

2026 Programme – South Island Regional Convention, Ashburton To be held at Hotel Ashburton 16 – 18 October 2026

FRIDAY 16th October 2026

Start time	End time	Event
3.00pm	7.00pm	Registrations open
6.00pm	6.45pm	Mix and Mingle Drinks Cash bar/ Exhibition of Prints
6.45pm	6.55pm	Mihi whakatau. Welcome housekeeping
6.55pm	7.05pm	Welcome by Mayor
7.05pm	7.10pm	Welcome by PSNZ President
7.10pm	7.30pm	Showing of digital regional exhibition
7.30pm	9.00pm	Key note Speaker - William Patino
9.00pm	9.05pm	Closing and messages - Bill Cabout

SATURDAY 17th October 2026

Start time	End time	Event
5.30am	12.30pm	Field Trip 1 Lake Camp/Clearwater/Heron Two buses will leave Ashburton early to reach the lakes region to capture sunrise. The buses will go to different locations and swap mid-morning, to allow all participants space at each venue.
8.00am	9.00am	Registration late arrivals
8.30am	8.45am	Welcome, notices
8.00am	9.00am	Tea, Coffee available
9.00am	12.30pm	Field Trip 2 Raptor Centre Timaru.
9.00am	12.30pm	Field Trip 3 Airport Museum/Plains Railways Museum
9.00am	12.30pm	Field Trip 4 Coniston Gardens. Morning tea provided on site
12.30pm	1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	2.30pm	Speaker - Paula Vigus
2.30pm	3.00pm	Afternoon Tea
3.00pm	4.00pm	Speaker - Andre Apse
4.00pm	6.00pm	Group Photo – then free time to either relax or explore Ashburton
6.00pm	6.45pm	Pre-dinner drinks – Own cost.
6.45pm	7.15pm	Welcome and Awards Presentation
7.30pm	8.25pm	Dinner -Buffet
8.30pm	9.30pm	After Dinner Speaker - Mark Rayner

SUNDAY 18th October 2026

Start time	End time	Event
8.00am	8.15am	Notices
8.30am	11.00am	Workshops
11.00 am	11.30am	Morning tea
11.30am	12.30pm	Keynote Speaker – William Patino
12.30pm	12.45pm	Video for 2027 National Convention Christchurch
12.45pm	1.00pm	Closing speeches.