



2026 National Conference

CPD accredited lectures * Workshops * Industry Hub * Networking time

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

Distinction Palmerston North Hotel & Conference Centre

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Register now: <https://adonz.co.nz/conference/adonz-2026-national-conference/>

INDUSTRY HUB

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

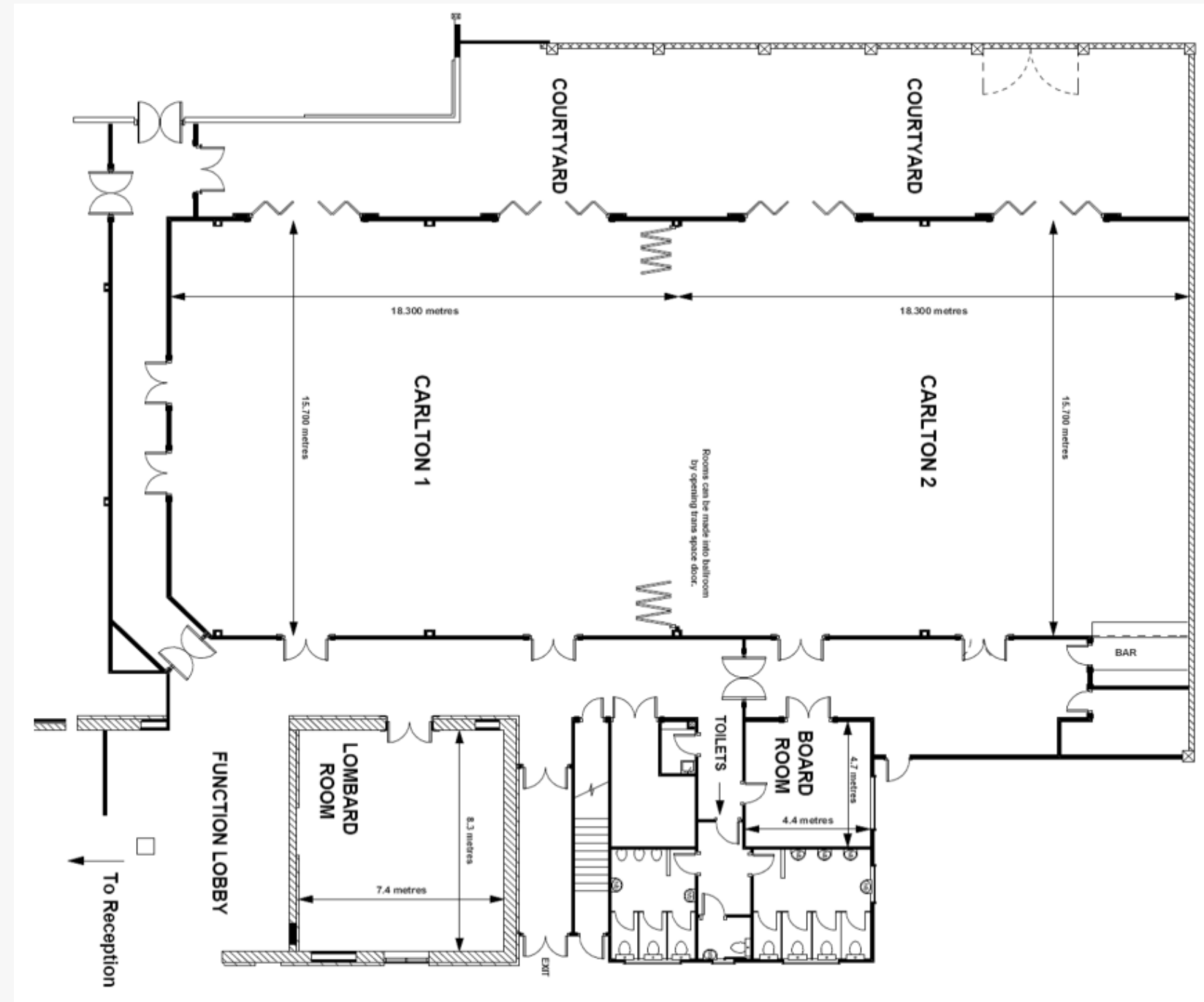
11 exhibitors for you to visit:

- Hoya
- Titan Optical
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- MSO
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- Products by Design & Alcon
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- Visual Optics
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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
Daily Rates (Friday or Saturday only)		
ADONZ Full member		\$400
ADONZ Student member		\$345
Non member		\$900
Non student member		\$395
Note: Early bird rates are not available for all categories *International delegates must be registered Dispensing Opticians in their home country and be able to provide proof of registration		

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 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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WEEKEND SCHEDULE



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FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

8:00 - 8:45	REGISTRATION / TEA & COFFEE		FOYER
8:45 - 9:15	FORMAL WELCOME		CARLTON 2
9:15 - 10:15	LECTURE #1: DR GRANT HANNAFORD WHY PATIENTS REJECT THEIR GLASSES	1 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 2
10:15 - 10:45	MORNING TEA + INDUSTRY HUB		CARLTON 1
10:45 - 10:55	PREMIUM PARTNER PRESENTATION ZEISS		CARLTON 2
10:55 - 11:25	LECTURE #2: JACOB BENEFIELD BUSINESS PRUCHASING	0.5 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 2
11:25 - 11:55	LECTURE #3: GENNA MORRISON LIGHTING THE WAY: IPL, LLLT, AND THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE DISPENSING OPTICIAN	0.5 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 2
11:55 - 12:05	PREMIUM PARTNER PRESENTATION ESSILORLUXOTTICA		CARLTON 2
12:05 - 1:30	LUNCH + INDUSTRY HUB (LUNCH SERVED 12:30)		CARLTON 1
1:30 - 1:40	PREMIUM PARTNER PRESENTATION TITAN HEALTHCARE		CARLTON 2
1:40 - 2:40	LECTURE #4: JORDAN SHEARER MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING	1 ETH PENDING	CARLTON 2
2:40 - 2:50	PREMIUM PARTNER PRESENTATION HOYA		CARLTON 2
2:50 - 3:30	AFTERNOON TEA + INDUSTRY HUB		CARLTON 1
3:30 - 3:30	PREMIUM PARTNER PRESENTATION (TO BE CONFIRMED)		CARLTON 2
3:30 - 4:30	LECTURE #5: DR CARLTON IRVING TE ARA MANAAKI: EQUITY, ACCESS AND EYE HEALTH	1 CUL PENDING	CARLTON 2
5:30	GRADUATION DRESS CODE COCKTAIL		BAR ONE 7 FIVE
6:40	GRADUATION / PRE-DINNER DRINKS		BAR ONE 7 FIVE
7:00	GALA DINNER DRESS CODE COCKTAIL		CARLTON 1+2
9:00	NEIGHBOURHOOD AFTER DINNER PARTY		



SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

INCLUDING WORKSHOPS AND PANELS - OPT IN FOR YOUR CHOICE

8:30 - 9:30	WORKSHOP #1 DR GRANT HANNAFORD TROUBLE-SHOOTING NON-TOLERANCE	1 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 1 UNLIMITED	O R	WORKSHOP #2 STEVE STENERSEN DELEGATED TASKS	1 GENDO PENDING	LOMBARD LIMIT 30
9:30 - 10:30	WORKSHOP #3 GARY DEVLIN WHEN STANDARD ISN'T ENOUGH	1 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 1 UNLIMITED	O R	WORKSHOP #4 STEPHEN CAUNTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION	1 GENDO PENDING	LOMBARD LIMIT 30
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA						CARLTON 1
11:00 - 12:00	WORKSHOP #5 LIAM HILLIS & LYNDENE REA CONFIDENTLY DISPENSING PRESCRIPTION SAFETY EYEWEAR	1 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 1 UNLIMITED	O R	WORKSHOP #6 DR GRANT HANNAFORD PRISM SKEW AND DISTORTION	1 GENDO PENDING	LOMBARD LIMIT 30
12:00 - 1:00	WORKSHOP #7 SEPHORA MIAO, GUY PARBURY & AMY PILLAY ANTIFATIGUE AND OCCUPATIONAL LENSES	1 GENDO PENDING	CALRTON 1 UNLIMITED	O R	WORKSHOP #8 STEVE STENERSEN DELEGATED TASKS (REPEAT)	1 GENDO PENDING	LOMBARD LIMIT 30
1:00 - 1:30	LUNCH						CARLTON 1
1:30 - 2:00	LECTURE #6: REBECCA CHILTON UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING AUTISTIC CLIENTS THROUGH A NEURO-AFFIRMING LENS IN YOUR PRACTICE					0.5 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 2
2:00 - 3:00	PANEL #1 TROUBLE SHOOTING PANEL					1 GENDO PENDING	CARLTON 2
3:00 - 3:40	AFTERNOON TEA + BIVNZ AUCTION						CARLTON 1
3:40 - 4:40	PANEL #2 BUSINESS OWNERSHIP PANEL	1 GENDO PENDING	CALRTON 2	O R	STUDENT WORKSHOP	NO CPD	LOMBARD

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT US



- Conference registrations 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
- 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** or **info@adonz.co.nz**

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

We look forward to seeing you in September!