



NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

DATE Friday, 26th September 2025
TIME 6:30pm
VENUE: Persimmon Lane
58 Te Puna Road, Te Puna

RSVP: by Tuesday, 16th September 2025
admin@wbopnzda.org.nz
COST: Members \$75 per person
Guests \$90 per person

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Updates from Hospital and Community Dental departments in Te Manawa Taki

Branch members are invited to hear updates and insights from the region's hospital and community dental departments. We will present a summary of the key services provided, referral pathways and contact methods across the departments. We will also highlight some key people working to improve oral health locally, and exciting projects and initiatives that are aiming to support our patient groups.

Speakers:

Jenny Norris graduated from the University of Sheffield, UK in 2002. She then completed two years of General Professional Training in the north-east of England working between an NHS dental practice and the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne Dental School. A further two years followed working in an Oral and Maxillofacial unit at regional hospitals, before spending four years treating adults and children with special needs and medical complications in a community dental setting. Since moving to New Zealand in 2010, she has predominantly worked as a community dentist in the Waikato region, which has also lead to her working in the role of Clinical Director for Community Oral Health in the Lakes region since 2019. Starting in 2023, Jenny has also held the role of Director (Education) at NZDA.



Rudi Johnson is a general dentist who graduated with a BDS in 2005 and she is part way through her Masters in Community Dentistry. Rudi has been in clinical and leadership roles for Health NZ / Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi BOP since 2009, in both the hospital and community dental teams. Rudi is deeply passionate about improving oral health for Māori, by encouraging whānau, supporting colleagues and working within the public health system, to uphold its commitments to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



Sunethra Tennekoon graduated with her BDS in 1989 and her DCLinDent, Special Needs Dentistry 2022 at Otago University. Sunethra is a Specialist in Special Needs Dentistry currently working at Waikato Hospital's Specialist Dental Unit. She has worked as a General Dental Practitioner for 17 years and in the Hospital Dental setting for 16 years in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Australia. During that time, Sunethra has also taught undergraduate clinical dentistry for 10 years. Sunethra started working as a Special Needs Dentistry Specialist at Waikato hospital's Specialist Dental Unit in 2023. She has published research in her field and has a special interest in treating medically complex patients. In her spare time Sunethra enjoys cooking, travel and reading.



ORDER OF MEETING

6:30PM Arrive for pre-dinner drinks
7:00PM Dinner followed by dessert
8:00PM **SPONSOR: Jose Luis**
8:05PM **GUEST SPEAKERS**
9:05PM Branch General Meeting

New Member to be elected at the General Meeting:
Stephen Crisp

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Present
Apologies
Minutes from General Meeting: 1st August 2025
Matters Arising from Minutes
Treasurers Report
Delegates Report
Consumer Affairs Report
Correspondence
General Business and Presidents Business

Please RSVP to admin@wbopnzda.org.nz and a tax invoice will be sent

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.