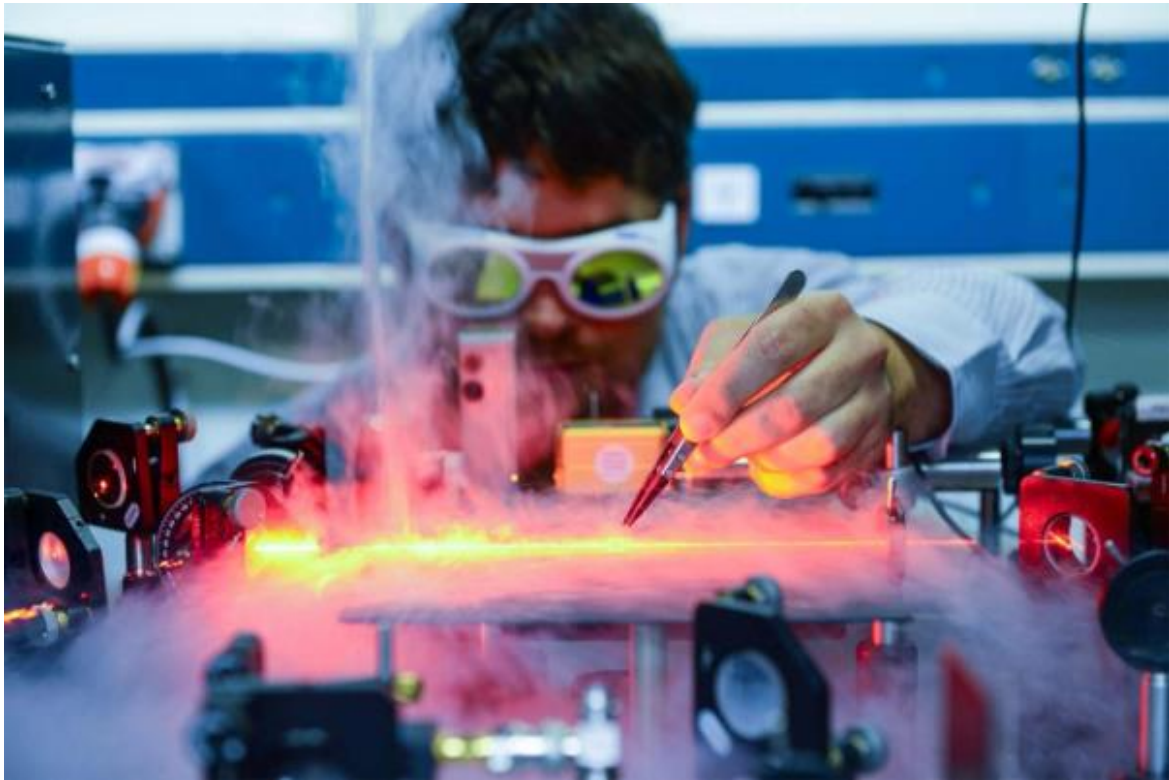




Symposium Programme

Te Whai Ao — Dodd-Walls Centre Symposium

24-27 November 2025

Wellington, Aotearoa New Zealand



**TE WHAI AO
DODD-WALLS CENTRE**
for Photonic and Quantum Technologies

Wellington 2025



He Mihi Nō Te Kaiwhakahaere — Director's Welcome

Nau mai, haere mai ki tō tātou Hui! — Welcome to Our Symposium!

It's a pleasure to welcome you to this year's Te Whai Ao Symposium — a celebration of our collective research, creativity, and collaboration. This gathering is a chance to reconnect, reflect, and reimagine the future of our Centre together.

Over the past year, we've made significant strides — in research excellence, in building partnerships, and in shaping the strategic direction of Te Whai Ao. Following our midterm review, three major developments have stood out: the science sector reform, our growing industry engagement through Quantum Meets and the development of Māori-led projects. All present exciting opportunities to shape the future of our Centre.

As you engage with the programme, we invite you to:

- **Connect and Collaborate:** Meet new colleagues, share ideas, and spark new partnerships.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Discover the innovations and successes that have emerged from our Centre's mahi.
- **Explore and Engage:** Participate in dynamic sessions, hear from inspiring speakers, and contribute to thought-provoking discussions.
- **Envision the Future:** Let's think boldly. What could Te Whai Ao look like in 20 years? What legacy do we want to leave?

Whether you're presenting, listening, or simply soaking in the energy of the day — enjoy it. This is your symposium, and your voice is part of shaping what comes next.

Ngā mihi nui, and thank you for being part of Te Whai Ao. Together, we are imagining and building a future that matters.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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WAIATA

As it is now a tradition, we encourage people to sing our waiata:

Tūtira mai ngā iwi,
Tātou tātou e
Tūtira mai ngā iwi,
Tātou tātou e
Whaia te māramatanga
Me te aroha – e ngā iwi
Kia tapatahi
Kia kotahi rā
Tātou tatou e!

(Repeat once more)

Tātou tatou e!
Hi aue hei

And to introduce yourself before your talk using the following mihi:

Ko (insert name) tōko ingoa.

Kei te (insert institution name) e mahi ana anau.



POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Te Whai Ao — Dodd-Walls Centre (DWC) is committed to fostering an environment that facilitates the free and robust exchange of scientific ideas. Such an environment requires all participants to be treated with equal consideration and respect. While we encourage vigorous debate, personal attacks can create an atmosphere in which individuals feel threatened or intimidated. Such conduct is not productive and does not contribute to the advancement of science. Therefore, all participants in DWC-managed events and activities are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner.

The DWC strictly prohibits all forms of bullying, discrimination, and harassment, whether sexual or otherwise, in any of its events or activities. This policy applies to every individual at the event, including attendees, speakers, exhibitors, award recipients, staff, contractors, and others. Retaliation against an individual for reporting bullying, discrimination, or harassment, or intentionally filing a false report, also constitutes a violation of this policy.

Bullying, discrimination, and harassment by those in a position of power, prestige, or authority are particularly harmful, as those of lower status or rank may be reluctant to express their objections or discomfort out of fear of retaliation.

Upon thorough investigation, the DWC will take appropriate disciplinary action if it finds a violation has occurred.

Our policy aligns with Optica's policy which can be found [here](#).

If you wish to report an incident of bullying, discrimination, or harassment that you have witnessed or experienced, you may do so by contacting any member of the DWC Executive or organising committee.

LOGISTICS

Catering

Breakfast will be provided by Katherine Jermyn Hall, with catered breaks at the Maclaurin Lecture Theatre (MLT103) foyer.

Accommodation

Accommodation for DWC members will be located on campus, at Katharine Jermyn Hall. [Click here for directions](#). Information on accommodation key-access will be provided closer in time.

Events and Sessions

Events and sessions are primarily held at the Maclaurin Lecture Theatre (MLT103) on campus. [Click here for directions](#).

The welcome reception on Monday will be held at Maclaurin Foyer, from 5.00pm. Drinks and light refreshments will be available.

The poster session on Tuesday will be held at Maclaurin Foyer, from 5:00pm. Drinks and light refreshments will be available.

Please see a general overview of the Symposium week timetable below.

Dinner

Dinner on Wednesday night will be hosted by the [Hunter Lounge](#) from 5:30pm. Transportation will be provided after the dinner, from the dinner venue to the halls.

Transport

Transport will be arranged from and to Wellington Airport on Monday morning, Thursday afternoon, and Friday afternoon. If your travel falls outside these days, you will need to arrange your own transport. Some travelers may have to leave the final session early.

Please email dwc@otago.ac.nz if you have any questions.



SYMPOSIUM 2025 Wellington
Hosted at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington
MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER - THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

	24/11/25	25/11/25	26/11/25	27/11/25
TIME	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00:00 AM	Arrivals	Invited Speaker	Invited Speaker	Invited Speaker
9:15:00 AM				
9:30:00 AM	Welcome Tea & Coffee	CONTRIBUTED TALKS		
9:45:00 AM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS		
10:00:00 AM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS		
10:15:00 AM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS		
10:30:00 AM	Mihi Whakatau and Lunch 11:00 - 1:00	Morning Tea 10.30 - 11	Morning Tea 10.30 - 11	Morning Tea 10.30 - 11
10:45:00 AM		Tech Talk	Profession PhD Development	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
11:00:00 AM				CONTRIBUTED TALKS
11:15:00 PM		Round table Discussions	Deputy Director Session	Deputy Director Session
11:30:00 AM				
11:45:00 AM		LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00
12:00:00 PM				
12:15:00 PM				
12:30:00 PM				
12:45:00 PM		Opening	Deputy Director Session	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
1:00:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			CONTRIBUTED TALKS
1:15:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			CONTRIBUTED TALKS
1:30:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			CONTRIBUTED TALKS
1:45:00 PM	The Many Beacon Talk	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
2:00:00 PM	The All Beacon Talk	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
2:15:00 PM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
2:30:00 PM	The One Beacon Talk	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
2:45:00 PM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	CONTRIBUTED TALKS
3:00:00 PM	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
3:15:00 PM				
3:30:00 PM	Deputy Director Session	CONTRIBUTED TALKS	Governance Board/ECR Activity/Free-Time	Wrap Up
4:00:00 PM		CONTRIBUTED TALKS		
4:15:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			
4:30:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			
4:45:00 PM	CONTRIBUTED TALKS			
5:00:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION	POSTER PRESENTATIONS		
5:15:00 PM				
5:30:00 PM				
5:45:00 PM				
6:00:00 PM				
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