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Nau mai, haere mai, whakaeke mai

Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand



LETTER OF INVITATION

To the Linux Australia Committee,

We are delighted to invite Linux Conference Australia to be hosted in Auckland for January 2015.

We have designed an exciting program with the Conference location being at the beautiful Owen G. Glenn building of the University of Auckland. Centrally located in Auckland, it's close to our offsite events and all other attractions. This modern building has more than sufficient capacity for a conference of LCA's capacity, and would easily accommodate more than the 600+ delegates that attended LCA in Wellington.

Our conference program will follow traditional formatting, with Miniconfs on Monday and Tuesday, then the conference proper on Wednesday through to Friday. We will also host an Open Day at the University on the Saturday morning to give our sponsors, delegates and other Open Source business the opportunity to showcase their projects to the general public.

In response to past conference needs, we have arranged with Auckland University to supply a fitness instructor to coordinate morning exercise activities and a crèche with fully qualified staff for child minding. The University also has a dedicated team who train public speakers and will be available to mentor our less confident presenters if required.

Statistically, conferences in cities with major international airports tend to be better attended than others. Direct flights between Auckland and most major cities in Australia are similarly priced to Australian internal flights and the currency exchange makes all costs once here very reasonable. Auckland University currently charges a nightly rate of NZ\$70/room with breakfast, and there are plenty of reasonably priced apartment hotels in close proximity to the University.

Highlights of Auckland include:

- City of Sails sailing and regattas
- Wonderful Waitemata Harbour & the Hauraki
 Gulf islands
- Bush walks and Gannet colony
- Black beaches in the West to golden sands in the East
- A well established and modern Zoo
- Stardome Observatory and Planetarium
- Museum of Transport and Technology
- Farmers markets, boutique wineries and micro breweries
- Thrill-seeking adventure activities

Known as the capital of the South Pacific, Auckland revels in its cultural diversity whilst celebrating its own heritage. Everyone is welcome in Auckland, and our warmth and hospitality is known worldwide.

Auckland is a magical city with plenty to do before, during and after the conference and we are confident that Auckland will provide special memories for everyone to take away with them. Welcome to our home. Haere mai!

Cherie Ellis

On behalf of the LCA 2015 Auckland bid committee



21 June 2013

Linux Australia Committee Linux.conf.au 2015

Dear Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to present Auckland's credentials as a candidate for hosting Linux.conf.au in 2015. I would officially like to invite this group to Auckland, New Zealand.

Each and every one of your guests can be assured of a warm welcome to Auckland and an opportunity to sample the very best of our renowned Kiwi hospitality – characterised by friendliness and sincerity.

Auckland boasts a unique mix of magnificent natural features, a rich and distinctive cultural heritage, well supported with 'big city' sophistication: exceptional galleries, theatres, shopping and restaurants. Set on three harbours, it is bounded by rainforests, beaches and numerous islands. These natural wonders are all within 40 minutes of a globally connected and cosmopolitan central business district.

Auckland is a vibrant city and has been ranked third internationally for its quality of living. Auckland is at the forefront of hosting international events in New Zealand. It offers excellent infrastructure provided by a professional industry, centralized event facilities and has a worldwide reputation for superior hospitality. Auckland is the home of New Zealand's major airport and receives a frequency of flights unparalleled by any other city in the country.

It is in the information technology industry that a significant number of Aucklanders are employed, and we are certain that our industry students, educators and professionals will take advantage of this conference where speakers and international participants meet together to share leading edge developments. We also believe that overseas conference participants will gain a memorable experience in exploring our Kiwi hospitality characterised by friendliness and sincerity throughout their stay with us.

We look forward to welcoming your many guests from around the world to our city in 2015 - nau mai, haere mai.

Yours sincerely,

Len Brown

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28 June 2013

New Zealand Open Source Society

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Dear Auckland Linux.conf.au bidders,

In my capacity as president of the New Zealand Open Source Society (NZOSS), I enthusiastically endorse your team and bid for hosting LCA 2015. I would be thrilled for NZ to win the privilege of hosting our third LCA.

I know the members of the Auckland bid committee either personally or by reputation, and I share the NZOSS council's confidence that, given the opportunity, this team will deliver an outstanding conference which lives up to the very high standard set by LCAs past.

NZOSS members were heavily involved in the previous NZ-based LCA, in 2010 in Wellington, and if the Auckland bid is successful, we would provide the Auckland team with both volunteer organisational support and financial sponsorship.

The NZOSS represents the free and open source software (FOSS) users, creators, and contributors in New Zealand by promoting FOSS and the FOSS community's principles of freedom and transparency to Government and the education sector. It also supports community user groups.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this endorsement.

Best regards,

Dave Lane President

New Zealand Open Source Society

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June 28th 2013

Wellington Perl Mongers C/- Grant McLean 8 Rewa Terrace Tawa Wellington 5028 New Zealand

Dear Linux Australia

Wellington Perl Mongers are pleased to lend their support to the bid to host linux.conf.au in Auckland in 2015. We recognise linux.conf.au as the premier conference for Open Source topics in our region and look forward to the opportunity to participate in staging the event in New Zealand again.

Wellington Perl Mongers is an active support group for users of the Perl programming language. Wellington.pm members are enthusiastic users of Free and Open Source software in general and Linux in particular. Several of our regular attendees have presented at past Linux Australia conferences.

Yours sincerely,

Grant McLean

Wellington Perl Mongers Coordinator



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

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24 June 26, 2013

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The University of Auckland Private Bag 92019 Auckland 1142 New Zealand

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of The University of Auckland and the ITS Department, I am delighted to support the bid to host the Linux Conference in January 2015.

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university. It is the only one included in the Times Higher Education top 200 and it is the highest ranked New Zealand university in the QS World University Rankings and Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities. Some 35 percent of the top ranked academic researchers in New Zealand are at The University of Auckland.

As well as an excellent academic reputation, the University's IT department is the fifth largest ICT (Information and Communication Technology) provider in New Zealand.

The University's infrastructure is significant with over 2,515 servers of which 90% is virtualised. The University relies on Linux servers to provide service to over 45,000 staff and students per year, and to deliver critical network, security, file storage, web hosting and ERP applications. The University also hosts the National eSciences Infrastructure in our new state of the art data centre, providing high performance computing for researchers across NZ.

It also has excellent conference and delegate facilities, shared between 5 campuses. The City Campus, covering 16 hectares, is in the heart of Auckland City. It is the home to the University's administration and the Arts, Engineering, Science, Law, Business and Creative Arts and Industries faculties. It also has large halls of residence, early childhood centres and a sport and recreation centre within minutes of each other.

For The University of Auckland, this conference represents an opportunity to showcase our University as well as a platform to share our research and contribute to Linux 2015.

We look forward to working with you to ensure a very memorable and successful conference is offered and it would be an absolute privilege to welcome your delegates and the LCA to Auckland in 2015.

Kind regards,

Liz Coulter IT Director

Information Technology Services The University of Auckland

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Introduction

CONFERENCE SUPPORT

Auckland Convention Bureau

We are delighted to support this bid in bringing LCA 2015 to Auckland. Auckland Convention Bureau is part of ATEED (Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development) – Auckland's economic growth agency and an Auckland Council-controlled organisation. One of ATEED's responsibilities is to support and enhance Auckland's ability to compete internationally.

Auckland Convention Bureau (ACB) is here to help you create an unforgettable event from start to finish, with information, assistance and recommendations for everything from venues and local suppliers to transport and promotion. ACB is responsible for marketing Auckland as a destination for conventions, meetings and all business events and offers planners a wide range of support.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT

- We offer free, impartial advice on venues, accommodation, activities and service providers to best suit your conference requirements.
- We facilitate site inspections to familiarise you with the infrastructure Auckland has to offer.
- We supply marketing materials such as brochures, imagery and DVDs to help drive delegate numbers.
- We provide online access to professional photographs for use in conference marketing materials.

- Link your conference website to AucklandNZ.com and let your delegates explore what's on offer in Auckland.
- We provide an onsite activities and information desk for delegates. We can set up a free mobile i-SITE visitor centre desk onsite so that delegates can discover and book things to do and places to go during and after the conference.

Sunset over Auckland's skyline



CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

New Zealand Organising Committee

We are proud to have formed a dedicated and experienced New Zealand organising committee that is very passionate about bringing LCA to Auckland.

ORGANISING CHAIR

Cherie Ellis

Over recent years Cherie has become involved in the FOSS community and is able to translate between techie and plain-speak. She has presented talks about her experiences using FOSS in business and her involvement in the community. To date, Cherie has copresented with Steven Ellis at OSDC and given talks at Auckland Girl Geek Dinners. Cherie has attended LCA as a delegate in 2007, 2008 and 2013 and as a volunteer in 2010 and 2011. She is currently heading up the team hosting OSDC in Auckland in October 2013.

TEAM MEMBERS

Steven Ellis

Steven has been involved in Open Source for over 20 years, and a Linux user for over 15 years. Since moving to New Zealand he has provided technical direction and operational guidance for a number of New Zealand companies on the use of Open Source and Linux. His experience has included over 3 years running the Linux operations team at IBM NZ, and the development for OpenMedia NZ of myPVR a MythTV based PVR solution designed for the New Zealand Market. He now works for Red Hat as their Platform Solution Architect in NZ focusing on Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Red Hat Storage, Virtualisation and Cloud Enablement.

Steven gives regular talks on FOSS to the Auckland Linux User Group and Auckland BarCamp, and has given presentations and organised tutorials at IBM NZ and Optimation NZ. He has been an invited speaker at a number of regional and international conferences including OSDC, Linux.Conf.Au, Linux World and OSCON.

Andreas Hamberger

Andreas (Andy to his friends) is a very experienced, driven and versatile technologist. He is the founder of the only internationally recognized prototype desktop Linux distribution YOPER. As a Linux Evangelist he founded openSUSE and managed various large scale Linux projects in ANZ and was Novell's Linux Evangelist for the Asia Pac region. He now works as senior Architect in service delivery within the New Zealand market place. He has been involved with open source deployments as a commercially astute pragmatist, who pushes the Linux agenda every step of the way.

Andy currently works as an Architect via Fujitsu for the Ministry of Justice of New Zealand, where he delivers Linux bases solutions to the benefit of the entire country. He believes that Linux and Open Source is the way for the world to become an open and transparent planet.

Mark Forster

Mark is an experienced technician and engineer with a background primarily in networking and telecommunications - but he's been active in the Linux and Open Source world as a hobby since the late 90's. He became an administrator for the NZ Linux Users Group in 2002 - a role he still holds - and has been active with Auckland LUG and Wellington LUG, as well as being a foundation member of

the New Zealand Open Source Society (councillor 2009-2012).

Professionally, Mark started off working in ISP and general support positions before gaining a civilian position in the New Zealand Defence Force as a Network Engineer; a position that led to a transfer to Wellington in 2006 and saw Mark heavily involved in both local and international projects, designing and implementing complex IP networks within multi-agency and multi-national environments.

Whilst in Wellington, Mark was part of the team that delivered the successful LCA2010 event in Wellington. Later in 2010, Mark returned to Auckland as part of a move back into the ISP space, taking on a Network Operations role for a medium sized ISP before joining email security specialists SMX as the Operations Team Leader. Two years on, Mark continues to have a hand in the day-to-day engineering side of the business but his primary responsibilities are as the manager responsible for customer support and training.

Graham Lauder

Graham has 12 years as an active member of the OpenOffice.org community including 7 years as New Zealand Marketing Contact for OOo. He is also founding member of the PPMC for the Apache OpenOffice Incubator project and now committer on the Apache OpenOffice Project. OpenSUSE ambassador and Free Software advocate, he has presented on Open Source software to numerous End User organisations. As Open Source Software

Trainer and INGOTs Assessor Trainer, he was part of the team that ran the OpenOffice MiniConf at the Dunedin LCA. He also presented Speaker Training Workshops at both the Dunedin LCA conference and the Wellington LCA as well as having been a Volunteer Gofer at the Wellington LCA.

For several years in the nineties he owned his own event management company so facilities management is part of his skillset, an asset to a conference organising committee. He is a four wheel driving enthusiast and a Chiefs supporter, which he hopes the Auckland committee won't hold against him!

Amanda Jackson

This ever inquisitive all round teccy is always keen to hear about new technologies and find out new ways to do things. Amanda started out in IT by rewriting a QBasic version of Donkey Kong to get bigger bananas. It seemed quite logical, fun and easy, so off to college she went to study those new fangled computer things - this is back in the dark ages of dot commands and 51/4" floppies.

Glenn Oglivie

Glenn is passionate about open source software, freedom and community. He has worked with Linux and Open Source technologies from 1999, being both his job and hobby. He is currently employed at Open Systems Specialists, where recent projects include designing and building enterprise configuration

management solutions, web stacks and security solutions for a number of NZ businesses. Having attended every LCA since Canberra 2005, Glenn is a keen supporter of LCA and believes it's a valuable experience for Open Source developers and Linux system admins to re-energise, learn, share, network and build friendships. Glenn is a contributor to a number of small open source projects and a package maintainer for Mageia.

Tim McNamara

Tim is the Communities and Communications Programme Lead at the New Zealand eScience Infrastructure, the country's national supercomputing centre. He has been involved heavily in the New Zealand free and Open Source software communities, with technical contributions visible on various code-sharing repositories under the nickname "timClicks". His conference experience includes being the director of Kiwi PyCon 2010 and being part of the organising committee for the New Zealand eResearch Symposium 2012, NZ/AU Open Research 2013 and eResearch NZ 2013.

Patrick Brennan

Patrick has been commercially involved with Open Source solutions for 13 years and as a hobbyist for even longer. He previously worked for Open Systems Specialists Limited delivering significant portions of Air New Zealand's web infrastructure on Open Source

platforms. Patrick has recently moved to Catalyst IT where he is helping to build the Auckland office. During his tenure at Open Systems Specialists, Patrick helped to design, build, and implement a complete Open Desktop solution for Albany Senior High School - a topic he spoke about at both LCA2010 and LCA2011.

Patrick is a keen musician and often records and masters using Open Source toolchains. Patrick mentors students at the local amateur theatre and is also involved with corporate events most recently acting as Stage Manager for the Albany Westfield Excellence in Retail awards. Patrick is excited to be part of the Auckland bid for LCA2015.

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS

- Nick Clifford
- Simon Lyall
- Andrew Sands
- Lisa Sands
- Shane Geddes
- Max Lay
- Tamara Olliver
- Bob Harvey
- Janine Eastwood

REMOTE SUPPORT

- Andrew Ruthven
- Marco Ostini
- Pia Waugh
- Francois Marier

Previous LCA conferences





Proposed programme

We are delighted to propose the following programme outline for Linux.Conf.Au 2015.

PROPOSED DATES

12-19 January 2015, or 19-26 January 2015.

OPEN SOURCE OPEN DAY

We plan to continue the successful tradition of hosting an Open Day which

will enable sponsors and participants to showcase their products and projects to LCA and the general public. This opportunity for Open Source software and hardware to be viewed by the general public is a wonderful marketing opportunity for LCA, it's sponsors and delegates.

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

Post conference touring options as outlined in Pre & Post Touring section.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.30 - 9.30	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations	Registrations
9.30 - 10.00	Opening	Keynote	Keynote	Keynote	Keynote
10.30 - 11.00	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea	Morning tea
11.30 - 12.20	Miniconfs	Miniconfs	Conference	Conference	Conference
12.20 - 13.20	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13.30 - 15.10	Miniconfs	Miniconfs	Conference	Conference	Conference
15.10 - 15.40	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea
15.40 - 17.30	Miniconfs	Miniconfs	Conference	Conference	Close
Evening		Speaker's Dinner - Fale Pasifika	PDNS – Eden Park	BOF Sessions	Penguin Dinner - Orams Marine Village Boat Park

Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand







The last major land mass in the world to be discovered and occupied, ours is a young country of awesome beauty.

From majestic fiords and alps in the South Island to the native forests and sandy bays of the north, New Zealand is full of stunning landscapes, unique flora and fauna and unspoiled countryside. The overwhelming impression of the land is pure and green, with fresh air and clean waters.

Cities and towns are spaced the length of the country, with miles of green fields interspersed with forests of native trees and bush or commercial forests of pine. Beautiful sub-tropical beaches are to be found everywhere — even within 10 minutes of downtown Auckland.

New Zealand offers a modern and sophisticated urban lifestyle combined with a natural and unspoiled rural heritage that sets it apart from the rest of the world. We have a stable political environment and have led the world in many areas of social policy, scientific achievements and sporting triumphs. For a nation of 4.5 million people, New Zealand produces an extraordinary number of achievers in many areas.

There is a rich indigenous Māori culture entwined with many cultures from around the world.

New Zealanders are friendly, independent, free-spirited and welcoming. There is nothing we enjoy more than showing overseas visitors 'our place' in the South Pacific.



Auckland - the Pacific meeting place

A world-class event demands a world-class destination and Auckland has it all. New Zealand's largest city is a premier convention and incentive destination and home to a vast array of hotels, venues, attractions and touring options.









Auckland is one of the great cities of the South Pacific, where stunning natural beauty meets big city style. Home to 1.5 million people and buzzing with excitement, the city abounds with modern shopping areas, a myriad of excellent cafés and restaurants and superb events all year round. Yet its setting is a natural paradise of sparkling harbours, native forests, dormant volcanoes and beautiful beaches.

Auckland is more than a city – it's a whole region full of things to see and do. From the tranquil waters and emerald islands of the Hauraki Gulf to the urban sophistication of downtown. The sheer diversity of the place means you can experience any kind of adventure. As a destination for any business event, Auckland has few parallels. There's every type of venue you could imagine and a list of activities and events to enjoy that defies imagination.

Any interest, any season; your delegates will be thrilled with what Auckland has to offer. The shopping is world-class and the outdoor world and nature adventures are close at hand. Gourmet cuisine, vineyards, live entertainment, top sports events, theatre, outstanding sights and attractions – Auckland is home to them all.

Auckland is also the largest Polynesian city in the world, with a dynamic mix of Pacific cultures and other cultures from all around the globe. Auckland's allure to visitors is reflected in the name it was given by early Māori: Tāmaki Makaurau – the maiden desired by a hundred lovers.

Auckland has the people and the places to make your conference experience one to be remembered.

Climate and seasonality

Auckland enjoys a sub-tropical climate without extremes of temperature. It is the warmest main centre in New Zealand and is also one of the sunniest, with an average of 2060 sunshine hours per annum.

Summer is from December to February, autumn (fall) is March to May, winter is June to August and spring is September to November. The average daily maximum temperature is 23.7 °C (74.7°F) in February and 15.2°C (59.4°F) in June.

Accessible Auckland

It is easy to get to Auckland to attend a conference. We are approximately a ten-hour flight from most places on the Pacific Rim, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo and the west coast of the USA. It is only a three hour flight from the eastern seaboard of Australia.

AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

21 international airlines fly direct to Auckland

from 35 destinations around the world

Handling over 70% of all international arrivals

into New Zealand

2nd largest airport

in Australasia

366 flights from the Asia Pacific Rim (inc. Australia) per week

Sydney: 116 Melbourne: 67 Brisbane: 53 Perth: 31

Gold Coast: 19 Adelaide: 6 Cairns: 5



^{*}Flight figures supplied by Auckland Airport. Based on a monthly average from Auckland Airport as at June 2013

Airport transfers

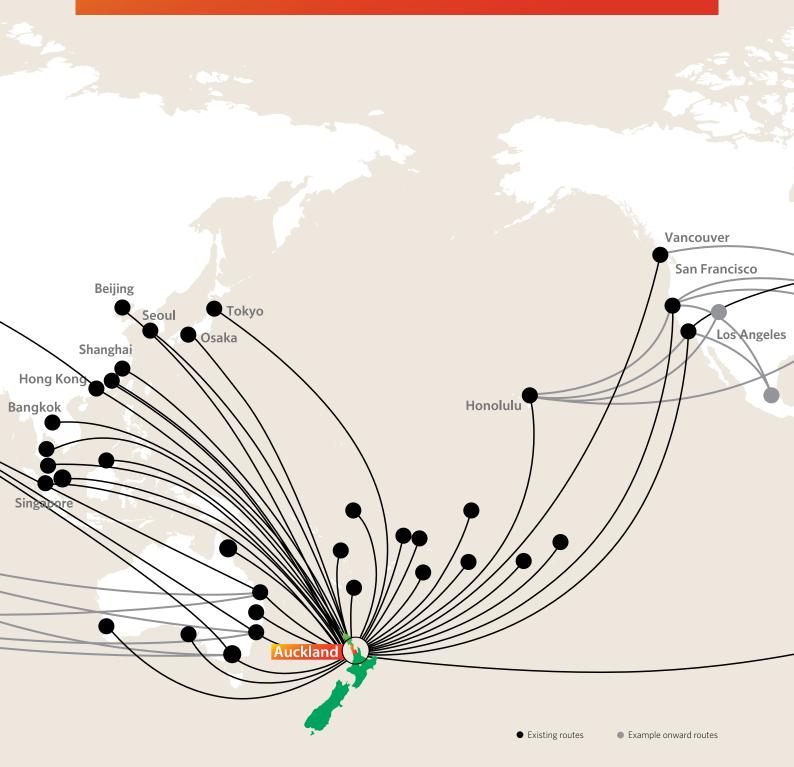
The central business district is just 20km from Auckland Airport.

The Airbus provides a frequent service between the airport and inner city hotels at a cost of NZ\$33 return or NZ\$16 one way.

A shuttle service (shared ride option) is available at NZ\$28 for the first passenger and NZ\$8 for each additional passenger, to a maximum of seven passengers.

The 40-minute taxi ride from the airport to central business district costs approximately NZ\$60-75.

Prices are valid as at April 2013 and subject to change





PROPOSED CONFERENCE VENUE

The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university and the country's only university to be included in the Times Higher Education top 200. With world-class facilities and a superb central location, it also makes an ideal conference venue.

It is also the highest ranked New Zealand university in the QS World University Rankings and Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities. Some 35 per cent of the top ranked academic researchers in New Zealand are at The University of Auckland.

Founded by Act of Parliament in 1883 as a College of the University of New Zealand, The University of Auckland became fully independent in 1962. At first the college dedicated itself to providing opportunities for higher education in the arts, science and music, and vocational education in law, teaching and commerce. Over time its curriculum has expanded to include architecture, fine arts, engineering, planning, medical and health sciences and theology.

The original staff of four professors and a registrar has swelled to over 2000 academic and 2800 professional staff. In 1883 the college enrolled 95 students; now it enrols more than 40,000 each year.

The university was established in the heart of the small colonial city of Auckland and has grown to become a major feature of the twenty-first century city, with a total of five campuses. The iconic Clock Tower, built in 1926, is a city landmark and the more recent Owen G. Glenn Building for the Business School is one of the most commented on buildings of its time.

The university is an international university with staff and students from all around the world.

Both staff and students participate in international exchanges and attend international conferences. These

international linkages are vital to a teaching and research university that strives to be academically excellent and to provide its staff and students with the best possible educational and career opportunities.

THE OWEN G. GLENN BUILDING

Opened in 2008, the Owen G. Glenn Building (OGGB) is one of Auckland's most architecturally striking buildings. Situated in the heart of the City Campus, the OGGB is just minutes from downtown Auckland, and has a myriad of café and accommodation providers at its doorstep.

Equipped with the latest digital technology and teaching facilities, the OGGB also offers sweeping views of the Auckland Domain and Rangitoto Island making it a unique location for learning.







BUILDING FACILITIES

The OGGB offers a range of purposebuilt teaching facilities ideal for the conference plenary and sessions:

- Two 569-seat lecture theatres
- Two 290-seat lecture theatres
- One 142-seat lecture theatres
- Four 70-seat case rooms
- 16 seminar/meeting rooms that range in size seating up to a maximum of 50

LECTURE THEATRE TECHNOLOGY

The OGGB lecture theatres are equipped with the following:

- Dual screens
- Dual projectors
- Lecture computer
- · Guest input
- Aux's input RCA cable for VHS or DVD player and sound input which are RCA
- DOC camera
- VHS/DVD player
- Touch AMX controller system for control of MIC Lights and data projectors
- · Lapel microphone
- Lecture microphone

Case rooms have a similar set up, with a single screen and single data projector.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

There are seven university-managed early childhood centres at the City, Epsom and Grafton campuses, available for students and staff at the university and, where space allows, members of the local communities. Of the seven, two are Māori-centric.

All centres are staffed by qualified, experienced and caring people who provide a safe, nurturing environment and high standards of early childhood education.

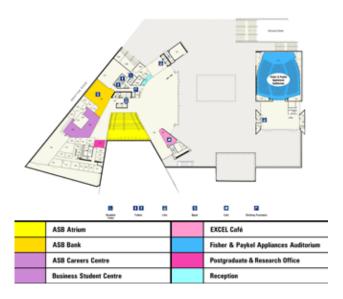
As a delegate attending a conference supported by The University of Auckland, short stay childcare can be arranged. As a parent or caregiver, you're welcome to visit, explore and ask questions about any of these facilities.

THE RECREATION CENTRE

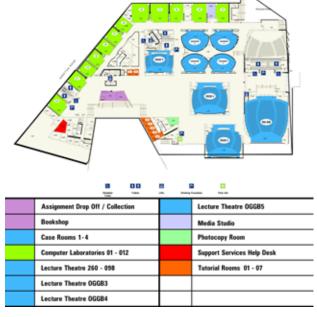
The Recreation Centre is a large multipurpose complex for students, staff and alumni. The building, much of it below ground, has received several awards, including the gold medal of the NZ Institute of Architects. The main hall, 918 square metres, with seating for 500 people, is used for badminton, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, table tennis, and indoor hockey and soccer.

The centre also has health and fitness, dance and martial arts studios, and squash courts. Sport and recreation staff will work with you to offer your delegates an option to keep active while attending your conference.

Owen G. Glenn Building, Level 1



Owen G. Glenn Building, Level 2



PROPOSED FUNCTION VENUES

Three unique options

Auckland offers an array of venue options that cater to any conference social function. We have profiled three venues that each offer a unique setting and encourage networking.

PDNS - EDEN PARK

Where else would you want to open a conference of champions than at the World Cup Rugby Champions' home ground – Eden Park. Take a tour through the grounds, enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the All Blacks changing rooms, and visit the Hall of Legends, all memorable experiences that no other venue can offer.

Get you conference name and logo on New zealand's largest super screens, or show live tweets from your delegates.

SPEAKER'S DINNER - THE FALE PASIFIKA

Located next to the OGGB, the Fale Pasifika is an iconic building on the university campus and plays an important role as the touch point between the university and Pacific communities.

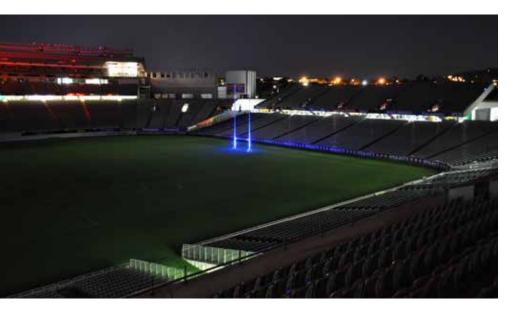
Opened in October 2004, the Fale Pasifika is a traditional Pacific Island meeting house. It is the second-largest in the Southern Hemisphere and stands 12 metres high. The timber framework is New Zealand radiata pine, some of which was laminated to produce the traditional roof. Both traditional and contemporary Pacific artworks feature in the interior. It is an ideal place for hosting cocktail functions and seated dinners. Prepare to be immersed in Pacific culture.

PENGUIN DINNER - ORAMS MARINE VILLAGE BOAT PARK

With the sparkling harbour as the jewel in Auckland's crown, it seems only fit to spend the final night at the water's edge. Orams Marine Village Boat Park is a multipurpose waterfront venue located in downtown Auckland with stunning views of Westhaven Marina and the Auckland Harbour Bridge. A working boat park by day, the venue can be transformed into a unique dinner venue at night.

From uplit boats to an enormous ceiling and a chill-out lounge area, Orams Marine Village Boat Park offers the perfect place to enjoy a nautical Auckland experience.

Eden Park



Orams Marine Village Boat Park

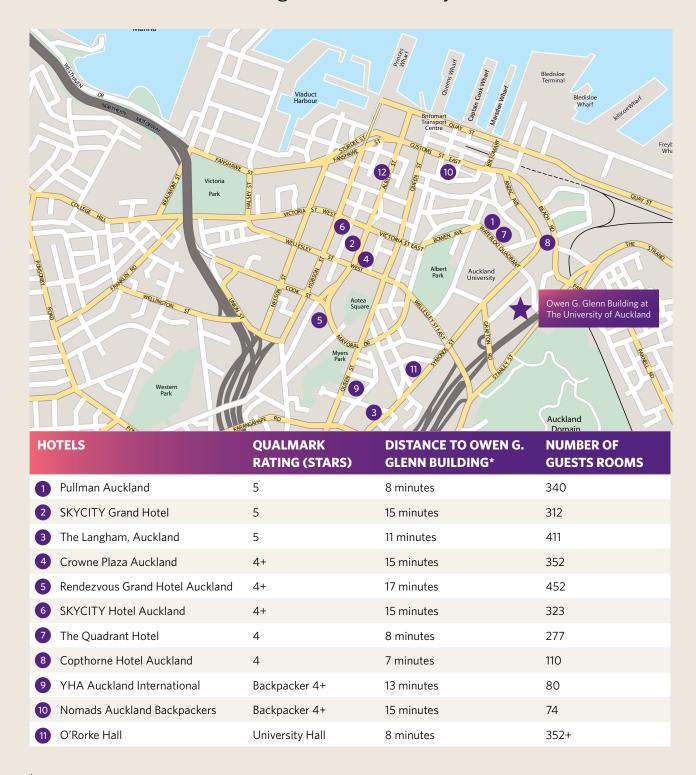




ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Accommodation in Auckland

Auckland's central business district (CBD) features over 6,000 rooms that range in style from 2-star to 5-star accommodation. This is just a small selection of key hotels within close walking distance to the Owen G. Glenn Building at The University of Auckland.



PULLMAN AUCKLAND

Pullman Auckland enjoys stunning views of the Auckland harbour's and parks. The hotel is located just a few minutes' walk from the city centre and within easy access of many Auckland attractions. The hotel offers 270 beautifully appointed European style guest rooms and suites in the 14 storey Pullman Tower, complemented by 70 deluxe rooms, one and two bedroom apartment style suites and penthouses in the 17 storey residences. Spa at the Pullman offers six New Zealand themed treatment rooms, fully equipped gym, 25 metre heated swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and steam room - an ideal offering for those with fitness and relaxation in mind.

www.pullmanhotels.com

SKYCITY GRAND HOTEL

Discover an oasis of luxury in the vibrant heart of Auckland - indulgent, sophisticated and restful. The Qualmark rated 5-star, 312 room SKYCITY Grand Hotel offers a range of facilities and services unparalleled in Auckland. There is no doubt this hotel can offer a superior experience, with a range of lead-in luxury rooms, 17 standard suites and three grand presidential suites, along with a 10-room day spa, fully-

equipped gymnasium and 25 metre lap pool, limousine service, 24-hour room service, and four restaurants onsite within the hotel (three with award-winning chefs - Peter Gordon, Al Brown and Sean Connelly - at the helm). SKYCITY Grand Hotel provides easy access to airport routes and is located within easy walking distance to Queen Street shopping and waterfront restaurants.

www.skycityauckland.co.nz

THE LANGHAM, AUCKLAND

Distinguished among Auckland hotels, this 5-star hotel embodies enchanting hospitality and elegance in the heart of this vibrant city.

The seasoned traveller will appreciate the variety of rooms and facilities
The Langham, Auckland has to offer, including a complimentary city shuttle and luxury limousine service.
www.langhamhotels.co.nz

CROWNE PLAZA AUCKLAND

Conveniently located in the heart of Auckland's central business district, above the Atrium on Elliott shopping complex, Crowne Plaza Auckland is the ideal base for visiting delegates. Featuring 352 spacious, well appointed

guest rooms and suites, including interconnecting and accessible rooms, Crowne Plaza Auckland caters for all accommodation requirements. www.crowneplaza.co.nz

RENDEZVOUS GRAND HOTEL AUCKLAND

Located in the very heart of cosmopolitan Auckland, a stay at Rendezvous Grand Hotel places guests within walking distance of some of the city's finest dining, shopping and entertainment, including Queen Street and the Viaduct Harbour. The hotel is also linked via an underground tunnel to four of Auckland's most significant venues - Aotea Centre, The Civic, Auckland Town Hall and Aotea Square.

This hotel offers fantastic facilities for business and leisure travellers alike. These include a business centre, health club, indoor heated swimming pool, individual male and female saunas, Japanese rooftop garden, and a variety of award-winning restaurants and bars. www.rendezvoushotels.com

SKYCITY AUCKLAND HOTEL

One of New Zealand's most popular hotels, the Qualmark rated 4+ star SKYCITY Hotel offers 323 recently

SKYCITY Grand Hotel





refurbished rooms and a place to relax and unwind with world-class entertainment onsite. With a range of lead-in room types, over 170 twin rooms, and 28 self contained suites on offer, fantastic city and harbour views and 24-hour room service, this hotel offers comfort and location. Part of the buzzing SKYCITY entertainment precinct, there are over 17 bars, cafés and restaurants to choose from onsite, along with the SKYCITY Casino and the iconic Sky Tower right on the doorstep. www.skycityauckland.co.nz

THE QUADRANT HOTEL

The Quadrant is a superior Auckland CBD hotel with a Qualmark 4 star rating. Conveniently located in the heart of Auckland City, The Quadrant radiates all of the style and sophistication that you would expect to find in Auckland City throughout each and every one of the 277 rooms within the hotel.

Modern, spacious yet cosy range of rooms, from Deluxe Queen, One Bedroom, Two Bedroom and spectacular Penthouse options, each equipped with modern fittings, making the Quadrant Hotel your ideal accommodation choice.

You can discover all that Auckland has to offer: Vector Arena, Sky Tower,

Auckland Viaduct, Queen Street and High Street shopping precincts are all within walking distance.

Start the day in the character Quad Restaurant and end it in the intimate Quad Bar. Here you can quench your thirst with a dazzling array of cocktails, New Zealand wines and beers. After a long day, you can even relax and recharge your batteries in the enchanting spa, overlooking the picturesque Zen Garden.

www.quadrant-hotel-auckland.com

COPTHORNE HOTEL AUCKLAND

This welcoming Auckland city hotel is centrally located, within easy walking distance of Queen Street shopping, Central Business District and Auckland University. Auckland's Viaduct Basin and Vector Arena are less than 10 minutes walk away and there is easy motorway access to greater Auckland and northern and southern gateways. Limited car parking available at a cost per night and subject to availability.

All 110 guest rooms are equipped with Sky TV, high speed internet access, air conditioning and the sound proofing of 'hush windows' and a balcony that offers spectacular seascape or city views.

Copthorne Hotel Auckland City is a Qualmark 4 Star and Enviro Silver Qualmark rated hotel.

YHA AUCKLAND INTERNATIONAL

The YHA Auckland International is 4-star plus Qualmark rated, staffed 24 hours and offers excellent amenities. Located just off Auckland's Queen Street, this YHA combines the excitement of the city with safe and secure accommodation.

The hostel can cater to individual travellers, families and groups and offers a range of clean and comfortable rooms from different sized dorm rooms (male or female only available), to private twin, and double en suite rooms.

The YHA Auckland International has a large fully equipped kitchen and dining room as well as a spacious and relaxing lounge area with Sky TV and a pool table, making it a great place to relax. www.yha.co.nz

The Quadrant Hotel



Copthorne Hotel Auckland





The University of Auckland, O'Rorke Hall

NOMADS AUCKLAND BACKPACKERS HOSTEL

This beautiful historic building is jampacked with all the latest mod cons like a free to use Spa and Sauna, rooftop kitchen, sundeck and Fort Street Union Bar on the first floor.

Nomads Auckland Backpackers Hostel and newly renovated Fort Street Union Bar is perfectly located on Fort St in the heart of downtown Auckland. Nomads Auckland has some of the best facilities you will ever find in a backpackers hostel, from deluxe en-suite private rooms with TV, to elegantly appointed shared accommodation with crisp clean linen. www.nomadsworld.com

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND HALLS - O'RORKE HALL

The University of Auckland has a total of 5 Halls of Residence with 1,435 rooms available. It is currently building a sixth hall which will be open in 2015.

The closest of all our halls of residence is O'Rorke Hall, right on the doorstep of the City Campus but also to Auckland's central business district and main arterial routes through the city making access to public transport quick and convenient.

O'Rorke Hall is located on Mount Street and is 5mn walking distance from the OGGB. With a capacity of 352 rooms and about 25 individual rooms on each floor, it is a great and affordable option for your delegates. Our residential team will welcome you and provide support to your delegates to ensure their experience reflects the University's strive for excellence. There is also a duty person available 24 hours a day.

Partners'
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Partners' Experience

With an irresistible combination of magnificent natural scenery and a vibrant city lifestyle, Auckland is a place of exciting contrasts and endless adventures. Beautiful scenery, world-class shopping, fine food and wine, rich culture, a buzzing cosmopolitan lifestyle and plenty of action and adventure – here's just a taste of what partners can experience.

We propose a different theme to be experienced each day to showcase the diversity of activities Auckland has to offer. An outline incorporating a daily theme for the partner experience is below:

- Monday Wild Auckland
- Tuesday Culture and Arts
- Wednesday Transport and Technology
- Thursday Island Life
- Friday Foodie Heaven

ON THE WATER

With its incredible harbour setting, there's plenty to do out on the water in Auckland. Charter a boat, hire a kayak, head out on a whale and dolphin safari, relax on a coffee cruise, zoom around the harbour on a high speed jet boat or enjoy the unique opportunity to sail or match race on an America's Cup yacht. Explore the islands of the Hauraki Gulf – many are just a short ferry ride away.

ARTS & CULTURE

Immerse yourself in Māori culture – see the amazing collection of Māori taonga (treasures) at the Auckland Museum and catch one of the daily cultural performances. Take a walking tour of Auckland's volcanoes with a guide from the local iwi (tribe), or sail the harbour on a traditional sailing waka. Be sure to visit the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, housing more than 15,000

artworks from the old masters to some of New Zealand's best contemporary artists. Head to the Voyager New Zealand Maritime Museum to discover the way the sea has shaped New Zealand's history and cultural identity, from the Polynesians' epic migration, to European discoveries and settlement, to modern-day yachting success.

Staying with the transport theme, MOTAT is New Zealand's largest and leading transport and technology museum. Take an interactive journey through many of the technological achievements that have helped shape New Zealand.

Dolphin watching on the Waitemata Harbour; Auckland Museum; Shopping in central Auckland







SHOPPING

It's easy to indulge in some top-notch retail therapy when you're in Auckland. The beautifully restored historic buildings in Britomart are home to the flagship stores of New Zealand's most internationally successful designers including Zambesi, World and Kate Sylvester, alongside top international labels. Other top fashion precincts include bustling Ponsonby Road, Parnell's exclusive boutiques, thriving Newmarket and the High Street/Chancery/Vulcan Lane quarter of the city. You can also browse local markets to pick up quality foods, fashion and Kiwi arts and crafts.

ISLAND ADVENTURES

Auckland's Hauraki Gulf Marine Park encompasses an incredible 1.2 million hectares of coast, sea and islands - and there are so many ways to explore it. Waiheke Island is the jewel of the Hauraki Gulf, a haven of beautiful vineyards, olive groves, farm land and beaches - all just a 35-minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland. Known as the 'Island of Wine' you can sample award-winning drops from some of the 30 boutique vineyards, enjoy fine dining and take in the island's stunning views. Climb the volcanic cone of Rangitoto, Auckland's most iconic natural landmark, or take a guided 4WD tour to the summit for breathtaking

360-degree views. Tiritiri Matangi Island wildlife sanctuary is one of the most successful conservation projects in the world and a great destination for nature lovers. Discover the crystal clear waters of Kawau Island, the fascinating history of Rotoroa Island – open to the public for the first time in 100 years – or the remote untouched wilderness of Great Barrier Island.

FOOD & WINE

Surrounded by fertile land and rich waters, Auckland has always had great produce on its doorstep. These days it also boasts world-class chefs, food producers and winemakers and is becoming internationally recognised as a foodie destination. From degustation delights to seafood restaurants and ethnic fusion, it's all here. Auckland is surrounded by wine regions, with more than 80 vineyards within 20 kilometres of the central city. Sip on award-winning wines on an exclusive tour, excite the taste buds on a food tour or enjoy great local produce at the Auckland Fish Market or one of the region's many farmers' markets.

FROM MILD TO WILD

The greatest thing about Auckland's extraordinary variety is there's an adventure to suit everyone. You can

bungy jump off the harbour bridge, go canyoning in the wild west coast rainforest, heli-fish on a distant Hauraki Gulf island or quad bike through the forest. For something more mellow, walkers can tramp through native rainforest or along spectacular coastal paths in Auckland's regional parks, go horse riding along a deserted white sand beach, or indulge in luxury spa treatments or personalised shopping tours.

GO WILD

Journey beneath the ocean for a fisheye view of New Zealand's coastal and tropical regions – all without getting wet. Kelly Tarlton's Underwater World is also home to the world's largest penguin colony the most species of stingray. Following this spectacular marine experience, then visit Auckland Zoo to get up close and personal with new Zealand's largest collection of native and exotic animals. This is a place to see a real Kiwi if you have not already seen one.

GOLF

Auckland is an ideal spot for a round of golf, with a great mix of coastal and inland courses. Whether you're after international quality resort courses or picturesque local gems, there's a perfect round for players of all abilities.



Onsite activities and information desk for delegates

i-SITE Visitor Centres are a trusted network of visitor information centres that help out thousands of travellers each year book transport, accommodation and activities anywhere in New Zealand.

We'll provide a free mobile i-SITE desk onsite, so that your delegates

can discover and book things to do and places to go during and after the conference. During breakout times we'll staff the desk with an expert representative and while sessions are in progress we'll ensure there's a comprehensive range of information available for delegates to take away and consume at their leisure.







Pre & Post Touring

Where else in the world can you be snorkelling in crystal-clear waters in the morning, and skiing on powdery snow just a few hours later? Or venturing deep into the rainforest one hour and sailing on an America's Cup yacht on a glorious harbour the next?

However much of Auckland your delegates enjoy,we encourage them to experience the contrasts offered by the rest of the country. Travel north across Auckland's Harbour Bridge, along the beautiful Hibiscus Coast to the Bay of Islands — a relaxed, four-hour drive.

On arrival, visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Considered to be the birth place of New Zealand as a bicultural nation, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds are set in an extensive park-like reserve.

Learn about the first Māori canoes to New Zealand, the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi and visit Te Whare Runanga, a fully carved Māori meeting house which is representative of all iwi (regional tribes) in New Zealand.

Travel back to Auckland and then south over the Bombay Hills to Waitomo or Matamata to Hobbiton. Discover the real Middle-earth on the most picturesque private farmland near Matamata in the North Island of New Zealand, where you can visit the Hobbiton Movie Set from The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit film trilogies in a fascinating two-hour guided tour.

Visit the Waitomo Caves and enjoy the magical boat ride through the glow-worm grotto. Continue on via Lake Karapiro to arrive in Rotorua. Enjoy a Māori hangi (feast) and concert in the evening.

Rotorua is the centre of the geothermal region of New Zealand and is also a major centre for Māori culture. Boiling mud, geysers and silica deposits surrounding the lake attract visitors from all over the world. Enjoy a thermal tour — visit Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve, Rainbow Springs and Farm Show and Lake Rotorua. Perhaps take a tour to Mt Tarawera or the Buried Village, or enjoy a swim at the Polynesian Spa.

Alternatively, head down to the stunning South Island and use Queenstown as

your base to walk The Milford Track — long described as the finest walk in the world. Spend time in Queenstown, the adventure capital of the world. Bungy jump, go jet boating, white water rafting, hiking, climbing and horse trekking. Then enjoy a wine tour of one of the best wine regions in New Zealand.

Depart for a full day journey from Queenstown to Franz Josef. During the trip you will traverse Kawarau Gorge, Hawera River and Lake Wanaka. Travel through Haast and continue on to Franz Josef. View the magnificent Franz Josef glacier then travel to Greymouth on board the scenic Tranz Alpine for a rail journey famous for its spectacular mountain scenery as it traverses the Southern Alps which divide the East and West coasts of the South Island. Travel across the Canterbury Plains and back to the garden city of Christchurch where domestic and international flights to many destinations await to take you home.



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