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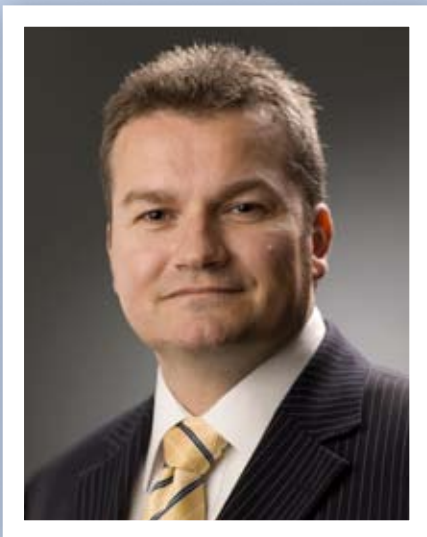
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Venue

Completed in July 2011, Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin is New Zealand's only fully covered stadium and the only one in the world with a natural turf pitch. Incorporating a space-age transparent roof and sited on the outskirts of Dunedin's city centre, the brand new stadium can seat up to 30,000 people. However not only is it New Zealand's premier sporting, concert and event space, the stadium is also a purpose-built conference venue.

The stadium has multiple flexible conference event spaces, on site catering and the convenience of acres (quite literally!) of carparking. Come and see what Dunedin is so excited about – join us for the May 2012 District Convention at Forsyth Barr Stadium!

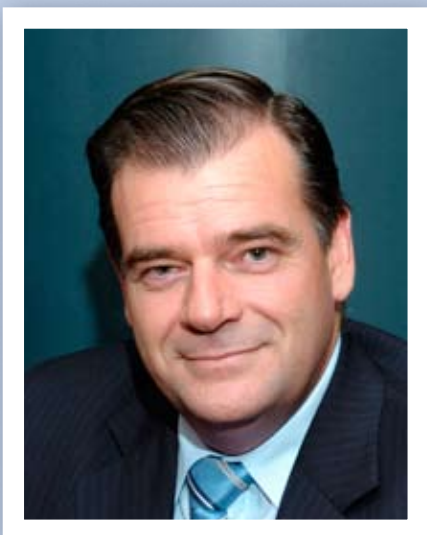


Keynote speakers

Brett Rutledge is recognized as one of the most skilled and versatile communicators in the Southern Hemisphere and is heavily in demand as a dynamic business speaker, facilitator and executive communication specialist.

When it comes to communication there is simply no one more qualified. His communication skills and abilities are so honed and nuanced that Brett can change his voice and his approach in over 150 different ways. Accents, age and even personalities can all be mimicked or impersonated with the sort of speed most of us reserve for normal, everyday conversation.

More than that he is one of Toastmasters' own – the 1998 World Champion of Public Speaking and the foremost communication expert in Australasia!



David Nottage is an Australian born New Zealander, a Kiwi with an attitude – an attitude for success. He has come a long way in the past 18 years, from someone who was too scared to speak in front of a group of four people to being a dynamic presenter who captivated over 2,000 Toastmasters to win the ultimate pinnacle in public speaking, the World Championship for Toastmasters International.

As a keynote speaker David has inspired and motivated thousands of people to fulfill their ambitions. He has spoken internationally at conferences and has motivated people the length and breadth of New Zealand. His message is simple; "Dare to Dream" and he empowers his audiences to cast off their fears and doubts and to take on change with enthusiasm. David always tailors his presentations as a keynote speaker to meet your conference theme and criteria. His style is humorous so that the message sticks, that way it remains effective.



Destination Dunedin



Wildlife

Otago Peninsula is just a short drive from Dunedin and is home to New Zealand Fur Seals, rare Hooker's Sea Lions, Yellow-Eyed Penguins, and the only mainland Royal Albatross colony anywhere. It is also home to the New Zealand Marine Studies Centre and award-winning tour operators such as Monarch Wildlife Cruises and Tours, Elm Wildlife Tours, Penguin Place, and Nature Guides Otago.

Heritage

Dunedin lives with and values its heritage. We have fine examples of working heritage like Speight's Brewery, the Gasworks Museum and the Taieri Gorge Railway. We welcome visitors to the stately homes Larnach Castle and Olveston, and showcase standout Victorian and Edwardian buildings like First Church and Dunedin Railway Station.

Dunedin's Scottish roots are celebrated. Piping and marching are strong in the city and you are bound to experience a piper at the convention!

Gardens

Dunedin has a wonderful setting. Green space abounds, while protected woodland – the Town Belt – demarks the inner city.

Gardens, public and private, adorn Dunedin and provide year-round interest. Two of them – Dunedin Botanic Garden and Larnach Castle Garden – are Gardens of International Significance. Another two – Glenfalloch Woodland Garden and Wylde Willow Garden – are Gardens of National Significance. The recently established Chinese Gardens are a haven of serenity right in the city.

Beaches

Dunedin has a spectacular and varied coastline. There's good surfing north and south and a host of safe swimming beaches.

St. Clair with its vibrant and cosmopolitan Esplanade is just ten minutes from the city; other gems include Tunnel Beach (private, moody and dramatic – the most romantic spot in Dunedin), Long Beach (a Mecca for rock climbers and cave dwellers, reached via Port Chalmers) and Brighton (a family-friendly South Coast beach, popular with swimmers and surfers and destination of the Dunedin to Brighton Veteran Car Rally).

Other Attractions

Dunedin's city attractions also include Cadbury World, Speight's Brewery tours and the steepest street in the world, Baldwin Street.



Accommodation

Dunedin has a wide range of accommodation on offer – there's something to suit everyone. There is no accommodation within the immediate vicinity of the convention venue, Forsyth Barr Stadium. The closest accommodation is about 1.5km from the venue: about 20 minutes' walk.

Here is a small selection of what's around:

Cargills Quality Hotel, 678 George Street, Dunedin – about 1.5km from Forsyth Barr Stadium. \$109 per room per night (twin or double), see www.cargills.co.nz, email dean@cargills.co.nz, or call 03 477 7983 (don't forget to mention Toastmasters)

Victoria Hotel, 137 St Andrew Street, Dunedin – about 1.5km from Forsyth Barr Stadium. \$120 per room per night (twin share/double/single), see www.victoriahoteldunedin.com, or call 0800 266 336.

Living Space, 192 Castle Street, Dunedin – about 1.5km from Forsyth Barr Stadium. Single rooms from \$69 per night, see www.livingspace.net, or call 0508 454 846.

Scenic Hotels: Dunedin City (corner of Princes and Dowling Streets) and **Southern Cross** (corner of Princes and High Streets) – both about 2km from Forsyth Barr Stadium. Special rate of \$149 including GST per room per night for single, double or twin-share accommodation, just mention Toastmasters Convention when you book.

Both hotels are just a few minutes walk from the Octagon and about 5 minutes drive from the Forsyth Barr Stadium. Contact Scenic Hotel Dunedin on 03 470 1470 or dunedincity@scenichotels.co.nz or Scenic Hotel Southern Cross on 03 477 0752 or southerncross@scenichotels.co.nz. See also www.scenichotelgroup.co.nz

Transport

Arriving By Air

Dunedin Airport is around 30km from the city. Taxis to the city are expensive unless shared (between \$80 – \$100) but shuttles can be booked for around \$30 per person, see www.supershuttle.co.nz or www.southerntaxis.co.nz.

You might also want to consider getting together with some other Toastmasters and hiring a car. Dunedin Airport is served by all major hire car companies including Jucy, Avis, Budget, Driven, Europcar, Ezi-Rent, Hertz, Nationwide and Thrifty. There is also Commodore Rental Cars who have cars from \$39 per day (city pick up) with an additional cost of \$60 for airport pick up and drop off (see www.commodorerentacar.co.nz, email info@commodorerentacar.co.nz or call 0800 800 233).

Getting to the Venue

Forsyth Barr Stadium is located near the University of Otago on the outskirts of Dunedin's city centre. The closest accommodation is around 1.5km away. You may want to have access to a car – parking is plentiful at the stadium.

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