

## Pre-Conference tours

### AWS LEGAL PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS



The Pre-Conference Tours are back for 2018 and will be held on Tuesday 17 April. Central Otago has a diverse range of irrigated land uses.

The pre-conference tours showcase these:

- Tour 1 Pastoral farming in the Manuherikia Valley and the Maniototo, including the Falls Dam.
- Tour 2 Wine-growing in the world's southernmost region.
- Tour 3 Fruit production alongside the Clutha, including the recent Dairy Creek development.

## Social functions

### AWS LEGAL WELCOME FUNCTION



The AWS Legal Welcome Function will be held in Alexandra on Tuesday evening, in the Conference Expo Marquee. If you do go on one of the AWS Legal Pre-Conference Tours during the day the buses will return you to the Expo Marquee and you are welcome to attend the Welcome Function and have a drink with friends and colleagues, new and old. If you arrive in Alexandra on Tuesday evening, come and join us at the Welcome Function – a great way to kick start your time at the conference.

### DOWNER CONFERENCE DINNER



Don't miss the Downer Conference Dinner on the evening of Wednesday 18 April. The Conference Dinner will be a fantastic evening of food, wine and entertainment. What better way to relax after your first full day at the conference! Tickets are an additional cost to all registration types this year.

There are a limited number of tickets so book now with your registration to secure your ticket.

### IRRICON DELEGATE BREAKFAST



The Irricon Delegate Breakfast is being held on the morning of Thursday 19 April from 8am to 9.30am. Wake up with this networking breakfast and start the final day of Conference by hearing from Felicity Turner of The Yield.

## Conference sponsorship and expo

There are many partnering opportunities available at the conference to raise your organisation's profile in the irrigation sector. While the majority of the sponsorship opportunities are already sold out there are a few exciting options left. To help you gain maximum exposure we have a creative team ready to help you, contact us today to discuss options.

### IRRIGATION EXPO

A major feature of the conference will be the Irrigation Expo. The expo will feature a huge range of different products and services designed to improve production and irrigation efficiency.

Our initial pavilion of 50 sites has sold out and due to demand we have extended it to provide a limited number of extra exhibition sites –book your site now to avoid disappointment!

The Irrigation Expo is a high traffic event as all delegate catering is served within it. The expo has been designed specifically to showcase industry products and services, and offers your organisation a prime opportunity to interact one-on-one with potential clients.

### SMART SHOWCASE

To showcase the growing range of SMART technologies and services, this year the exhibition pavilion will host 3 shows over the course of the conference, each containing 12 quick-fire presentations from exhibitors.

For all sponsorship and expo enquires please contact:

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## CONFERENCE AND EXPO

17–19 April 2018, ALEXANDRA, NZ

# Explore Central Otago – A World of Difference

IrrigationNZ is excited to bring our 2018 conference to Alexandra. The Central Otago region is rich in irrigation history and clearly demonstrates the benefits irrigation brings to communities. Fresh food, jobs, improved river flows and recreational opportunities have all been outcomes from on-going investment in water infrastructure.

Central Otago offers lots of activities for everyone to enjoy and autumn is the most scenic time to visit. The IrrigationNZ Conference coincides with the April school holidays, so why not make the trip a chance for a family holiday?

Activities you can take part in include: cycling, wine tasting, boat cruises, 4WD tours, scenic flights, jet boating, gold panning, sports cars, curling, and lots more.

Central Otago i-Sites have expert local knowledge and offer free itinerary planning and activity booking. For more information visit [www.centralotagonz.com](http://www.centralotagonz.com), phone 03 262 7999 or email [visitorcentre@codc.govt.nz](mailto:visitorcentre@codc.govt.nz).

Recommended activities you can try in Central Otago are:

### CYCLE CENTRAL OTAGO – OUR PLACE, YOUR PACE

Central Otago boasts three of New Zealand's best trails: the Otago Central Rail Trail, the original great ride; Roxburgh Gorge Trail, a unique one day trail complete with a jet boat ride; and Clutha Gold Trail, a journey of discovery along the mighty Clutha Mata-au river. Day and multi-day trips including bike hire, accommodation, and transport are available.

For a more challenging ride, hire a bike and discover the single track trails at Flat Top Hill near Alexandra or Naseby Forest. Guided and unguided options are available.

### HIGHLANDS MOTORSPORT PARK – EXPERIENCE THE EXCEPTIONAL

A truly international five-star facility, the Highlands Motorsport Park boasts multiple options to experience the racetrack at speed in McLarens to Porsches. It is also home to the best outdoor go-kart circuit in the southern hemisphere, a safari dirt buggy adventure complete with 18 foot dinosaurs and safari animals, and a national motorsport museum.

### GOLF – TEE OFF

Central Otago's golf courses are as varied as they are challenging. Best of all – they are uncrowded.

### DISCOVER LIVING HERITAGE

Take a step back in time and explore our rich history, whether it's exploring the goldfields, museums or quaint townships. You'll feel the sense of timelessness.

### WINE TASTING

Indulge yourself in a premium Central Otago wine at one of the many wineries or cellar doors. Guided, self-drive, walking and cycling tours are available.

### CURLING – FUN FOR EVERYONE

Try the age-old Scottish sporting tradition of curling at the International Curling Rink in Naseby. Available year round and suitable for all ages and abilities.

Conference programme and activity photos courtesy of Tourism Central Otago.



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