

NZIMLS Mortuary SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Date: Saturday 7 November 2026

Venue: Manawa Campus, 276 Antigua Street, Christchurch

Time: 0830 - 1700



PROGRAMME		
0830	Registration	
0900	Welcome and Housekeeping	
0910	From the Mortuary to Microscope – The Journey of Tissue through Histology	Melissa Bloxham, Canterbury Health Laboratories, Histology
0950	Funeral Home Mortuary Care – What Happens After a Postmortem in the Care of the Deceased	Daniel Rimmer, Christchurch Mortuary
1030	Morning Tea	
1050	Illicit Peptide Use in New Zealand – Forensic Pathology Context	Katy Taylor, Commurio
1130	Operation Apricot – Who Is He?	David Parker, NZ Police
1210	Mortuary Tour - A Look Through Our Mortuary	Canterbury Health Laboratories
1250	Lunch	
1350	Death Across the Ditch – A Forensic Comparison of Australian and New Zealand Coronial Deaths	Dr Melissa Thompson, Forensic Pathologist
1430	Sustainable Initiatives for the Mortuary and Laboratory - The Christchurch Perspective	Dr Johnny West, Histology Registrar
1510	Afternoon Tea	
1530	TBC	Dr Andrew Gilkison, Forensic Pathologist
1610	Open Forum – Mortuary Technicians Only	Rod Smith, Canterbury Health Labs, Mortuary
1650	Closing Remarks, judging and prize giving.	
1700	END	