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Conference will bring 300+ to Oamaru Next Week

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Oamaru is gearing up for the Geosciences '09 Conference next week with over 300 people expected to attend.

The conference organised by the New Zealand Geophysical Society and the Geological Society of New Zealand, showcases the latest in New Zealand geoscience research and practice.

The meeting will be held at the Oamaru Opera House using all seminar and function rooms available.

The conference begins with an icebreaker on the evening of Monday 23rd November, following which, at 8pm, there will be a free public lecture: presented by Associate Professor Daphne Lee of The University of Otago, Department of Geology.

The conference will conclude on the afternoon of Friday 27th November. Participants are encouraged to attend mid-conference fieldtrips on Wednesday 25th November, and pre- and post-conference fieldtrips are also offered. Some of these include trips to Aviemore and Benmore Dams, Waiareka-Deborah Volcanics, The Vanished World and Victorian Oamaru

Oamaru I Site manager Tania Pacey says " We've taken a lot of bookings over the last few weeks and all the traditional and lower cost accommodation is sold out."

Oamaru Opera House Marketing Manager Stu Dalton says " Having conferences at The Oamaru Opera House is a great boost for the local economy.

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