

Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand

2019 Conference

New Plymouth

17 – 19 May



The New Plymouth Astronomical Society was founded in July 1919 and within 15 months an observatory was built to house a 6 inch Alvan Clark refractor which is still in place today.

The original observatory has been extended several times and once included a planetarium. Over the last 5 years considerable fundraising has been undertaken to enable major maintenance work on the building and the purchase and installation of a 14 inch Celestron telescope.

A history of the Society has been published to recognise the efforts and achievements of many Taranaki people who have kept the Society and observatory going for 100 years.

What You Need To Know

The New Plymouth Astronomical Society hosts the 2019 RASNZ Conference which will take place at the Devon Hotel Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2019.



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Astronomical Society**

Conference Registration

Register online at:

www.rasnz.org.nz/groups-news-events/conference-registration

Paper Submissions

The organisers invite and encourage anyone interested in New Zealand astronomy to submit oral or poster papers for the conference programme. Please note that those presenting oral papers must register for the conference.

Submit your title and abstract online at:

www.rasnz.org.nz/groups-news-events/submit-conference-paper
by 15 April 2019.

RASNZ Annual General Meeting

The RASNZ AGM will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 18 May 2019 following the last conference session of the day.

Trans-Tasman Symposium on Occultations 13

The TTSO13 meeting will be held at the Devon Hotel from Monday 20 to mid-day Tuesday 21 May 2019.

Register online at:

www.rasnz.org.nz/groups-news-events/conference-registration

Further information about the symposium can be found at:

www.occultations.org.nz



Invited Speaker

Professor Lisa Kewley

Associate Director at the Research School for Astronomy & Astrophysics at the Australian National University College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Professor Kewley has made fundamental advances in our understanding of the cosmic chemical and star-formation history of the universe. Her globally acclaimed research has proven critical to our understanding of how galaxies like our own Milky Way formed and evolved from the Big Bang to the present day. Lisa's work exploits advances in multi-wavelength instrumentation and spectroscopy and combines new observations with the latest generation of theoretical models. These allow the power sources exciting the plasma in galaxies to be both reliably identified and physically characterised

Conference venue information

Devon Hotel

The conference will be held in the Hobson Room of the Devon Hotel.

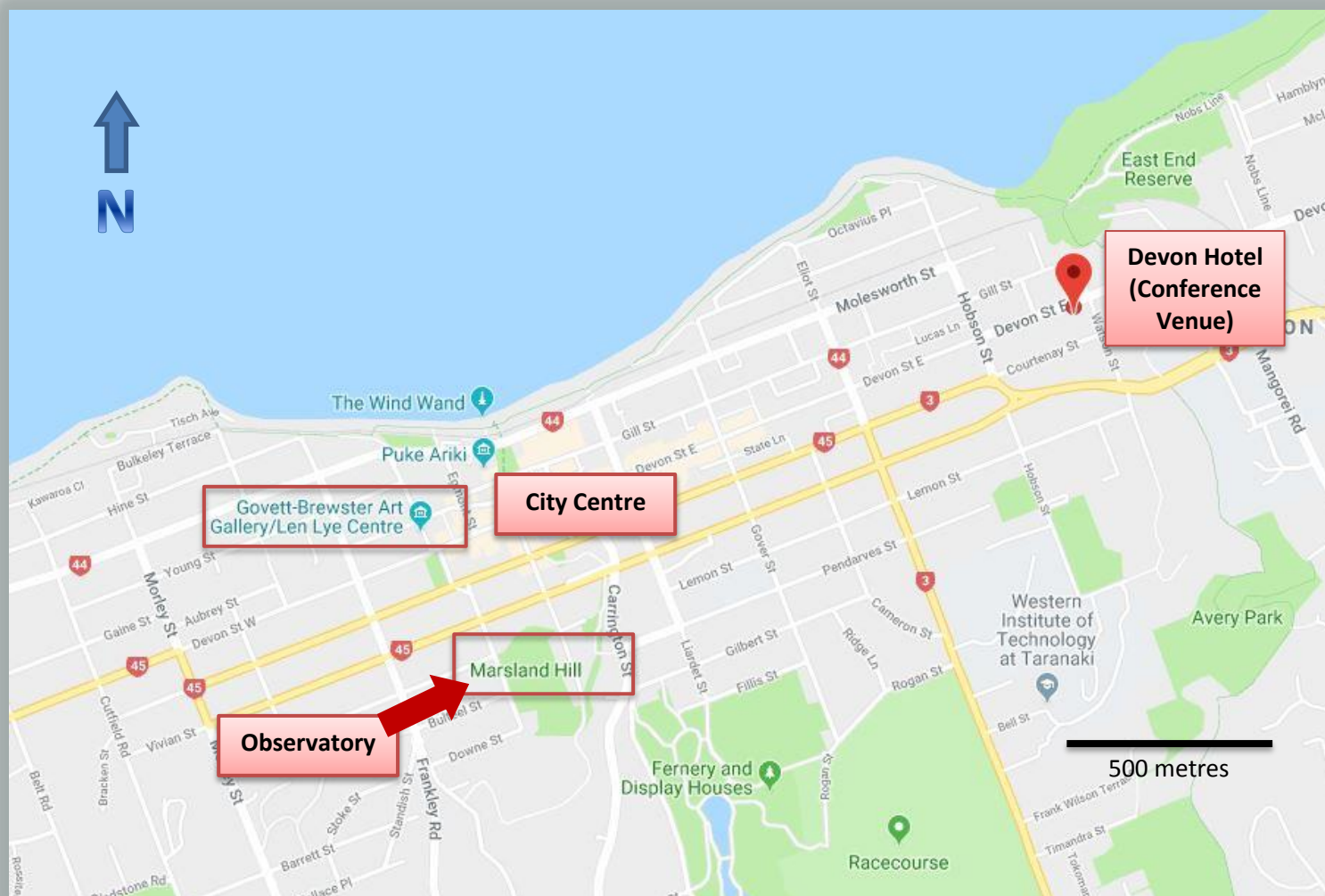
390 Devon Street East

0800 843 338

www.devonhotel.co.nz/

The hotel is 1 km east of the city centre.





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Other Activities

Friday 17 May 2:30pm

Chaddy's Charters One hour island cruise and wildlife tour

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Book your place (limit 30) on the conference registration form

Transport arrangements to Chaddy's Boat Shed will be advised in due course

www.chaddyscharters.co.nz

Saturday afternoon (option for those not attending the RASNZ AGM)

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Len Lye Centre

42 Queen Street, New Plymouth

www.govettbrewster.com

Make your own arrangements to visit this centre

Open until 5pm

Admission fees apply as follows:

New Plymouth residents: free

Visitors: \$15

Senior (65+): \$10

Airport information

New Plymouth Airport, 11 km from the city centre, is serviced by Air New Zealand (flights to/from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch), Jetstar (Auckland) and Originair (Nelson).

Shuttle service

Scott's Airport Shuttle 0800 373 001 www.npairportshuttle.co.nz/ operates New Plymouth's only dedicated airport shuttle service. Scott's vans meet every flight, every day.

Our prices are between the airport and areas in New Plymouth, calculated using the base fare for one person then \$4.00 per person after that (up to 6 people travelling together). For groups of 7 or more, for multiple pick up/drop off locations, out of town areas or an exact quote please fill in our price enquiry form or phone us.

To The Devon Hotel:

1 person: \$24.00, 2 people: \$28.00, 3 people: \$32.00,

4 people: \$36.00, 5 people: \$40.00, 6 people: \$44.00

Taxi

Airport to/from the Devon Hotel: \$68.00 (est.)

Accommodation

The Devon Hotel (conference venue)

390 Devon Street East 0800 843 338

www.devonhotel.co.nz/

Discounted conference rates:

Queen Studio \$159 p/n (normally \$270)

Twin Studio \$169 p/n (normally \$270)

Delux Studio \$189 p/n (normally \$290)

Suite \$289 p/n (normally \$370)

Buffet breakfast \$24.90

Marbles buffet dinner \$44.90



Auto Lodge Motor Inn (opposite conference venue)

393 Devon Street East 0800 800 896

www.autolodge.co.nz

N.B. the following prices are approximate:

Standard Studio \$139 p/n

Executive Studio \$149 p/n

Superior Studio \$169 p/n

One bedroom family room \$169 p/n

Two bedroom family room \$239 p/n

Hotel suite \$219 p/n

Northgate Motor Lodge (550m from conference venue)

16 Northgate, Strandon 0800 668 357

www.northgatemotorlodge.co.nz/

N.B. the following prices are approximate:

Cosy Saver \$125 p/n

Queen Studio \$135 p/n

Studio for family \$145 p/n

Super King Studio \$145 p/n

Three bedroom apartment \$220 p/n

Accommodation (continued)

The Strand – 3 star motel (600m from conference venue)

464 Devon Street East 06 758 7762

www.thestrand.net.nz

N.B. the following prices are approximate:

Compact Cosy Studio \$120 p/n

Queen Studio \$135 p/n

Superior Queen Studio \$140 p/n

One bedroom unit \$150 p/n

Three bedroom house \$180 p/n

Ducks & Drakes – motel and backpackers (1200m from conference venue)

48 Lemon Street 06 758 0404

www.ducksandrakes.co.nz

N.B. the following prices are approximate:

Ducks (boutique motel)

Cottage Studio \$130 p/n

Cottage – 1 bedroom \$150 p/n

Drakes (backpackers)

Double room \$90 p/n

Twin room standard \$90 p/n

Cosy single \$68 p/n

3 bed dorm (female or mixed) \$36 p/n

4 bed dorm (mixed) \$35 p/n

6 bed dorm (mixed) \$32 p/n

Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park (1600m from conference venue)

25 Beach Road, Fitzroy 0800 757 2925

www.fitzroybeach.co.nz

N.B. the following prices are approximate:

Delux one bedroom \$180 p/n

Superior apartment \$200 p/n

Two bedroom \$200 p/n



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