



# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

**DATE** Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025  
**TIME** 6:30pm  
**VENUE:** Trinity Wharf  
51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

**RSVP:** by Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
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**COST: Members** \$75 per person  
**Guests** \$90 per person

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## 'Making dental implants work and last. The Tesla principle'

Those of us who are old enough and maybe wise enough will remember those early, heady days of dental implantology. When you needed to be a rocket scientist to place an implant, which in itself was a religious act. Things have changed in the last forty years, and dental implantology has become an everyday term, understood by patients and utilised by clinicians worldwide. But fundamental questions such as how long will it last and what can go wrong are often evaded. This presentation provides an overview of implantology today guiding clinicians into what is important and what is not. The most critical issues are highlighted by covering diagnosis, planning, risk management and implant system and technique selection.

### Speaker: Professor Neil Meredith



Professor Meredith has been placing and restoring dental implants for over thirty years. After completing an MSc in Fixed Prosthodontics at the Eastman in London in 1987 he was awarded a PhD at Imperial College in 1992. He then invented RFA, the diagnostic technique that has become Osstell; the world standard for the measurement of implant stability. He undertook research with P-I Brånemark and Tomas Albrektsson in Gothenburg, Sweden and was awarded a second PhD for his work on RFA. He returned to the UK as Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials at Leeds University. In 1998 Neil developed a Dental Implant System, Neoss and raised Venture Capital funding to secure its development. As CEO and Head of Research he took the system and company through the next ten years where it showed exceptional growth and success. He moved to Australia to return to Academia as Professor of Prosthodontics at UQ and latterly at James Cook University. He has lectured and published widely and internationally but his real passion is clinical patient treatment and teaching. He has unique experience and understanding in the relationship between implant system design and clinical applications. Professor Meredith is now the Dean of the Post Graduate Institute of Dental Surgery which specialises in advanced clinical education in dental implantology.

### ORDER OF MEETING

**6:30PM** Arrive for pre-dinner drinks  
**7:00PM** Dinner followed by dessert  
**8:00PM** Branch General Meeting  
**8:25PM** **NEOSS Presentation: Tiffany Hanes**  
**8:30PM** **GUEST SPEAKER: Prof Neil Meredith**

**New Member to be elected at the General Meeting:  
Werner Brummer**

### GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Present  
Apologies  
Minutes from General Meeting: 18th October 2024  
Matters Arising from Minutes  
Treasurers Report  
Delegates Report  
Consumer Affairs Report  
Correspondence  
General Business and Presidents Business

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If you reply as attending, the Branch will be charged for your meal. Advise in advance if you are unable to attend. **Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.**