

WILDING PINES CONFERENCE

16 to 18 October 2024



INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Conference Venue:

Great Lake Centre
5 Story Place
Taupō

We have tried to keep the costs down as much as possible to remain as affordable as possible for everyone. Our aim as a nonprofit organisation is to break even. This year the format will be slightly different to 2023 with breakout sessions, and time for a question-and-answer session after each set of presenters, as well as a dinner. We will also have name tags that don't fall off this year! These will be provided to you when you register on Day 1.

Conference Outline:

Day 1 Wednesday 16 October, 8:00am (registration opens) to 4:40pm. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided.

Day 2 Thursday 17 October:

🌲 **Field trips - approximately 8:30am to 3:30pm** (your choice of one field trip)
All field trips include a packed lunch and transport. Field trips will leave from and return to the venue.

🌲 **Dinner – 6:00 to 10:00pm** at the conference venue
Tables of 8 people with a buffet dinner served at your table. This is a great chance to mix n mingle.
A cash bar will be available.

Day 3 Friday 18 October, 8:30am to 1:00pm. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Registrations will close at 4pm on Tuesday 1 October for catering and logistics reasons. There will be no late registrations.

Conference Tickets:

Tickets for the Wilding Pines Conference 2024 will be available to purchase on our website the same as last year. The WPN website is the only place to purchase your tickets using a credit card. We will not send out invoices unless absolutely necessary as this keeps our administration costs down. You will receive a GST receipt when you purchase tickets on the website. Please consider your choices carefully. We also want to minimise refunds (there will be an administration charge for this).

Common dietary needs will be catered for. You will be able to identify these when you register.

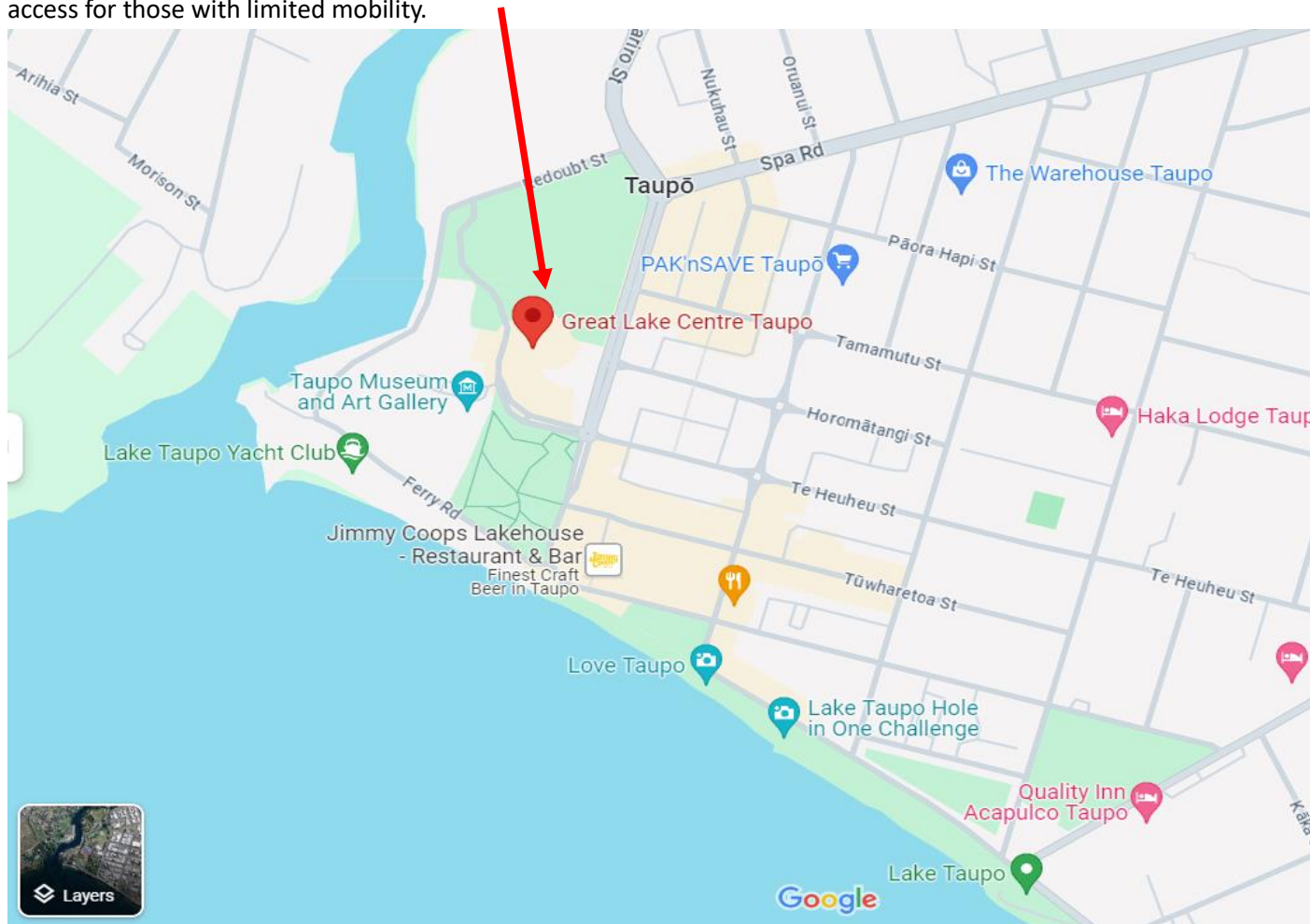
Programme:

The programme is available on the WPN website, or click [here](#).

Community, iwi groups and any other interested parties are asked to design a poster that can be displayed at the venue – we will be encouraging attendees to view posters during breaks. Consider innovations, successes and challenges and how these can inform and help others attending.

VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

The conference venue is at the Great Lake Centre, Taupō which is right in Taupō's CBD and right by the lake. It has good access for those with limited mobility.



To find accommodation close by and in your price range, some popular booking sites are:

<https://www.booking.com/>

<https://www.trivago.co.nz/en-NZ/odr/hotels-queenstown-new-zealand?search=200-61352>

<https://www.wotif.co.nz/Queenstown-Hotels.d180018.Travel-Guide-Hotels>

<https://www.expedia.co.nz/Queenstown-Hotels.d180018.Travel-Guide-Hotels>

www.bachcare.co.nz

www.airbnb.co.nz

There are several hotels and motels within walking distance of the town and the venue. Taupo is a busy place all year around so it is important to book as early as you can to get good rates and secure accommodation.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Information including a map and timetables on the local public buses can be found here:

<https://www.busit.co.nz/Regional-services/Taupō-Connector/>

PARKING IN TAUPŌ

There is free all-day parking at the back of the venue, but locals also park there, so get in early. Otherwise, there is plenty of other free parking around Taupō. See here for details:

<https://www.Taupodc.govt.nz/transport-and-water/parking/where-to-park>