

Abbeyfield New Zealand Annual Conference

21–22 November, 2025

He waka eke noa – we are all in this together

Venue: St Stephens Church, 61 Tāhunanui Drive, Nelson



Programme - Friday November 21 (subject to adjustment)

10.00am	Arrival – tea and coffee	
10.15am	Welcome, health and safety and introductions <i>Abbeyfield New Zealand chair, Simon Hayes</i>	
10.30am	Nelson Mayor Nick Smith	
10.40am	Group discussions: insurance, Xero, maintenance, health and safety, fundraising, marketing, audit reporting requirements for charities, technology, house development	
11.15am	James Palmer – Community Housing Funding Agency	
11.45am	1 st roll call – house committees	
12.30pm	<i>Light lunch (provided by Abbeyfield New Zealand)</i>	
1.30pm	Dementia – Alzheimer's Society	
2.15pm	2 nd roll call – house committees	
3.30pm	<i>Tea and coffee break</i>	
3.45pm	Site visits to the 2 Abbeyfield houses in Nelson – local committees to host. (Groups for each house will be limited to 10-15 people.)	For those who don't take part in site visits there will be an opportunity to discuss issues one-on-one with board members, at the conference venue.
4:15pm	Finish	
6:30pm	<i>Dinner at Smugglers restaurant, 8 Muritai St, 2 course set menu \$50 per person. (Menu is seasonal - available in spring)</i>	

Saturday November 22

9.00am	Arrival – tea & coffee	
9.15am	3 rd roll call – steering groups wanting to set up Abbeyfield houses	
10.30am	<i>Tea and coffee break</i>	
10.45am	Discussion groups: maintenance, employment, fundraising, marketing, house development	
11.30pm	Big picture – Abbeyfield NZ, Abbeyfield Properties	
12.30pm	<i>Light lunch (provided by Abbeyfield New Zealand)</i>	
1.30pm	4 th roll call – steering groups wanting to set up Abbeyfield houses	
2:30pm	Any other business	
3:00pm	<i>Conference close/tea and coffee break</i>	