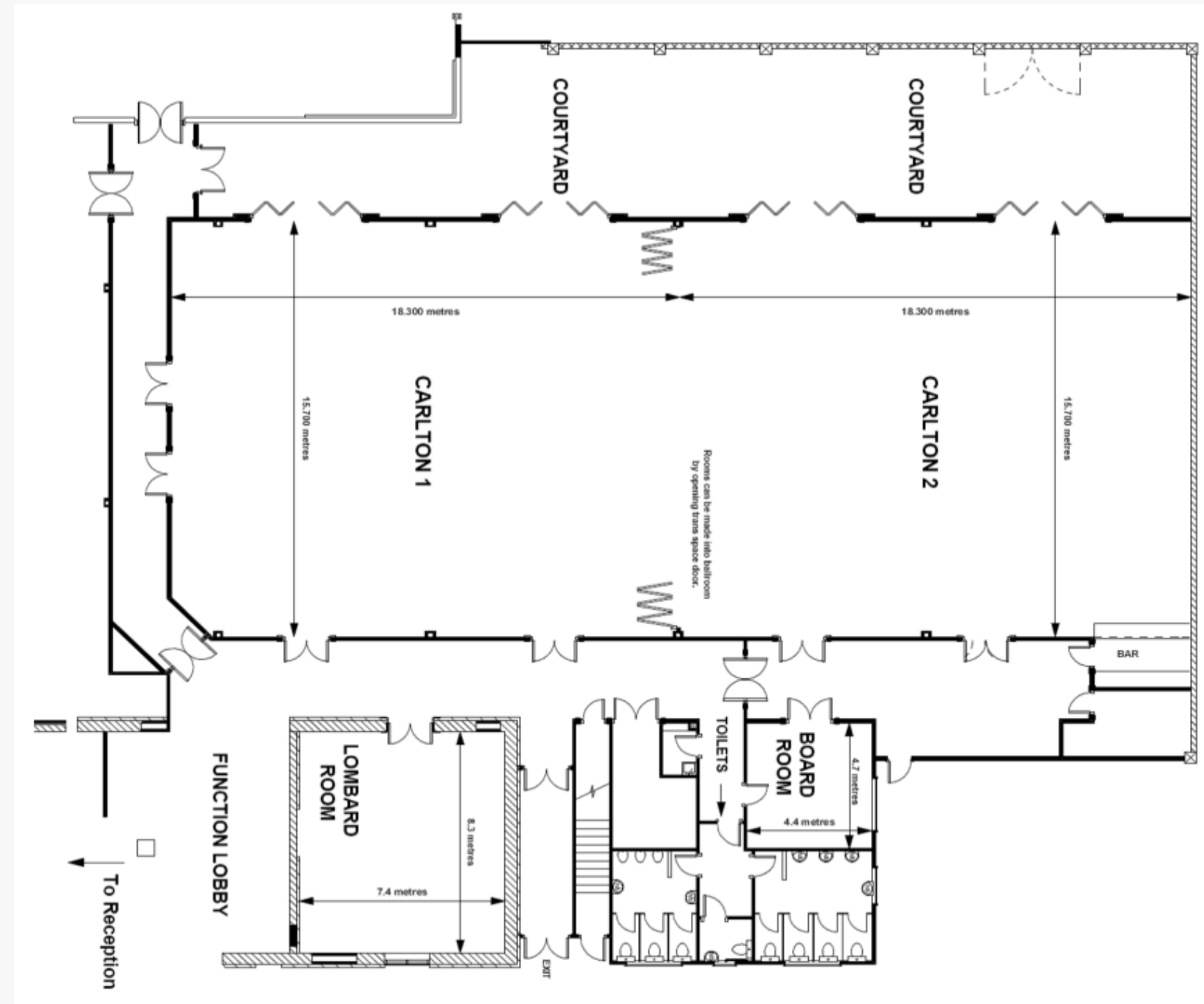
11 exhibitors for you to visit:

- Hoya
- Titan Optical
- EssilorLuxottica
- MSO
- Black Eyewear
- Products by Design & Alcon
- Zeiss
- Acuity
- Visual Optics
- ACOD

We asked for feedback after our 2025 conference and we got it! So we've made some changes.

This year we introduce the new-look **INDUSTRY HUB!**

Mix and mingle with our exhibitors at all breaks on **Friday 11 September!** Our room is open and relaxed (no booths, just tables), and breaks are longer so there is more time for you to enjoy the new format.



**Industry Hub and catering** is located in **CARLTON 1**



**Lectures** are located in **CARLTON 2**

# WHAT YOU GET AT THE CONFERENCE



**Full weekend registration covers everything! If you are just registering for one day, check the registration form for details.**



- **All lectures** as listed in the schedule - see the schedule page to see what's happening and when.



- **Workshops** - register for the workshops you'd like to join; you can choose what to attend. Some workshops have limited numbers so register early to join those (see the schedule page for more details)!



- **Gala dinner and NEIGHBOURHOOD drinks** - the gala dinner is included if you choose this option when registering. See the Gala page for more details.



- **Industry Hub** is where you can relax and get to know others in the industry; chat to other DOs and students along with reps - no pressure!



- **Networking time** - spend time with your peers. We have made breaks longer to give you more time to get to know other DOs and students. Catering included.



- **Graduation** - free for everyone to attend! If you're graduating this year you will receive an official invitation from OptiBlocks. Watch out for that closer to conference.

# REGISTRATION FEES 2026



Registration opens in  
early July and closes  
Monday 31 August.

Sorry, but we can't accept  
late registrations.

2026 National Conference registration fees	Early Bird (paid by 1 August)	Base Price
ADONZ Full member	\$695	\$795
ADONZ Student member		\$395
Non member	\$1595	\$1695
Student non member		\$445
International delegates*	\$1595	\$1695
<b>Daily Rates (Friday or Saturday only)</b>		
ADONZ Full member		\$400
ADONZ Student member		\$345
Non member		\$900
Non student member		\$395
<p>Note: Early bird rates are not available for all categories</p> <p>*International delegates must be registered Dispensing Opticians in their home country and be able to provide proof of registration</p>		

# ACCOMMODATION



Book now and get our reserved rate at

**Distinction Palmerston North Hotel and Conference Centre**, 175 Cuba Street, Palmerston North

Please email our hotel conference coordinator for all bookings and use ADONZ Conference in the subject line.

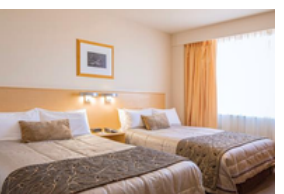
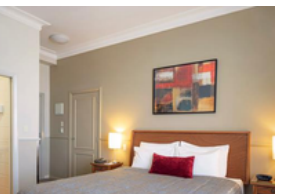
Doug Parkinson - Conference & Events Operations Manager

Email [conference@distinctionpalmerstonnorth.co.nz](mailto:conference@distinctionpalmerstonnorth.co.nz) or phone: 06 355 5895

Available Room Types: Twin or Single Rooms Run of House - Rate: Bed and Breakfast \$255.00

Include the following information in your email and you will receive your confirmation by email:

- Name / Number of Guests / Contact email / Credit Card to secure the booking



# GRADUATION AND GALA DINNER - dress code COCKTAIL



## GRADUATION:

- **If you are graduating you will receive a formal invitation from ADONZ / OptiBlocks.** Watch out for that closer to graduation time. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate our students achievements

**GALA DINNER** is on FRIDAY NIGHT after Graduation.

Join us for:

- **Drinks** at the bar where we will celebrate with our graduates before heading in for dinner.
- **Dinner** is a set dinner (alternate drops). Please indicate on the registration form when you register if you have allergies or you have special requirements.
- The **After-dinner-party\*** is at **NEIGHBOURHOOD** (just a short walk away). Join us to continue the evening - it's up to you!

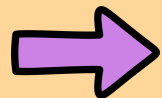
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# FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

8am	Registration			2:50 - 3:20	<b>Afternoon tea + INDUSTRY HUB</b>	
8:45	<b>Formal Welcome</b>					
9:15 - 10:15	<b>Dr Grant Hannaford</b> <b>Why patients reject their glasses</b>	1 GenDO pending		3:20 3:30 - 4:30	<i>Premier partner presentation</i> <b>Carlton Irving</b> <b>Personal aspect of the Treaty</b>	1 CUL pending
10:15 - 10:45	<b>Morning tea + INDUSTRY HUB</b>			5:30	<b>GRADUATION (Dress code: COCKTAIL)</b>	
10:45	<i>Premium partner presentation</i>					
10:55 - 11:55	<b>Jacob Benefield</b> <b>Business Purchasing</b>	0.5 GenDO pending		6:40	<b>Graduation / pre-dinner DRINKS</b>	
11:25 - 11:55	<b>Genna Morrison</b> <b>LIGHTING THE WAY: IPL, LLLT, AND THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE DISPENSING OPTICIAN</b>	0.5 GenDO pending				
11:55	<i>Premium partner presentation</i>					
12:05 - 1:30	<b>Lunch + INDUSTRY HUB (lunch served 12:30)</b>			7:00	<b>GALA DINNER (Dress code: COCKTAIL)</b>	
1:30	<i>Premium partner presentation</i>					
1:40 - 2:40	<b>Jordan Shearer - St John</b> <b>Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	1 ETH pending		9:00	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD drinks</b>	
2:40	<i>Premium partner presentation</i>					

# SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

8:30 - 9:30 <b>WORKSHOPS #1</b>	<b>Dr Grant Hannaford - AAOO</b> Trouble-shooting non-tolerance <b>UNLIMITED ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending	OR	<b>Steve Stenersen</b> Delegated tasks <b>LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending
9:30 - 10:30 <b>WORKSHOPS #2</b>	<b>Gary Devlin - Visual Optics</b> Out of range lenses <b>UNLIMITED ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending	OR	<b>Stephen Caunter</b> Conflict resolution <b>LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA				
11:00 - 12:00 <b>WORKSHOPS #3</b>	<b>Bolle Safety</b> Safety glasses <b>UNLIMITED ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending	OR	<b>Dr Grant Hannaford - AAOO</b> Prism, Skew and Distortion <b>LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending
12:00 - 1:00 <b>WORKSHOPS #4</b>	<b>Sephora Miao, Amy Pillay, Guy Parbury – Essilor</b> Beyond Single Vision: Advanced Solutions for Modern Visual Needs <b>UNLIMITED ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending	OR	<b>Steve Stenersen</b> Delegated tasks <b>LIMIT 30 ATTENDEES</b>	1 GenDO pending
1:00 - 1:30	LUNCH				
1:30 - 2:00	<b>Rebecca - Austism NZ</b> Autism	0.5 GenDO pending			
2:00 - 3:00 <b>PANEL #1</b>	<b>Trouble Shooting Panel:</b> Trouble shooting in practice – tips and tricks panel discussion PANELISTS: Steve Stenersen, Stuart Whelan, Rhian Evans, Glenn Bolton, Stephen Caunter	1 GenDO pending			
3:00 - 3:40	AFTERNOON TEA	INCLUDING		<b>BLVNZ Auction</b>	
3:40 - 4:40 <b>PANEL #2</b>	<b>Business Ownership Panel:</b> Everything you wanted to know about business ownership PANELISTS: Vanessa Cumming, Laura McLaren, Jacob Benefield + MORE!	1 GenDO pending	OR	<b>Students ONLY workshop:</b> Students join Kerry & Ella for a one-on-one time. Ask a new(ish!) DO and your Student Rep anything about the job	

# QUESTIONS? CONTACT US



- Conference registrations will open in July. All members will receive an email direct with the details.
- Registration will be available on our website only: [www.adonz.co.nz](http://www.adonz.co.nz)
- Payment is accepted by credit card or online banking. This must be received before registrations close to confirm your attendance.

If you have any conference questions, please contact Hayley at the office: [hayley@adonz.co.nz](mailto:hayley@adonz.co.nz) or [info@adonz.co.nz](mailto:info@adonz.co.nz)

\*Please note the office is open variable part time hours (Hayley might not be working when you are).

*We look forward to seeing you in September!*