



# va-va-voom VBASE

2010 HAS BEEN a busy year for Vbase which has been bombarded with last minute conference bookings. **STORY BY JOHANNA McKINNON**

Six months into the year and Vbase is already winning awards and hosting large scale events, and it looks like things will stay the same well into 2011. One of the biggest conferences to star on Vbase's stage recently was the Australian New Zealand College of Anaesthetists and Faculty of Pain Medicine's annual scientific meeting. The event attracted more than 1300 to Christchurch in early May and was attended by speakers from the UK. The conference required more than 30 meeting rooms and a multitude of changes throughout each day of the five day event. There was also a health care industry exhibition component to the event which included standard exhibition booths, as well as medical designed exhibition builds that were shipped from Australia and built on site by Display Works. Conference Innovators PCO Rachel Cook said the event was an all round success. "Vbase were able to respond quickly to the numerous demands that were placed on them at short notice and the conference delivery was second to none," she said. "Vbase delivered an exceptional experience and we felt as a PCO we were extremely well supported in providing an event of the highest standard." Vbase has already been inundated with bookings well into 2012.

## Crowned cuisine

The Vbase's executive chef Andy Gibb was recently part of the New Zealand Culinary Team that competed in an international cuisine challenge. The NZ culinary team was selected from New Zealand's finest, and were crowned winners in two sections at the Food and Hotel Asia Culinary Challenge held in Singapore in April. The team returned home with a gold medal for the live cook off and a silver medal on the cold table. For more information about Vbase's event space go to [www.vbase.co.nz](http://www.vbase.co.nz).

**ABOVE: Christchurch Convention Centre halls set up in exhibition style for the ANZCA Conference.**