

TARANAKI CONFERENCE TOOLKIT



YOUR GUIDE TO UNFORGETTABLE BUSINESS EVENTS IN TARANAKI.



WHY TARANAKI?

Delight your conference delegates by choosing to hold your next event in vibrant Taranaki. Taranaki has plenty of long sun-filled days to keep the soul happy. When it comes to delivering memorable and seamless conferences and events, and leaving delegates inspired and impressed, Taranaki doesn't disappoint.

Take innovative architecture, vibrant arts and culture, a bustling restaurant and café scene, and pair this with wide open spaces, a dynamic coastal location, and a majestic mountain, and you have Taranaki. Not to mention the welcoming locals ready to display manaakitanga to visitors. Taranaki is turning the heads of conference organisers who are looking for new, unforgettable locations to act as the ultimate backdrop to their events. You could say there has never been a better time to hold your convention in Taranaki. How about adding value to your next conference by aligning the timing with one of Taranaki's epic events?

Let us surprise and delight you with what the region has to offer: unique, breath-taking venues, excellent accommodation options within walking distance of the main conference location, and memorable experiences for delegates and accompanying partners.

Combine all of this with the experienced and professional conference organisers at the recommended venues, and a solutions-driven and committed team at the region's Regional Development Agency, Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki, and you have the recipe for an outstanding event.

- Stunning scenery, and natural landscapes
- Diverse and affordable venues and accommodation options
- · Daily flights to Christchurch, Auckland, and Wellington
- Accessible by road
- Easy to get around
- Exceptional food and beverage offering, and visitor experiences for delegates to stay and play a little longer.









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TOTALLY ACCESSIBLE

It's easy to get to Taranaki. New Plymouth Airport, which won gold at the Designers Institute of New Zealand Best Design Awards, is a short 50-minute direct flight from Auckland and Wellington, and a 90-min flight from Christchurch. Air New Zealand schedules regular daily flights into New Plymouth.

Taranaki is just a scenic drive away from many more parts of the country. New Plymouth is a 4.5-hour picturesque drive from either Auckland or Wellington, with numerous spots to refuel with good coffee, or discover points of interest along the way. It's around 3.5 hours' drive to Rotorua or Taupō, 3 hours to Hamilton or Palmerston North, and 4 hours to Tauranga.

AUCKLAND

50-min flight 4.5-hour drive

Taranaki

WELLINGTON

4.5-hour drive

CHRISTCHURCH

90-min fligh

HERE TO HELP

As the Regional Development Agency and Convention Bureau for Taranaki, Te Puna Umanga Venture Taranaki provides free assistance to organisations who are considering Taranaki as their next conference destination. Let us save you time and energy by making the process of organising your event as simple as possible.

WHAT WE DO:

Our team knows the best kept secrets when it comes to arranging a conference in Taranaki – let us help you with:

- information on suitable venues, accommodation and transport options
- assistance in developing partner programmes and 'free time' itineraries
- destination familiarisations for event/conference organisers considering Taranaki as an option
- provision of a range of digital brochures and guides on 'things to do' in Taranaki
- free access to regional images and information to promote your Taranaki event
- advice and support.

A FRIENDLY FACE

Melissa Devine, Visitor & Events Advisor melissa.devine@venture.org.nz

Our Visitor & Events Advisor will work with you to ensure your delegates have the best possible experience during their time in Taranaki, and that your function or event is talked about for years to come.









PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANISERS AND EVENT MANAGERS

If you require more information, get in touch with Venture Taranaki or the following Taranaki-based Professional Conference Organisers.

AUAHA CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

06 759 6920 events@auaha.co.nz auaha.co.nz



COMPASS SEMINARS NZ

o6 759 1647 office@compass.ac.nz compass.ac.nz

CONFERENCE TARANAKI

022 371 9349 conferencetaranaki@gmail.com conferencetaranaki.co.nz







NEW PLYMOUTH

GOVETT-BREWSTER ART GALLERY/ LEN LYE CENTRE

Features: A stunning destination offering unique experiences amidst art and architecture.

Max Capacity: Capacity varies depending on the current exhibitions. Please talk to the team to see what will be on.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor

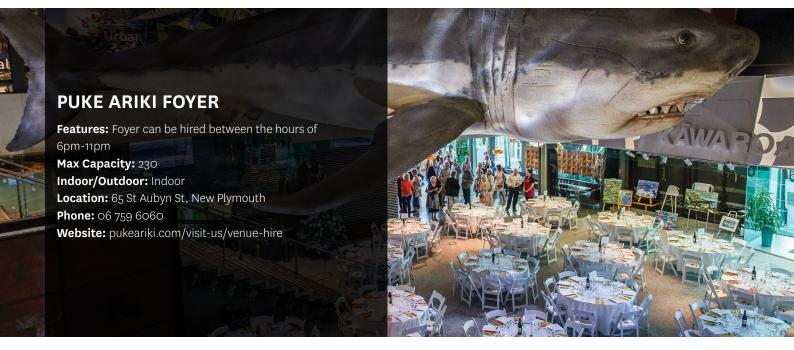
Location: 42 Queen St, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 759 6715

Email: venues@govettbrewster.com **Website:** govettbrewster.com



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Todd Energy Foyer	n/a	n/a	n/a	120	n/a
Todd Energy Learning Centre	100	50	80	100	40
Gallery 6	100	n/a	80	200	n/a
Len Lye Centre Cinema	60	60	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other gallery spaces may be available – ple	ease check at time of e	enquiry			



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Puke Ariki Foyer	100	n/a	100	230	n/a

PUKEKURA FUNCTION CENTRE

Features: Wide range of flexible event spaces for 5 to 500

attendees

Max Capacity: 500
Indoor/Outdoor: Both

Location: 1 Rogan St, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 757 5759

Email: taranakiracing@xtra.co.nz **Website:** pukekurafunctions.co.nz



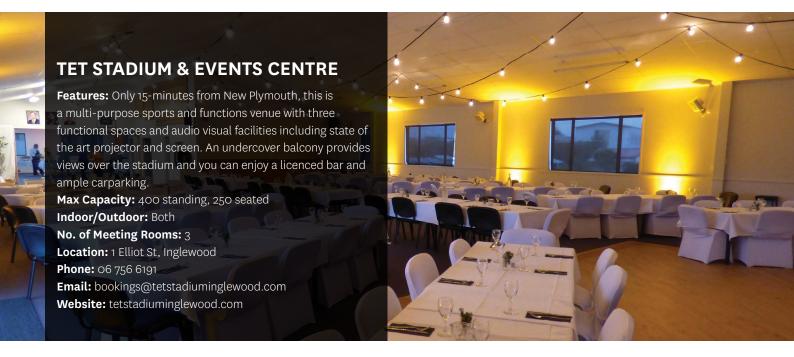
Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
La Mer Lounge	300	250	450	500	n/a
Rough Habit Lounge	200	150	120	150	50
Egmont Room	30	25	n/a	40	30



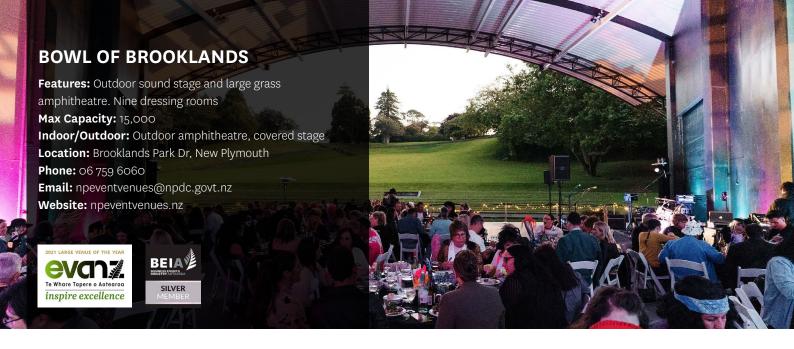
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Auditorium	450	300	300	300	n/a
Centennial Room	200	135	135	135	n/a
Blue Room	90	40	n/a	n/a	32
Meeting Room	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15



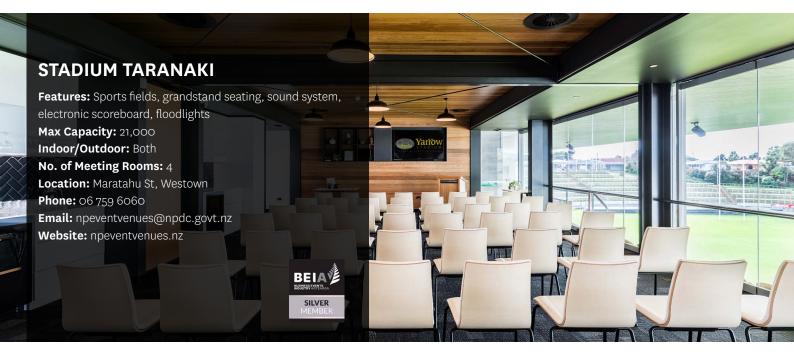
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TSB Stadium	3,188	n/a	1,000	3,518	n/a
Mezzanine Lounge	100	80	70	120	30
Mezzanine Meeting Room	50	50	50	50	20



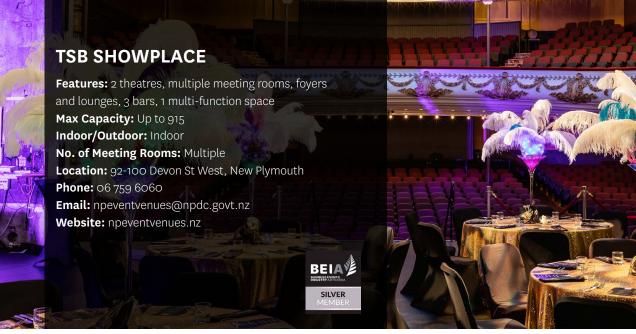
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Main Conference Room	150	80	170	275	n/a
Smaller Conference Room	50	30	80	125	n/a
Boardroom	n/a	10	n/a	n/a	15



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
TSB Bowl of Brooklands	15,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
The Bowl Stage	350	n/a	200	350	30



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Stadium Taranaki	21,000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Suite 1 or 2	80	48	60	80	38
East Stand Concourse	n/a	n/a	n/a	450	n/a
East Stand Corporate Lounge	400	n/a	350	400	n/a
East Stand Media Room	30	20	n/a	n/a	24



Closed for refurbishment from Oct 2025 - Jun 2026.

Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom	Workshop (Rounds)
TSB Theatre	915	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stage of TSB Theatre	120	n/a	100	160	60	n/a
Theatre Royal	527	150	350	450	n/a	n/a
Theatre Royal Lounge	80	36	64	160	30	n/a
Bryan Robb Lounge and Balcony Bar	80	40	60	160	30	n/a
Meeting Room	40	20	32	40	24	n/a
Alexandra Room	150	35	80	n/a	30	80
Alexandra room split into two	50	12	n/a	n/a	18	25

STRATFORD WAR MEMORIAL CENTRE Features: 2 meeting rooms, including 1 opening to adjoining garden, plus stadium with bleachers and tables. Car parking available. Commercial kitchen. Max Capacity: 1,000 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Areas: 3 Location: Miranda St, Stratford Phone: 06 765 6099 Email: stratforddc@stratford.govt.nz Website: stratfordd.govt.nz/council/facilities/halls

Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
TSB Chambers Room	50	30	20	50	20
Function Facility	120	110	100	120	n/a
Stadium	800	n/a	400	1,000	n/a

SOUTH TARANAKI

THE SINCLAIR ELECTRICAL AND REFRIGERATION EVENTS CENTRE

Features: Multi-purpose sports, function and recreation centre. Meeting rooms with projectors, restaurant, stadium with bleachers and electronic scoreboard, squash courts, gym

facilities.

Max Capacity: 750 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of meeting rooms: 4

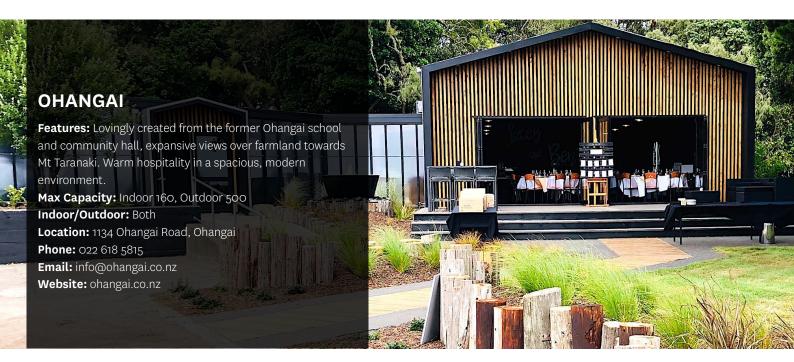
Location: 156 Tasman Street, Opunake, 4616

Phone: 06 761 7534

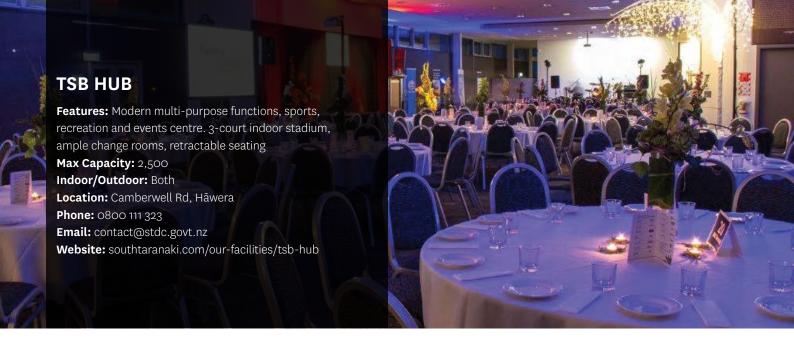
Email: sinclaireventscentre@gmail.com **Website:** sinclaireventscentre.co.nz



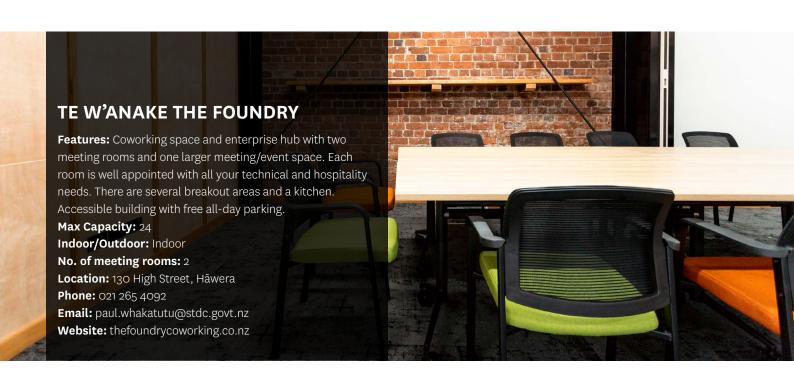
Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Restaurant	220	100	180	300	n/a
Stevensons Lounge	50	50	50	80	20
Meeting Room	10	10	n/a	n/a	10
Stadium	750	n/a	440	750	n/a
Maui Room	60	40	n/a	n/a	30



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
	100	48	100	160	44



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
2-court stadium (court 1 & 2)	2,000	n/a	1,000	2,500	n/a
1-court stadium (court 3)	600	n/a	500	800	n/a
East Lounge	50	24	40	50	20
West Lounge	50	24	40	50	20
Southern Lounge	300	70	150	200	50
Camberwell Lounge	450	100	240	400	50
Restaurant	70	30	60	100	30
Bar area	50	24	40	50	20
Smallbore Rifle Foyer	30	18	n/a	n/a	15
Cricket Pavilion	50	30	n/a	n/a	20
Boardroom 1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8
Boardroom 2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8



VENUES WITH ACCOMMODATION

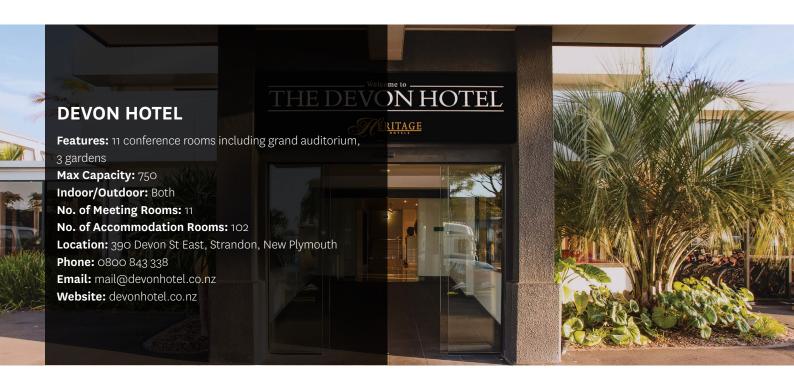
LARGEST ROOM CAPACITY OPTIONS

Taranaki has a number of conference venues with adjacent accommodation. Following is a list of them for your ease.

For more information see *taranaki.co.nz/visit*

NEW PLYMOUTH (200+ MAX CAPACITY)









Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Grand Auditorium	550	250	450	750	50
Hobson Room	300	150	180	400	50
Courtenay/Watson Rooms	220	125	150	300	50
Courtenay Room	100	45	60	150	30
Watson Room	80	36	50	125	30
Devon	80	36	50	80	30
The Forum	100	60	100	175	40
Gallery Room	40	24	48	55	21
Garden Court	35	18	-	50	21
Governors Boardroom	-	8	-	-	8
Tasman Room	-	8	-	-	8
Marbles Restaurant	-	-	380	-	-

PLYMOUTH INTERNATIONAL

Features: Ballroom, Grand ballroom, 6 function rooms to cater for all size meetings, functions and dinner events.

Onsite catering, bar, and award-winning restaurant, Taranaki's

Offsite Catering, Dar, and award-willing restaurant, Taran

only Flambe Restaurant. Close walk to CBD.

Max Capacity: 500 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 7

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 76

Location: Cnr Courtenay & Leach Sts, New Plymouth

Phone: 0800 800 597

Email: conference@plymouth.co.nz

Website: plymouth.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Grand Ballroom	450	200	350	500	100
The Ballroom	240	100	160	250	50
Hobson Room	190	84	120	200	50
Timandra Room	70	30	50	60	30
Blenheim Room	90	60	100	150	30
Brougham & Essex Rooms (each)	50	27	40	60	22
Poolside Suite	200	100	200	350	40
Poolside & Orangery Banqueting					
Centre			500		
Conservatory	n/a	n/a	70	n/a	n/a
Orangery Restaurant	n/a	n/a	98	n/a	n/a







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Waitangi Room	180	40	150	200	36
Te Atiawa Room	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	8
Te Hēnui Room	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	7







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Function Centre	200	125	125	225	80
Conference Room 1	30	30	30	40	25
Conference Room 2	20	15	20	20	15
Conference Room 3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6

AHU AHU BEACH VILLAS

Features: Sweeping sea views, on-site catering, unique accommodation and outdoor space for marquees

Max Capacity: 80 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 9
Location: 321 Lower Ahu Ahu Rd, Oakura

Phone: 027 365 7739 Email: holiday@ahu.co.nz Website: ahu.co.nz





Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Oraukawa Lodge	30	30	56	80	20

AUTO LODGE

Features: Can cater to a range of different conferences,

meetings, seminars and dinner events. On-site bar and catering

available.

Max Capacity: 120 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 2

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 92 Location: 393 Devon St East, New Plymouth

Phone: 0800 800 896 or 06 759 9918
Email: reservations@autolodge.co.nz

Website: autolodge.co.nz





Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Juliana's	100	45	80	120	20
Conference Room	100	45	80	120	20

BROUGHAM HEIGHTS MOTEL

Features: 2 conference rooms with conference equipment

Max Capacity: 40 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 2

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 34 Location: 54 Brougham St, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 757 9954

Email: book@broughamheights.co.nz Website: broughamheights.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Kensington Room	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	25
Bridger Lounge	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	10

ONE BURGESS HILL

Features: Room with bi-folding doors opening onto a large deck

Max Capacity: 35 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 15

Location: 1a Burgess Hill Rd, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 757 2056

Email: reservations@oneburgesshill.co.nz

Website: oneburgesshill.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
River Room	35	30	n/a	n/a	26

THE WATERFRONT HOTEL

Features: Sea views, opening to outdoor deck, conference

equipment Max Capacity: 45 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 42 Location: 1 Egmont St, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 769 5301



BELT ROAD HOLIDAY PARK

Features: Spectacular views over the Tasman Sea, with a large kitchen, perfect for self-catering. A spacious, air-conditioned lounge with a data projector, 50" TV, free parking, and wheelchair access.

Max Capacity: 40 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 19 plus powered and non-

powered sites

Location: 2 Belt Road, Moturoa, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 758 0228





Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Breakwater Lounge	30	20	n/a	40	n/a

SOUTH TARANAKI

TAIROA LODGE

Features: Tairoa Lodge offers a boutique venue conducive to providing a stimulating and creative environment for brainstorming, planning sessions, workshops and conferences. On-site catering, licensed bar and accommodation.

Max Capacity: 180

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor with outdoor space for activities

No. of Meeting Rooms: 3

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 8 Location: 3 Puawai St, Hāwera

Phone: 06 278 8603

Email: info@tairoa-lodge.co.nz Website: tairoa-lodge.co.nz



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Tairoa Church Hall	180	80	140	180	50

THE PARK MOTEL

Features: 1 air-conditioned conference room with natural lighting and plentiful on-site free parking for the conference.

Catering, tea and coffee is available.

Max Capacity: 30 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 18 Location: 61 Waihi Rd, Hāwera

Phone: 06 278 7275

Email: theparkmotel@xtra.co.nz **Website:** theparkmotel.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Conference Room	30	14	n/a	n/a	20

TUDOR LODGE MOTEL

Features: 1 open and sunny room ideal for product displays.

Catering available.

Max Capacity: 20
Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor
No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 12 Location: 158 Waihi Rd, Hāwera

Phone: 06 278 6800

Email: tudor.lodge@xtra.co.nz **Website:** tudorlodge.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Conference Room	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	16

STRATFORD MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Features: Situated on Mount Taranaki, restaurant and bar

Max Capacity: 50 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 10 Location: Pembroke Rd, Stratford

Phone: 06 765 6100

Email: mountainhouse@ruanui.co.nz **Website:** stratfordmountainhouse.co.nz



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Conference Room	25	20	26	50	15

NGĀ RERE

Features: An immersive, premium, cultural experience on

Taranaki Maunga

Max Capacity: 50

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor

No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 18

Location: End of Manaia Road, Te Papakura o Taranaki

Email: info@terereokapuni.nz

Open December 2025



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	U-Shape	Boardroom
Conference Room	50	30	48	25	25

WHANGAMOMONA HOTEL

Features: Situated on the iconic Forgotten World Highway, this historic pub offers a unique space for meetings. Restaurant

and bar.

Max Capacity: 50 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Rooms: 1

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 18 hotel rooms and 5 lodge

rooms

Location: 6018 Ohura Rd, Whangamomona

Phone: 06 762 5823

Email: info@whangamomonahotel.co.nz **Website:** whangamomonahotel.co.nz



Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Conference Room	24	20	50	50	18

KING & QUEEN HOTEL SUITES

Features: Luxury boutique accommodation with a wide variety of room types, conveniently located in the Arts and Cultural Hub of New Plymouth opposite the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/ Len Lye Centre. Versatile meeting spaces ranging from casual lounge areas, boardrooms and a large atrium space, perfect for hosting events. Catering available to all spaces.

Max Capacity: 30 Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor No. of Meeting Rooms: 3

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 34

Location: Cnr King and Queen Sts, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 757 2999 Email: reservations@kingandqueen.co.nz

Website: kingandqueen.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
King and Queen Boardroom	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12
King and Queen Guest Lounge	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	6
WEP Atrium	n/a	n/a	100	200	n/a
26 Queen Street	30	30	30	60	20
White Hart Board Room	30	n/a	n/a	n/a	14

NICE HOTEL

Features: 5 luxurious Executive Rooms, 2 Balcony Rooms, 5 Luxurious Suites, (most with Jetted Spa Baths), Private Contemporary Villa, Library, Free WIFI, Stunning Deck and Tropical Garden. Award-winning Table Restaurant.

Max Capacity: 50 Indoor/Outdoor: Both No. of Meeting Rooms: 2

No. of Accommodation Rooms: 8 + 3 suites

Location: 71 Brougham St, New Plymouth

Phone: 06 757 6 400. Email: info@piochetal.co.

Phone: o6 758 6423 **Email:** info@nicehotel.co.nz

Website: nicehotel.co.nz







Venue Capacity	Theatre	Classroom	Banquet	Cocktail	Boardroom
Table Restaurant	n/a	n/a	40	60	12
Brougham Room	n/a	n/a	16	n/a	n/a
Royal Room	n/a	n/a	25	n/a	16

There are many other beautiful and unique smaller venues throughout Taranaki that can be customised to meet the needs of smaller conferences or events. For further information contact Venture Taranaki.

TRANSPORT AND TOUR OPERATORS

WEIR BROS

o6 278 5858 weirbros@xtra.co.nz weirbros.co.nz

TRANZIT COACH LINES

o6 757 5783 info@tranzit.co.nz tranzit.co.nz

WITHERS COACHLINES

0800 751 177 or 06 751 1777 travel@withers.co.nz witherscoachlines.co.nz

SYMONS VIP TRANSPORT

06 751 9221 tracey.dempster@symonsgroup.co.nz symonsgroup.co.nz/local/vip-transport/

ABC JAMIESON TOURS

o6 765 6625 info@abcbus.co.nz abcbus.co.nz

CONNECTOR (CITYLINK AND SOUTHLINK ROUTES)

New Plymouth Citylink o8oo 87 22 87 Hawera-New Plymouth Connector o8oo 26 63 28 info@trc.govt.nz *trc.govt.nz*

DALROY TOURS

o6 754 6206 info@dalroytours.co.nz *dalroytours.co.nz*

PICKERING MOTORS

o8oo 22 11 20 or o6 761 8363 pickering.motorsltd@gmail.com pickeringmotors.nz

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY PROVIDERS

DISCOVER TARANAKI

Discover Taranaki provide tours for tour companies, cruise ship visitors and private groups, whether small or large. The experiences they offer focus on the best of Taranaki from outdoor walks and garden visits to art and food tours. Their local networks and relationships ensure they offer a quality authentic Taranaki experience.

cathy@discovertaranaki.nz 027 241 0458 discovertaranaki.nz

WEIR TOURS

The team is proud of their reputation for putting clients first in every area of their travel experience – from quality accommodation and entertainment to comfortable and safe transportation with knowledgeable and friendly guides. Whether you are just thinking about travel possibilities, planning the specifics, or ready to make a booking, Weir tours can help.

weirbros@xtra.co.nz o6-278-5858 weirbros.co.nz

OUT AND ABOUT IN TARANAKI

While you're in Taranaki, make the most of the wide open spaces, spectacular sights, sounds, adventures and tastes on offer. Whether you have just half an hour spare or a whole weekend, there's plenty to make your trip unforgettable. We've listed a few itinerary ideas, but if you are looking for more options, visit our website for more inspiration: taranaki.co.nz/visit









NATURE

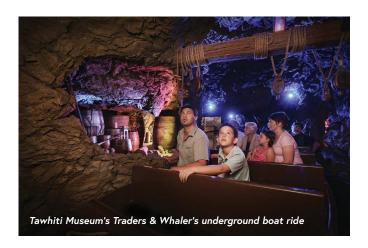
- Taranaki is a nature lover's paradise. Explore on your own or take a tour with Discover Taranaki, and experience exclusive access to some of the regions most interesting people and places through a comprehensive selection of high-end package tours that showcase unique stories and personalities. A range of 'Taranaki tasters' unique half-and single-day tours including guided walks, garden tours, agri-tours or art and cooking classes offer a fantastic introduction to the region and are designed for the FIT visitor. Larger multi-day tours are also available for a more indepth experience of the region. discovertaranaki.nz
- Climb aboard a refurbished lifeboat and explore seal colonies, a marine reserve and the Sugar Loaf Islands with Chaddy's Charters. The tour takes one hour, and fishing charters are also available. chaddyscharters.co.nz
- Explore the magnificent Taranaki Maunga, either self-led or take a guided tour with Taranaki Driven Experiences. Start at the North Taranaki Visitor Centre and explore the accessible boardwalked route to Wilkies Pools, or enjoy a more intrepid hike along the Pouākai Crossing, a stunning one-day walk with breathtaking views.
- Located just moments from New Plymouth's CBD, the expansive Pukekura Park offers conference delegates everything from an early-morning run destination to a beautifully scenic coffee spot. Or take a drive and visit one of the many stunning gardens throughout the region including Tūpare, Hollard and Pukeiti, where guided tours for any size of group can be arranged.
- On the slopes of Taranaki, wonder at the beauty of the world-class rhododendron collection held at Pukeiti garden. Rhododendrons cover 27 hectares of this 360-hectare rainforest park where you can find views of the Tasman Sea, Kaitake and Pouākai mountain ranges along many garden walkways to choose from. Pukeiti is highly regarded as one of the top gardens nationwide; this local treasure offers a range of half-day hikes that are accessible 24/7.

trc.govt.nz/gardens/pukeiti

 Make the most of our 18 golf courses in Taranaki, each with magnificent surroundings and stunning views. A great activity for a group, or just an individual getaway.

ARTS AND CULTURE

- There are many art galleries in Taranaki that are worth visiting. Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre, Percy Thomson and Lysaght Watt Gallery are just a few of what is on offer. A guided tour at the Len Lye Centre, New Zealand's only contemporary art museum, is a great way to learn about Len Lye, one of New Zealand's most influential international artists.
- Drive to Te Rewa Rewa Bridge and walk along the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway until you spot Len Lye's Wind Wand, plus a range of interesting sculptural art pieces along the way. This should take about an hour return, or half an hour if you can arrange transportation to retrieve you at the Wind Wand.
- Explore the Coastal Arts Trail with more than 60 stops across
 the lower west coast of the North Island, including more than
 30 stops in Taranaki. Discover the artistic pulse of the region
 and the vibrant and diverse artists and galleries that call it
 home. coastalartstrail.nz
- Keep an eye out for concerts and shows at our many magnificent venues to complete your Taranaki experience.
 From live concerts featuring some of New Zealand's top music artists at the Bowl of Brooklands to musicals and performances at the TSB Showplace, you'll be spoilt for choice. taranaki.co.nz/visit





- Puke Ariki, New Plymouth's waterfront museum, library and information space showcases the region's history, from volcanic inception to the modern day, the Taranaki land wars and a century and a half of pioneering innovation. Puke Ariki offers a fascinating historical walk through central New Plymouth with an experienced local guide. Covering key historical events, anecdotes and extremely colourful pioneering characters from the first settler's arrival in 1841 through to the early 1900s, the 90-minute walk chronicles the turbulent past of New Plymouth city. *pukeariki.com*
- Head out to Tawhiti Museum and Traders and Whalers –
 New Zealand's best private museum, and see the work of
 creator and artist Nigel Ogle. It features a world-class boat
 ride in the Traders and Whalers portion where you can
 experience what life was like in Taranaki in the early 1800s.
 The museum is about an hour drive south of New Plymouth in
 Hāwera. tawhitimuseum.co.nz
- Drive out to Whangamōmona along the Forgotten World
 Highway and enjoy New Zealand's first heritage trail, where
 early pioneers tried and failed to tame the New Zealand
 bush. Whangamōmona is just over an hour drive east from
 New Plymouth. taranaki.co.nz/visit



• Bridging both Ruapehu and Taranaki regions, Forgotten World Adventures follows the remarkable Forgotten World Highway, New Zealand's oldest heritage trail, along an abandoned railway line, travelling over bridges, through tunnels and along old pioneering routes. The route can be explored via a 2-, 4- or 6-man Rail Cart or pedalled on a RailBike.

forgottenworldadventures.co.nz

• See New Zealand's oldest wooden artefacts at Aotea Utanganui in Pātea.

museum of south taranaki.word press.com

Unique to New Zealand is the Hillsborough Holden Museum. This is an immaculately displayed personal collection of Holden cars and memorabilia ranging from 1949 to the latest models. It also includes an 18-hole mini-putt course, and family-friendly luge. hillsboroughholdenmuseum.co.nz







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