

Kia ora e te whanau,

We're almost ready for the conference next week in beautiful Tauranga! Here is everything you need to know ahead of the event - we are looking forward to the chance to meet you all and kōrero on all things community development!



Final Programme:

We're super excited to have such an incredible line-up of presenters joining us for the Hapori Aotearoa conference. We'll have two days of inspiration, building skills and networking with like-minded people from all across the motu. Check out the full line-up here: [\[LINK TO PROGRAMME\]](#)

Reminders and Key Info:

Registration kicks off at 8:30am: please allow plenty of time to get this completed ahead of the pōhiri which starts at 9:00am. We will have photographers onsite during the two days, if you don't want your photo taken, please let us know at registration.

Venue: The conference is held within the Mercury Arena - Lion Foundation Centre, with entry from the North/Carpark D side. Entrances are fully wheelchair accessible, with lifts available for access to all floors. Our breakout sessions will be held upstairs, our team will be on hand to show you the way.

The address for the venue is Mercury Baypark, 81 Truman Lane, Mount Maunganui.

Public Transport:

Mercury Baypark is not currently on a direct public bus route. The nearest main bus stop is a short walk away at Bayfair Shopping Centre. [View timetables here.](#)

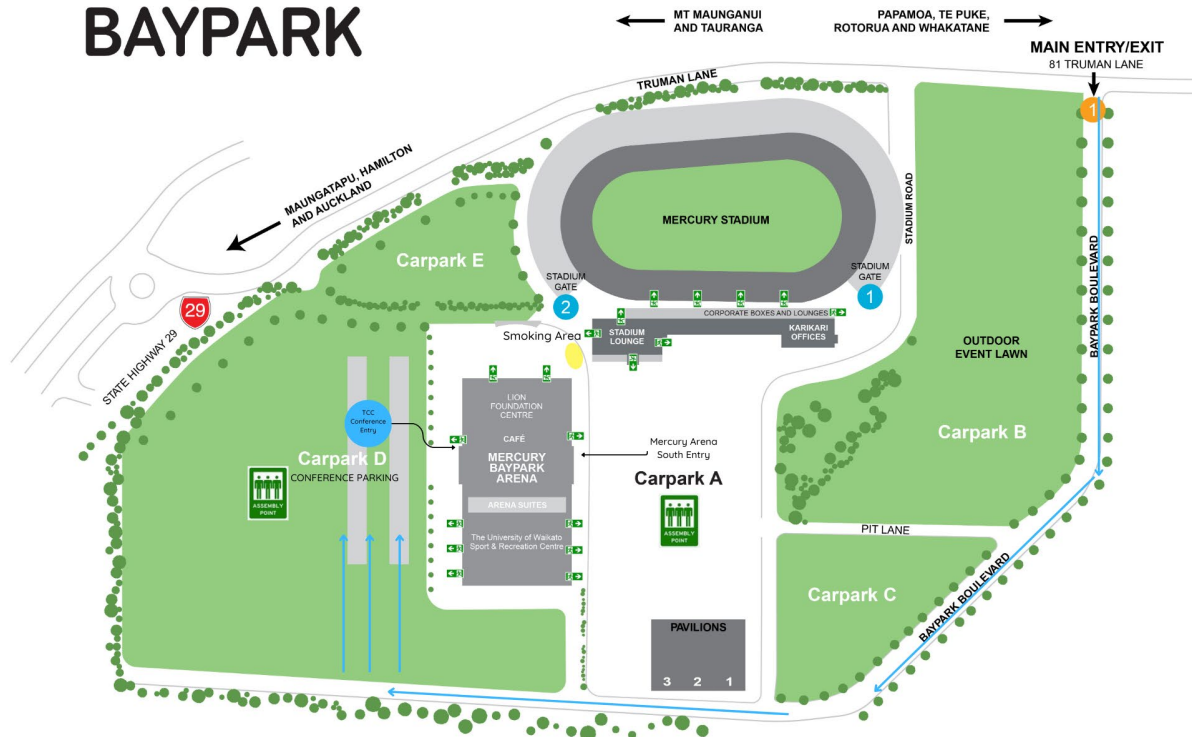
Taxis and Dial-A-Driver Services:

Tauranga Mount Taxis 0800 829 448

Bay Dial-A-Driver 027 212 7070

If you are driving on the day, access to Mercury Baypark is on Truman Lane. Make your way along Baypark Boulevard to Carpark D.

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Welcome to Tauranga:

To get the most out of your stay, download the [Tauranga Access Map](#) - an online accessibility app with information about accessible amenities at our parks, playgrounds, council facilities and public events. It also shows the nearest mobility park to your location, and beach mats for beach visits in the summer.

Do the mahi get the treats! Here are some ideas to make the most of your free time and enjoy our beautiful natural environment and coastal lifestyle:

1. Explore Mount Maunganui

Mount Maunganui is the perfect place to wind down after a busy day. Take a scenic hike to the summit of Mauao (our iconic mountain) or a leisurely walk around the base track. Then, relax with a soak at the Mount Hot Pools and watch the world go by with fish and chips at Pilot Bay.

2. Connect with our coastline

There's no better way to experience our coastline than by visiting the Marine Parade coastal pathway in Mount Maunganui. The three-kilometre pathway, which curves alongside the beach,

is the perfect place for an evening cycle or stroll, a beachside picnic or to simply kick-back and enjoy the views over the moana (ocean) and nearby motu (islands).

3. See our newly upgraded waterfront

Tauranga Moana has a vibrant new waterfront space in the heart of the city centre. Enjoy a walk along the waterfront boardwalk or relax in the Northern Reserve featuring a lush green space, half basketball court, shared path, and refurbished living seawall featuring innovative sea pods.

4. Indulge in local cuisine

Head to the city centre or Mount Maunganui for variety of dining options to suit every budget and taste – from fresh seafood to woodfired pizzas and international flavours. There is something for everyone.

5. Dust off your walking shoes

If you're keen to kick-start your day with a spot of exercise, then check out the fantastic walking tracks that we have available across the city. Learn more about Tauranga walkways on our website.

6. Visit McLaren Falls Park Just a 10-minute drive from the city McLaren Falls Park is perfect for peaceful walks, picnics, or spotting glow worms after dark. Tauranga has many beautiful reserves, great for all kinds of activities, including walking, biking, playing and more. Check out some of our most popular parks here.

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