

SMAANZ 2007 TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Kia Ora Conference Delegates:

This letter is designed to assist you in getting from the Auckland International Airport to the Waiheke Island Resort for this year's conference. The drive from the airport to the ferry terminal in downtown Auckland will take as much as 90 minutes or more depending upon the option you choose, the time of day, and, of course, Auckland traffic.

Taxi: Fastest but most expensive. Cost will be approximately \$65-\$70. Taxis are available for all arriving and departing flights from both the international and domestic terminals. Taxis ranks are situated at the western side of the Jean Batten International Terminal and in front of the Air New Zealand and Qantas domestic terminals.

Shuttles: Fast and slightly cheaper than a taxi (\$25+). A number of shuttle buses are available from the bus shuttle rank which is accessible through door 11 in the arrivals area, Jean Batten International Terminal. They also operate outside the Air New Zealand and Qantas domestic terminals. Passengers are advised to book shuttle trips to the airport in advance. Shuttle operators include:

Supper Shuttle: [http://www.supershuttle.co.nz/\(S\(wvtyniyofmhpp5rj1sk3rpbs\)\)/index.aspx](http://www.supershuttle.co.nz/(S(wvtyniyofmhpp5rj1sk3rpbs))/index.aspx)

Kiwi Shuttle: <http://www.kiwishuttle.co.nz/>

Buses: There are two options here. There is traditional city bus service and a private service. City bus service is the least expensive (\$8+), but is the slowest. Regular bus services connect Auckland International Airport to the central city and several other local centres. The private service is faster than the city bus and costs \$15.

City Bus Service: www.maxx.co.nz Regular bus services connect Auckland International Airport to the central city and several other local centres. Contact MAXX for full timetable and connection information on phone +64 9 366 6400, or visit the web site. The Britomart Transportation Centre is across the street from the ferry terminal.

Airbus: www.airbus.co.nz Reservations are not required and tickets are sold by the driver. Further information is available from phone 0508 247 287 (calls within New Zealand only) or from the website. There is a drop off point right across the street from the ferry terminal.

For more information please regarding transportation options from the airport to the ferry terminal, please refer to this link: <http://www.auckland-airport.co.nz/Guide/bus.php>

Ferry: Ferry Information: http://www.fullers.co.nz/index.php/ps_pagename/waihekeisland4

Ferries leave downtown Auckland at Quay Street approximately every hour and the trip takes between 35-45 minutes. Your ferry tickets will be included in your confirmation packet that is being sent to you.

Transportation from Waiheke Island ferry terminal to Waiheke Island Resort: An island bus meets every ferry arrival. Included with your ferry ticket is also a bus ticket. Simply present the ticket to the driver and let him know your final destination is the Waiheke Island Resort.

Departing Auckland International Airport: As a reminder to all our international guests, the Auckland International Airport charges a \$25NZ departure fee. The departure fee is payable at Bank of New Zealand outlets located on the ground floor check-in area, or in the first floor departure area. You can also pay using your credit card at one of the self service kiosks which accept Visa, Plus, Cirrus, Maestro or Mastercards that have a PIN number.

Smoking: To protect people from the health effects of second-hand smoke, smoking in most public areas including shopping malls, public transport, pubs, bars and restaurants is prohibited in New Zealand. All workplaces are smoke free. If you smoke, please remember to smoke outside.

Carbon Credits: In keeping with the theme of convenient and inconvenient truths, you may be interested in offsetting your trip to Auckland by purchasing carbon credits. For those of you flying Qantas and Virgin Pacific, the airlines have established their own carbon offsetting programs (look for the links on the websites). For more information about other options refer to:

<http://www.carbonzero.co.nz/links.asp>

<http://www.carbonplanet.com/home/>

<http://www.terrapass.com/road/index.html?gclid=CPTy3aOipo8CFRFSagodWlt5Rw>

AUT, SMAANZ, and the conference organisers are not endorsing any one plan or group, but have provided you with information so you can make your own decision.

We hope your trip is pleasant and uneventful. We look forward to your arrival.

Sincerely,

2007 SMAANZ Organisers