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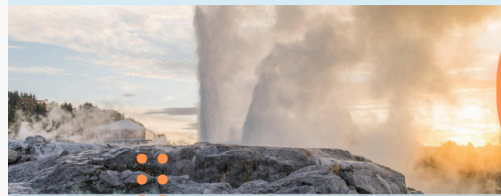
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2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Conference Committee has worked hard to organise an amazing lineup of exhibitors and speakers, aiming to make this the best conference yet. Their dedication brings a diverse group of participants, offering valuable insights and innovative ideas. Through careful planning, they promise an inspiring and enriching experience for all attendees.



NZOPA 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Vision to Reality:
Innovative P&O Solutions



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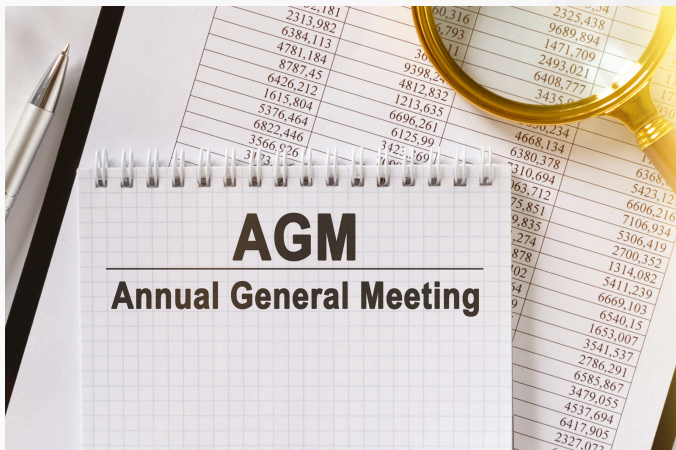
REGISTRATION OPENS SOON
Further updates to be announced



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2025 AGM

This year's AGM will be held at our Annual Conference on Saturday 6 September. Members who are unable to attend in person will have the ability to register to appear via Zoom. If you have a motion, or anything that you would like addressed at the AGM, please send it to nzopa.admin@gmail.com by 30 June to be added to the agenda.

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PROGRAMME SNEAK PEEK!

WE'RE FINALISING A VERY FULL
PROGRAMME - BELOW ARE A FEW
PEOPLE WE'VE SECURED!



AN INTEGRATED CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE FEATURING PARALLEL SESSIONS FOR ORTHOTISTS & PROSTHETISTS INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS & WORKSHOPS

Dr. Peter Lee

Professor Biomedical Engineering, University of Melbourne

The Pressure Casting Technique (PCAST): A Biomechanical Perspective on Transtibial Prosthetic Socket Design

Chris Miles

Clinical Director, AposHealth UK

Apos for knee osteoarthritis – offering patients' an alternative

Conor McDaid

Clinical Lead, Great Gait

William Pike

Motivational Speaker, Founder & Director, Pro Armour

Alec Foster

Acting GM - Forests to Biobased Products, Scion Research

Sustainable products in P&O

Merryn Robertson

Physiotherapist

OSKAR principles and implementation with young people with movement disorders in rehabilitation.

Cris Barker

Advanced Clinical Physiotherapist

Karen Adams

Paediatric Physiotherapist

Jo Sutton

National Educator, Autism NZ

Introduction to Autism based on FANZ (Framework for Autism in New Zealand)

Smita Pathak

Clinical Orthotist

The Effect of a Modified Tenodesis Wrist-Hand Orthosis on Hand Function in Patients with Teraplegia

Greg Woolman

Director, Footbionics

PTTD - the anatomy, etiology, clinical examination, pathomechanics, & management options

OPC Health

Introducing the latest prosthetic Myo Technology from Open Bionics with new Wireless Myo control

EXEC COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Aashish Yamba

Role: Conference Lead

Location: Peke Waihanga, Dunedin



“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.”

Q: Can you tell us a bit about your background in orthotics and Prosthetics.

A: More than a decade of experience, mostly in Orthotics. The more I work the more passionate I get for the this Lovely Profession of ours that I had no idea what I was getting into until I graduated.

Q: What inspired you to join the Executive Committee?

A: One has to realise that in order for the Profession to grow we have to bring more awareness in Aotearoa for the up and coming generation. This was one way I could do it by joining the exec committee.

Q: What's one goal you hope to accomplish through your work on the committee?

A: Involve schools and universities to attend the conference and showcase what we do and provide avenues on how to go about becoming a P&O. Orthotics is somehow still believed to be people who do shoe mods and I want to change that conception. We have so much more to offer.

Q: What's something members might not know about you?

A: One day when I win Lotto, you'll see me travelling the world on my KTM adventure 790.

Q: Any advice for new professionals in the O&P field?

A: Keep doing it. You are changing a lot of people lives by a small contributions according to you but in reality a massive impact on your patients rehab journey.

JOIN THE EXEC COMMITTEE



Are you passionate about advancing the field of orthotics and prosthetics? Do you want to help shape the future of patient care, education, and innovation in our profession?

We are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to join the Executive Committee of the NZOPA!

As a committee member, you will:

- Help guide the strategic direction of our organisation
- Advocate for the profession at regional and national levels
- Collaborate with other leaders in orthotics and prosthetics
- Contribute to initiatives that support clinicians, technicians, and patients

The Commitment varies per role, but there are monthly virtual meetings and periodic planning sessions

We encourage participation from practitioners and technicians - any member who is passionate about the growth and integrity of the O&P profession

Let's work together to elevate the future of orthotics and prosthetics.



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