

Come and join us in August 2011 for the New Zealand Society of Diversional Therapists Inc National Conference in....CHRISTCHURCH

The Garden City  *The City that Rocks* 

Roll on up, there's no better time than NOW to book
YOUR FLIGHT- to Christchurch for
The 16th Diversional Therapy Conference
Friday evening the 12th til Sunday 14th August 2011

This is the first time the Conference has come back to FABULOUS RED and BLACK CANTERBURY since 2002.!! If you don't need to book a ride on a plane, then start planning a car or van load to attend with you. Book in your leave at work – you will have given tons of notice - and aim to spoil yourself and stay an extra day or three.

The Conference room rate will be available for three days before and after Conference so aim to relax and have time for you! Mix this in with the growing of new ideas, adding branches to your tree of knowledge, the networking and support of other Diversional Therapists, the meeting of new friends, the catch ups with friends from the past along with other great social interaction- such as shopping and dancing ...well – it's a date NOT to be missed!!

Conference Registrations will be out earlier next year - as numbers for the venue need to be confirmed sooner than at other times. This is due to other major events that are taking place in the same year, and good venues are very much sort after!



The movers and shakers down here really enjoyed the City of Sails Auckland Conference and the variety of presenters. Plus the friendliness, interaction and shopping with the other type of sales, all made for a great weekend. We would now like to invite you, and the rest of NZ Diversional Therapists and associates, to experience some good old Mainland hospitality. The Venue that has been chosen for Conference, The Chateau on the Park, is in a lovely setting situated at Kilmarnock Street/ Deans Avenue corner, Riccarton, just a few minutes' drive from the centre of Christchurch. With roses, mature oaks, New Zealand native trees and a

complimentary car park, situated opposite beautiful Hagley Park and with the lovely grounds of Mona Vale just a short walk away, we feel the Chateau will provide a great place to host our Conference.

The Chateau has a gymnasium, golf putting green and a heated swimming pool which delegates are welcome to enjoy. As mentioned, there is a special Conference accommodation rate so you can plan to make the most of your stay. There is a tremendous amount to see and do in our lovely Garden City, and on the surrounding plains that stretch out to the beautiful Southern Alps. So plan to **look after yourself** and after the learning, eating, sightseeing and the shopping, dancing and fun– you should go home with **your** batteries well and truly charged!!

Christchurch has an abundance of character and heritage. It was the first City in New Zealand, had the first RSA, the first Diversional Therapy Conference in the South Island was here in 1998 and we are going to have great one here in 2011!!



Oh, yes, nearly forgot- we have a tremendous rugby stadium, fantastic rugby team, some well known All Blacks-oh and THE Ranfurly Shield! It has been said that at times we are a bit “one eyed”- but, it has also been noted that we are a very hospitable

bunch and we welcome the chance to prove it.

Introducing the Conference steering committee - otherwise known as the red & black team - Sharon Kelly/ Jeanine Campbell - Convenor and co, Janice Paterson - Treasurer, Judy Cooper - Secretary, Gwennyth van Petegam and Rosalie Fine, Co-ordinators. Please contact one of the convenors if you are in the Canterbury region and wish to connect with the Conference Committee with either offers of support or ideas & suggestions that you would like to put forward for the team to consider.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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For any Diversional Therapist whether - Registered – Qualified – in training or anyone working in the activities field that is not a member of the New Zealand Society of Diversional Therapists Inc., NOW is a good time to join. The cost of attending conference will naturally be at a lesser rate for members so you've nothing to lose and plenty to gain.!