



NZSFO Conference 2026

Thursday 21 May 2026		
07:30 – 08:30	Registrations Open	
08:30 - 12:00	Preconference Case & report writing	
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch	
12:30 – 16:00	Preconference workshop Age Estimation	
16:00 – 17:00	Introduction to bitemarks	James Goodrich

Friday 22 May 2026		
08:00 – 08:30	Registration and coffee	
08:30 - 08:40	Welcome & Opening Address – President	
08:40 – 09:40	Blake Emergency Services – Emergency Response & DVI	<i>Jordan Goss</i>
09:40 – 10:25	NZ DVI preparedness for air accidents	<i>Mark Fergus</i>
10:25 – 10:55	Morning Tea	
10:55 – 12:30	Fox Glacier <i>Operation Fern – Fox Glacier Helicopter crash</i>	<i>Phil Simmons</i> <i>Craig Campbell</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30– 14:00	Case study – MH17	<i>Steve Harwood</i>
14:30 – 15:30	The Role of Forensic Odontology in the MH17 Air Crash Disaster	<i>Lyndall Smythe</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Afternoon tea - Operation Whakaari presentations	
16:00 – 17:00	Underwater recoveries	<i>Bruce Adams</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Society matters – Officer term discussion and vote, open forum	
17:30 – 19:00	Presidents Function	
19:00 – 21:30	NZSFO dinner	

Saturday 23 May 2026 (closed members session)		
07:30 – 08:30	RCOG breakfast meeting	
08:30 – 08:45	Coffee	
08:45 – 09:45	Forensic Odontology Beyond Identification - The Life and Times of a Forensic odontologist at VIFM	<i>Lyndall Smythe</i>
09 45 – 10:05	Regional Round Up – Lower South Island – Warwick Duncan	
10:05 – 10:25	Regional Round Up – Mid- & upper South Island – Viv Levy	
10:25 – 10:55	Morning Tea	
10:55 – 11:15	Regional Round Up – Central and Waikato – James Goodrich	
11:15 – 11:35	Regional Round Up – Lower mid- North Island – Tracey Eales	
11:35 – 11:55	Regional Round Up – Wellington Region – Ray Lin	
11:55 – 12:15	Regional Round Up – Auckland – Adrian Fernandez	
12:15 – 12:35	Regional Round Up – Northland – Steph Baylis	
12:35 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:15	Credentialing refresh	
14:15 – 15:15	AGM and Election of Officers	
15:15 – 15:45	Research update	
15:45	Conference closure	

Session Chairs

Friday AM	Chris Brooks
Friday PM	Steph Baylis
Saturday AM	Kim Heslop
Saturday PM	Hugh Trengrove