

# **Australasian Shorebird Conference**

**Auckland New Zealand 1-2 October 2016**

## **Registration and Information**

### **Pūkoro-koro Miranda Naturalists' Trust**

is hosting the

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Australasian Shorebird Conference**

to be held at

UNITEC Institute of Technology in Auckland  
on 1 - 2 October 2016.

There will be two days of presentations covering a wide range of subjects relating to shorebird biology and ecology in New Zealand, Australia and the East Asian-Australasian Flyway.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper or poster at the conference should contact Phil Battley [P.Battley@massey.ac.nz](mailto:P.Battley@massey.ac.nz).

This will be followed by field trips to a variety of good shorebird sites around Auckland on Monday 3 October.

[If you are interested in sponsorship please contact us at the email below.](#)

Keep up-to-date. [www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz/asc2016](http://www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz/asc2016)

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# ASC 2016 Registration Form



Register online at [www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz/asc2016](http://www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz/asc2016) or complete this form and return to

Email: [shorebirdconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:shorebirdconference2016@gmail.com) or

Post: ASC2016 c/o PO Box 13102 Tauranga 3141 NZ

**Details** (please complete a separate form for each person registering):

name		organisation	
email		phone	
address			
can we publish your name and email in a conference list?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

## Event Fees:

	\$		Your Total
<b>Conference fee – pick one</b>			
Earlybird (to 31 July 2016)	\$125		
Normal conference fee	\$145		
Conference Fee Day 1	\$80		
Conference Fee Day 2	\$80		
Please note any dietary requirements (this info will be used for all snacks and meals):			
<b>Conference Dinner</b>	\$40		
<b>Field Trip –</b>			
Pūkoro Mirānda	\$60		
Auckland Museum Ambury Park and Watercare ponds	\$75		
Other local sites <small>*see comment re price in field trip section</small>	\$20*		
<b>T-shirt</b> Pre-order conference T-shirt (indicate colour number and size – see T-shirt section for details)	\$ 28.00	Size _____ Colour _____ Number _____	
<b>Total to pay</b>			

## Payment:

Either

Make your **online banking** payment to Miranda Naturalists' Trust  
Bank: BNZ, Wellington, NZ  
Account Number: 02-0290-0056853-00  
Swift Code: BKNZLN22  
Reference: Your name & ASC2016

Or

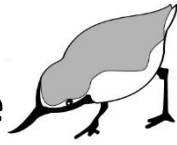
Attach a NZ dollar **cheque**.

Or

Make your payment by **credit card** with online registration or call the Shorebird Centre on +64 9 232 2781 and they can take your card details over the phone.



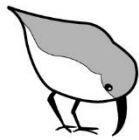
# Programme



	Event	Where
Friday Sep 30 5:30	Pre-conference drinks and registration	Carringtons (aka the Pumphouse)  Gate 3, Building 33, Unitec Campus, Carrington Road  Dinner, own arrangements
October 1 <sup>st</sup> 8am – 5pm	Registration 8:00- 9:00 Conference Day 1 Conference Dinner 7pm	Building 23; Unitec  Pt Chevalier RSA. 1136 Great North Rd, Point Chevalier, Auckland 7PM. This is a 15 minute walk from the lecture hall.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9am – 5pm (TBC)	Registration 8:30 – 9:00 Conference Day 2	Building 23 Dinner, own arrangements
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Field Trips	Times to be advised.

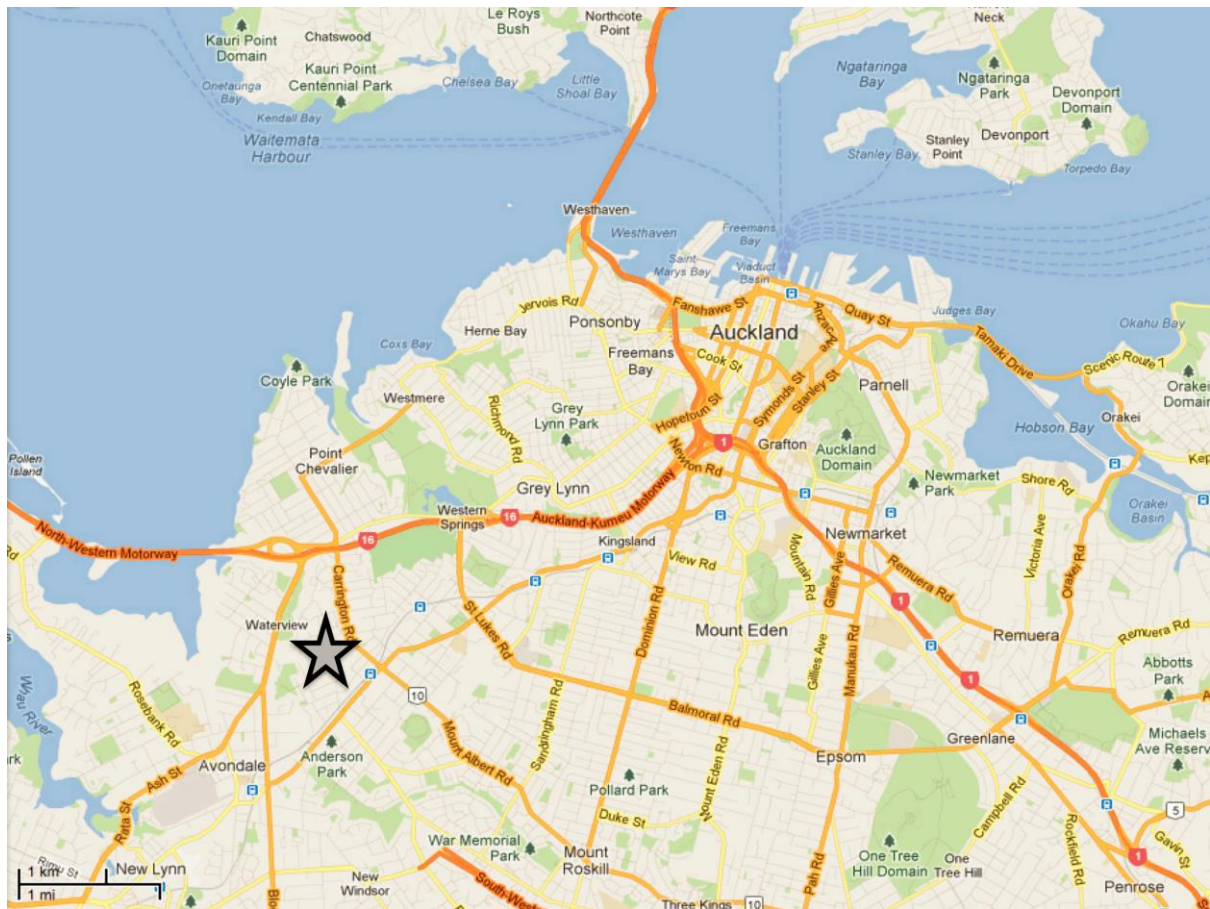
The conference fee includes the conference, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.





## Location

The conference is being held at Unitec Institute of Technology, Carrington Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland.



## Getting there

### Car

Take the Northwestern Motorway and exit at Western Springs or Waterview.

**Parking:** Approximately 60% of the carparks are free and the remaining car parks are pay-and-display. The minimum charge is 50c, and if you're parking for the whole day you only pay \$3. These parking charges apply Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm.

### Public Transport

From Airport: There is an airbus to Auckland city centre called the [Auckland Airbus](#) and from there, you can take a train or bus to Unitec. The [MAXX](#) website is the link for buses and trains around Auckland. There are also [Airport Shuttles](#) that park outside the exit of the Arrival gate at the International Terminal of Auckland airport. You can either book a seat online before you arrive in Auckland or you can find them outside the terminal when you arrive.

Train: 5 minute walk to Mt Albert train station, goes all the way to Downtown Auckland (Britomart).

Bus: Catch one of the many services that go via Pt Chevalier or Mt Albert. Buses depart from Carrington Road or Point Chevalier main road. You can also get on the [Outer Link bus](#), which runs every 15 minutes in a loop from the city out to Unitec.

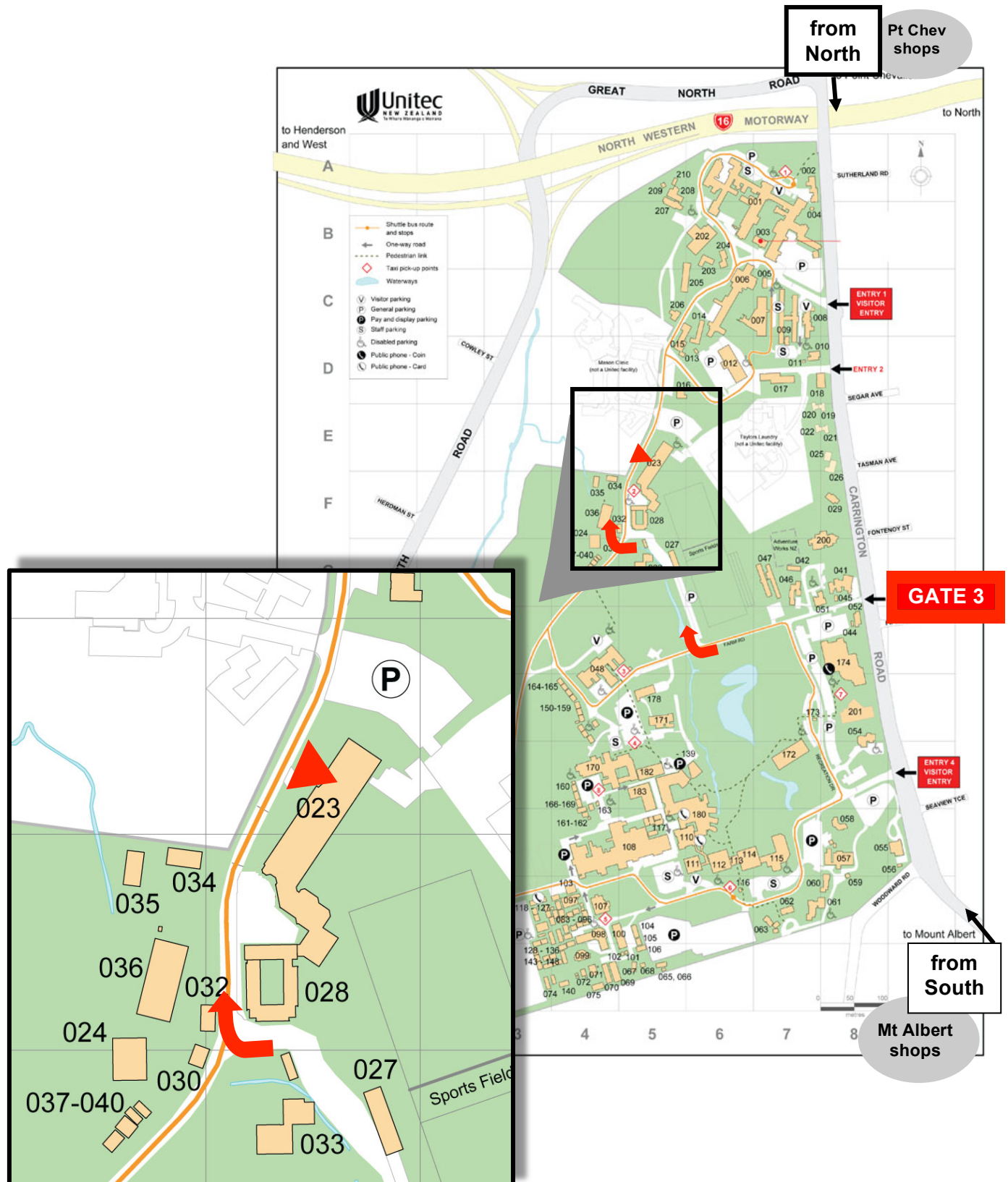


# Australasian Shorebird Conference 2016 - venue

## Building 23, Unitec Institute of Technology, Mt Albert

### Directions:

- enter Unitec campus at **Gate 3** off Carrington Rd, turn right into road beside the sports fields, continue to T-intersection, turn right;
- **Building 23** is the single story building 50m on the right;
- free parking available amongst trees just beyond the building (P on map).







## Where to stay

Please book directly with the provider

### Local Motels:

- [Mt Albert Lodge](#) –  
201 Carrington Road - Mt Albert this motel is a 5-minute walk from Unitec.  
\* All accommodation here has been reserved for ASC delegates - please quote '**ASC Conference**'.  
A special rate is available when booking 3 nights or more.  
201 Carrington Rd Mt Albert  
Ph 64 9 8462188 fax 64 9 8462186  
mtalbertlodge@xtra.co.nz  
[www.mtalbertlodge.co.nz](http://www.mtalbertlodge.co.nz)
- [Mt Albert Motor Inn](#)  
743 New North Road, Mt Albert- this motel is about 20 minutes' walk from Unitec.  
0800 743 639 or 09 846 4959  
[mountalbertmotorinn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mountalbertmotorinn@xtra.co.nz)  
<http://mountalbertmotorinn.co.nz/>

Alternatively there are numerous hotels and hostels in downtown Auckland which are close to public transport facilities as outlined above.



# T-Shirts



Conference T-shirts are available for preorder for \$28 each. A limited number will also be available for sale at the conference.



T-shirts can be ordered in charcoal, ice grey, red or green (not pictured but a non-fluro lime green) but we'll ask if you order red or green that you don't wear them until the conference and field trips are over (they are the colours our volunteers will be wearing). Please note that the wording on the shirts may not be exactly as pictured.

Charcoal and red come in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, Ice Grey and Kiwi Green S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

At the conference a limited number of charcoal t-shirts sizes S-XL will be available for sale. Sorry but we aren't able to produce a women's cut t-shirt.  
Help with sizing:

Size	A	B
SM	46	71
MD	51	74
LG	56	76
XL	61	79
2XL	66	81
3XL	71	84
4XL	76	86
5XL	81	89





## Field Trips

### Pūkorokoro Miranda

Visit the Shorebird Centre and the local bird roost. You'll have the chance to stay clean, or get a little muddy and cross to the shellbank so bring appropriate footwear. With any luck you can have a close up encounter with a Wrybill, and the northern waders will be starting to return so anything could show up. Terrain is easy and there will be a few extra scopes available.

Cost includes a packed lunch, transport and entry fees - \$60.00

The Shorebird Centre does have accommodation so call the Centre and check if you can just stay for a few days! [admin@miranda-shorebird.org.nz](mailto:admin@miranda-shorebird.org.nz) +64 9 2322781.

[www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz](http://www.miranda-shorebird.org.nz)

### Museum followed by birdwatching at Ambury Regional Park.

First stop will be Auckland Museum with a behind-the scenes tour of the bird-collection. Ambury Regional Park and the water-treatment ponds host over 86 bird species, including Royal Spoonbill, Wrybill, Bar-tailed Godwit and Turnstone. Recent rarities include Japanese Snipe.

<http://regionalparks.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ambury>

<http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/>

If you have a flight to catch this field trip is probably your best bet. You'll stay clean and dry and the wader site is close to the airport so taxis won't be too expensive.

All costs, including a packed lunch, transport and entry fees are included in the price \$75.00

### Other local sites

If you are prepared to get muddy then we have options to go to two other sites, Kidd's shellbanks on the South Manukau (about 1 hour's drive from the conference venue) and Big Sand Island on the Kaipara Harbour (about 2 hours' drive from the conference venue). Both sites require some walking and willingness to get your feet dirty. Price at this point is for a packed lunch only, there will be an extra charge for transport, we'll determine whether these are going and what the final price is when we know how much interest there is in these options, assume around \$50.00 but it could be slightly more or less.

If you sign up for one of these trips we'll contact you closer to the time with an itinerary and final price.





# Around Auckland

While heading to Pūkoro Miranda and spending time there is a great use of your time it's not the only birding around Auckland.

## Tiri Tiri Matangi

The island is an open wildlife sanctuary and home to many rare species. Ferries run from downtown and Gulf Harbour. Check the website for days and times. Accommodation is also available for overnight stays and the chance to see kiwi – but you must book.

[www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz](http://www.tiritirimatangi.org.nz)

## Western Springs

Located a short distance from the conference venue, the park is a wildlife sanctuary. Regular bird species around the lake include Royal Spoonbill, shags, New Zealand Dabchick and Scaup.

<http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/en/parksfacilities/premierparks/pages/westernsprings.aspx>

## The Hunuas

You'll need a car for the Hunuas, head in to Mangatawhiri Dam and walk an hour and a half up to Piggott's Hut where you have a chance of an encounter with a Kokako. Tomtits are around – you'll need to listen for them, Kaka are also seen here sometimes – take morning tea to have at the hut and listen for odd calls.

<http://regionalparks.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hunuaranges>

## Ark in the Park

Head 30mins west to Cascades Kauri Park which is the main entry to the Ark in the Park. This is a partnership between Forest & Bird and Auckland Council, supported by Te Kawerau a Maki. Its aim is to create an open sanctuary in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, and return many of the species that once were found in this area.

<http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/projects/ark-in-park>

## Tawharanui Regional Park

Drive up north, just over an hour north of Auckland city. A 2.5 kilometre predator-proof fence was built across the peninsula 10 years ago, and many endangered bird species have been released here. Look for Takahe, Brown Teal, Kakariki, Saddleback, Bellbirds and more

<http://regionalparks.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/tawharanui>

Go another half hour to Pakiri and hope for a Fairy Tern.

There's a lot more – if you are after something specific email the team at [shorebirdconference2016@gmail.com](mailto:shorebirdconference2016@gmail.com) and we'll see if we can help.

