

Summer School

Cambridge, NZ
2019 - 2020



Fun, Fitness and Friendship

Welcome to the Cambridge Summer School 2019/20



Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to the first newsletter for the 2019-20 New Zealand Branch Summer School. By now many of you will have seen flyers or advertisements for the summer school, and hopefully you will have also had chance to look through the school website to find out more about the school; the teachers, musicians, classes, and venue.

I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce the Summer School committee, starting with Wayne and Shelley McConnel (Hamilton Scottish club), who were instrumental at the last summer school held at St Peters in 2013-14. Glenna James (Te Awamutu club) has been involved in many schools, Andrew Patterson (Rotorua), is the organiser of a recent Queens Birthday School and currently the branch Information Technology coordinator, and lastly Caron Rogan (of Cambridge), who is a very new and keen dancing convert having already attended a St Andrew's School.

Assisting the core committee, will be a larger group of local members, and I'm delighted to have Ruary Laidlaw take the reins in editing the newsletters leading up to the Summer School. The newsletter will provide updates and more detailed information over the coming months.

The Cambridge Summer School will be a great opportunity, especially for overseas visitors, to explore all the scenic, natural and historic attractions in the mighty Waikato and Waipa districts, and further afield such as Rotorua, Auckland and further north to the Bay of Islands. So Ruary commences this newsletter series with places for international and local dancers and families to visit in the broader Waikato, and New Zealand generally. Please feel free to forward it to your dancing friends.

We invite all our dancers to a great and enjoyable experience in Cambridge at the end of this year!

From the organiser: **Antanas Procuta** February 2019

Destination New Zealand



Kia-ora - Welcome!

Here are our Top Seven places to visit in New Zealand when you come to the Cambridge Summer School!

1. Rotorua

Maori - Steeped in cultural history, Rotorua is the home of 'Maoridom' where you can experience all aspects of this amazing culture.

Geothermal - Rotorua's volcanic activity has drawn visitors to the region for generations. No visit is complete without exploring its spectacular thermal parks and attractions.



2. Maungatautari Mountain

Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari is a mainland ecological island surrounded by the world's longest pest-proof fence. The ancient forest offers a sanctuary for populations of many of our most endangered species such as birds, skinks, geckos, frogs, bats and insects.

3. Bay of Islands

Russell - Historic buildings and a seaside setting full of cafes, restaurants and art galleries gives Russell a truly romantic quality.



Waitangi -An absolute 'must-do' for all visitors to New Zealand, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds is one of our nation's premier attractions and tells New Zealand's story of two peoples coming together as one, under the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

4. Coromandel



The Coromandel has a mountainous interior cloaked in native rainforest and more than 400 kilometres of dazzling white sand beaches. It is rustic, unspoiled and relaxed.

Activities and attractions are plentiful. You might choose skydiving in [Whitianga](#) or a guided sea kayak tour around the coast.

5. Lake Taupo

The biggest lake in Australasia, formed by a huge volcanic explosion in AD 186. On a clear day the distant volcanic peaks of Mount Tongariro and Ngauruhoe and the snow capped Ruapehu in the Tongariro National Park.

Lake Taupo has a staggering number of activities to choose from all year round. Thousands come here specifically for the abundance of brown and rainbow trout fishing, which extends south to Turangi and the Tongariro River.



6. Queenstown



Enjoy an iconic Queenstown experience and take the Gondola up Bob's Peak, high above Queenstown to the [Skyline](#) complex.

Journey to the best viewpoints on Lake Wakatipu to see The

Remarkable mountain range; some boat cruises stop for a swim and a picnic when weather permits. For a true Queenstown experience book an evening cruise on the TSS Earnslaw - a comfortably-appointed vintage steamship that will whisk you to Walter Peak for dinner at the Colonel's Homestead.

7. Hobbiton

Experience the real Middle-earth with a visit to the Hobbiton Movie Set, featured in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films.



Your guided tour starts with a drive through our picturesque 1,250 acre sheep farm with spectacular views across to the Kaimai Ranges. Take a look at Bag End, where Frodo and Bilbo's adventures began. Get lost among the hobbit holes and visit the Green Dragon Inn, the mill and the Party Tree. Listen to spell-binding tales of how Hobbiton came to be.

And that's not all!

Go to

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/> for more details or other destinations



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