



# Delivering the wow factor

19-21 September 2018

827 delegates

117 companies exhibiting

420 exhibitors

How Claudelands Conference & Exhibition Centre helped make a 60th celebration one to remember for **Water New Zealand**.

A milestone celebration called for a special approach for the Water New Zealand 60th Conference & Expo in September 2018.

The conference brought together a range of suppliers, contractors, analysts and researchers from within the water industry for three days of technical papers, exhibitions and thought-provoking presentations.

With the theme '60 Years, Diamond and History' celebrating six decades of the membership organisation and history behind Water New Zealand, the 2018 event attracted a record 827 delegates from across New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, Ireland and the USA.

Over the three conferencing days, more than 80 technical papers, workshops and innovative presentations were held, while 13 industry awards were presented at the event's 620-guest gala dinner and 117 exhibitors showcased their offerings across 179 exhibition booths.

Having held several conferences at Claudelands in the past, organisers knew the award-winning Hamilton venue was up to the task. The custom-built facility is capable of comfortably accommodating the large number of attendees and multi-faceted nature of the conference, while venue staff and partners boasted a wealth of knowledge and expertise.

**“Claudelands is an exceptional, custom-built venue which provides the essentials for large conference and exhibitions. The team are well seasoned and knowledgeable about the facility and the opportunities that Claudelands can provide to event professionals to give their event some extra pizzazz.”**

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The use of large items on site such as a silo and series of oversized plants were easily accommodated by the venue, while the vision for a 6m-wide chandelier featuring 700 lit candles in the centre of the arena during the dinner was delivered exquisitely by Claudelands' highly skilled technical services team.

Other unusual requests such as the installation of water monitoring equipment on man holes and pipes outside the venue raised no issues, while Claudelands' exclusive catering partner Montana Food and Events delivered an exceptional plated dinner – including no alternate drops – for 620 people while also serving up special desserts to go perfectly with the '60 years' theme.

**"The team at Claudelands are extremely helpful and professional, you can rest assured that no detail will be missed when planning your event. Claudelands' facilities are modern and adaptable with plenty of outdoor space."**

Melanie Walker, Avenues Event Management

**"The Claudelands team are fantastic to work with – they go out of their way to help make your event amazing. The venue and grounds are designed perfectly for hosting conferences."**

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