

Aurora Otago Science & Technology Fair
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The 2019 Aurora Otago Regional Science and Technology Fair – Central Otago will be held from **1st and 2nd of August**. Judging will occur on Thursday the 1st and the fair will be open to the public from that afternoon through Friday the 2nd. Notable display boards will be taken from this event to the Otago Science & Technology Fair in Dunedin to compete in that event. The prize giving ceremony will be held at the St David Lecture Theatre at 3pm Sunday 11th of August.

Successes Beyond the Local Fair: Our regional fair will encourage students from throughout Otago to expand their scientific and technological thinking to produce projects of a high standard of innovation and scholarship. Preparations are already underway and we are looking forward to a very successful fair. There were several notable displays this year that generated media attention. Karl Brindson from Logan Park High School was highlighted in the *Otago Daily Times* for being a finalist in the 2018 Bright Sparks, his second time for receiving this award (<https://www.odt.co.nz/business/young-inventors-bright-sparks>). Ollie Meikle from Kavanagh was profiled as Best In Fair (<https://www.odt.co.nz/dunedin/award-getting-grips-hot-topic>).

The highlight from last year's event was Liam Hewitt from King's High School being award by the Royal Society as one of only two students awarded travel trips to Taiwan's International Science Fair (<https://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/teens-research-taking-him-taiwan>). This is the second time a student from the Otago Science & Technology Fair has won this travel award. These were great results.

Last year, we were able to attract 264 display boards from 325 students representing 25 schools around Otago. Additionally, last year we reached out into Central Otago for a Central Otago event in Wanaka and will do so again this year with an event based in Alexandra.

If you would like to have any of your students present at this year's fair, please return the entry form (please be aware that membership to the Otago Science Teachers Association is required) included in this mail-out by **Thursday July 18th**. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at:

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On behalf of the Fair Committee,

Yours sincerely,



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