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Here is the copy of the ODT article as promised.  
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• ORIGINS

SEVERAL readers have asked me about the names adopted for the Conference Centre restructured out of the old Concert Chamber. They derive, in fact, from various old "townships" around Dunedin — bearing in mind that the word "township" originally meant a subdivision, not a suburb.

The city architect, Mr Bill Hesson, has kindly supplied me with background to these names.

**Glenroy Auditorium:** From an old township in North-East Valley comprising the area around Northumberland Street (formerly Miller Street) and Carr Street. The land was subdivided by Messrs G. France, W. King and J. Wright in 1903, and took its name probably from Glenroy, inland from Fort William, Inverness-shire, Scotland.

**Cranston Entrance Foyer:** The name of an Andersons Bay township around Cranston Street and bordering Somerville Street. It was subdivided by William Somerville in 1878 and named after his birthplace in Midlothian, Scotland.

**Dunottar Lounge:** This subdivision was carried out by Charles Robert Chapman in 1911 and comprises part of Claremont Street and Lynwood Avenue, in Maori Hill. The name comes from Dunnottar Castle (note the different spelling) near Stonehaven, Scotland, the birthplace of Chapman's father.

**Chesters Lounge:** Derived from an old subdivision in Kaikorai Valley centred on Manchester Street, and carried out in 1881 by Mr Thomas Oliver, a civil engineer from Roxburghshire, Scotland, where the village of Chester is situated.

**Fullwood Conference Room:** Mr C. R. Bowmar, of Mornington, was the subdivider of this township between Elgin Road and Kenmure Road, Mornington, in 1877. The origin of the name is uncertain, though Fullwood (with a single "l") is a name connected both with a suburb of Sheffield and with an area north-west of Preston, Lancashire.

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**Maldon Lounge:** Maldon township was an area in Wakari subdivided in 1899 by Mr Alfred Washer, and comprised the area bounded by Taieri Road and Beresford Street (formerly Brighton Street), including Jellicoe Crescent. Probably from the town in Essex, England.

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**Linden Meeting Room:** A very early subdivision, carried out in 1870 by a Mr Reid, comprising the area bounded by Oban Street and School Street, off Highgate, Roslyn. Origin unknown. The word "linden", off course, means a lime tree. There were no localities in Britain of that name, but subdivisions often took family and personal names.

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**Windle Meeting Room:** An interesting township name, derived from an area near the boundary of Mornington with Belleknoves, north of Rosebery Street. A golf course was situated there in the 1890s, but the government subdivided the land in 1905 and built some of New Zealand's first "state houses" there under the Workers Dwellings Act of 1905. Windle is a suburb of St Helens, Lancashire, England. D.C. TOWN  
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