



# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

**DATE** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**TIME** 6:30pm  
**VENUE:** **The Boatshed**  
21 Amber Lane, RD 2, Karapiro

**RSVP:** by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
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**COST: Members** \$75 per person  
**Guests** \$90 per person

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## Root Resorption in Endodontics

Root resorption cases can be amongst the most challenging in endodontics. Early detection leads to better outcomes whereas misdiagnosis can lead to unnecessary treatment or even tooth loss. Diagnosis of root resorption isn't always straight forward and management can be frustrating for both the dentist and patient. Knowledge of the classification, risk factors, preventive strategies and treatment options available can help prolong the longevity of teeth with root resorption.

This presentation aims to review the literature on classification, prevalence, diagnosis, aetiology and treatment of root resorption. You will gain an in-depth understanding of the different clinical and radiographic presentations of root resorption and the various diagnostic aids available to clinicians to ensure early detection and appropriate management.

### Guest Speaker: Assil Russell

Assil Russell is a specialist endodontist practicing at Waikato Endodontics in Hamilton. Assil graduated with distinction from the University of Otago in 2011. She received several awards, including the Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice, and was placed on the Dean's List for her straight-A academic record. Assil has published several papers in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals, including the International Endodontic Journal and the Journal of Endodontics, and has co-authored several chapters in endodontic textbooks. She has been invited to speak at national and international conferences, as well as at New Zealand's Parliament and Premier House. She co-founded two charities, Revive A Smile and ICARE, which provide dental treatment to at-need Kiwis in New Zealand and orphaned children in Iraq. Assil is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a member of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons, the New Zealand Society of Endodontists, and the American Association of Endodontists. Assil is a previous recipient of the NZDA Outstanding Young Dentist Award and the Minister of Health's Volunteer Award, and she has been a finalist for Young New Zealander of the Year. In 2025, Assil was awarded the Inspirational Women's Award. Assil is passionate about sharing knowledge and education. She has run Mastering Endodontics courses, taken part in the NZDA Mentorship Programme, and was recently an external examiner for the University of Otago postgraduate DClinDent programme.



### ORDER OF MEETING

**6:30PM** Arrive for pre-dinner drinks  
**7:00PM** Dinner followed by dessert  
**8:00PM** **Sponsor: Henry Schein**  
**8:05PM** **Speaker: Assil Russell**  
**9:00PM** Branch General Meeting  
**9:20PM** Extraordinary General Meeting

### GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Present  
Apologies  
Minutes from General Meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Matters Arising from Minutes  
Treasurers Report  
Delegates Report  
Consumer Affairs Report  
Correspondence  
General Business and Presidents Business

**No members are due for election at this meeting**

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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.**