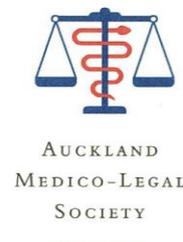


2 June 2021



Dear Member

This letter is to advise you of the details of the Society's next dinner and our guest speaker, New Zealander of the Year, **Dr Siouxsie Wiles**. The title of her speech is:

COVID-19: where to from here?

Dr Siouxsie Wiles is an Associate Professor at the University of Auckland, and the 2021 Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year - Te Pou Whakarae o Aotearoa.

Dr Wiles studied medical microbiology at the University of Edinburgh, followed by a PhD in microbiology at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology in Oxford and Edinburgh Napier University. Dr Wiles spent almost a decade at Imperial College London, before relocating to New Zealand as a Health Research Council Hercus Fellow in 2009.

She has won awards for both her commitment to the ethical use of animals in research and for her science communication, including the Prime Ministers Science Media Communication Prize in 2013. In 2017 she published her first book, 'Antibiotic resistance: the end of modern medicine?' and in 2019 was appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to microbiology and science communication.

During COVID-19 Dr Wiles joined forces with Spinoff cartoonist Toby Morris to make the science of the pandemic clear and understandable. Their graphics have been seen by millions around the world and have been adapted by governments and organisations as part of their official pandemic communications.

The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2021
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Venue: Ellerslie Event Centre

Please confirm your attendance by reply email. If you are planning to attend it is **most important** that you reply by **Thursday 10 June 2021** so that we can give an accurate number to the caterers.

As always, we encourage you to invite professional colleagues as guests. For any of your colleagues considering becoming a member this will be an excellent opportunity to attend as a guest. Please notify me of the name of your guest. The dinner fee for a guest is \$105.00. You may either pay by direct credit to the Society's bank account number 12-3109-0143930-00 or by credit card payment via the Society's website [Make a Payment](#), preferably before 10 June 2021, ensuring that you put your name when making the deposit. The dinner will be rebated off the membership subscription if a guest joins the Society in the same year.

Please note for health and wellbeing of all attendees, this dinner will only proceed if Auckland remains at COVID Alert Level 1.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Miller
Secretary