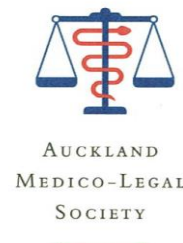


3 August 2020



DINNER NOTICE – PARTNERS' NIGHT

Tuesday 11 August 2020 6.30pm for 7.00pm Ellerslie Event Centre

Dear Member

The Committee are delighted to announce the details of our first dinner for 2020 and our guest speakers. As noted above, this dinner is also the **Partners' Dinner** for 2020.

The speakers for our dinner will be **Dr Joe Boden and Dr Reremoana Theodore**. The speakers will present a panel discussion on the following topic:

**Should you vote “yes” in September?
All you need to know about the cannabis referendum**

Dr Joe Boden is the Director of the Christchurch Health and Development Study. He trained as an experimental social psychologist and worked in the US, UK, and Australia, before coming to New Zealand. He was awarded a Gold Medal for Research Excellence in 2017, and has recently been appointed by the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor to the Expert Panel on Cannabis.

Dr Reremoana (Moana) Theodore is the Co-Director of the National Centre for Lifecourse Research (NCLR), and a member of the Royal Society Te Apārangi Council. Moana is an inaugural HRC Māori Health Research Emerging Leader Fellow. She is an Investigator on the Graduate Longitudinal Study NZ (GLSNZ) and Te Kura Mai i Tawhiti – a Māori community research programme. She is a Co-Investigator on the Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study and an Associate Investigator in Brain Research New Zealand. Her research interests include lifecourse research, Māori health and education, child health and development and the development of chronic disease

Both speakers have been involved in recent research analysing data from both The Dunedin Study and the Christchurch Health and Development Study regarding the effects of cannabis use. The research has considered the implications of cannabis use on mental health and substance addiction, cognitive issues, and social, employment and driving consequences. The research also covers bias in the application of criminal law.

If you have any questions for the speakers, please also email them to medico-legal@officeassistant.co.nz.

Please note that if you are planning to attend it is **most important** that you reply by **Friday 7 August 2020** so that we can give an accurate number to the caterers. Please also advise the name of your partner if they are attending. As there are no subscriptions this year, the dinner fee for both members and partners is \$95.00 per person.

How to Pay:

Payment by direct credit to the Society's bank account **ASB: 12-3109-0143930-00** is the preferred method of payment. You may also pay by credit card payment via the Society's website (see [Make a Payment](#)). Alternatively, you may pay by cheque to Auckland Medico-Legal Society, PO Box 77-111, Mt Albert, Auckland 1350 preferably before 7 August 2020 or at the latest a cheque for payment on the night.

Yours sincerely



Catherine Miller
Secretary