

Hello Fellow Rockers,

Our Whakatane Rock n Roll Club started back in 1984 and has been going strong for 33 years. We have a bit of a reputation around the country as being the 'FUN CLUB', because we know how to party ... and that's exactly what we want to bring to the 2020 Nationals!! This year we currently have 50 financial members, with an active committee of 14, with everyone totally excited about the possibility of hosting the 2020 Nationals.

Now if you have never visited Whakatane before, it is an attractive coastal town which is situated on the banks of the Whakatane River. It has a vibrant shopping area which includes a diverse range of shops, cafes and restaurants. We have a great variety of dining options, you'll find everything from cheap-as-chips takeaways, to high end dining options, and the majority of the seafood served ... is caught locally. But one of the things I love most about Whakatane is that there is not one traffic light in sight!!

Whakatane is also known as the sunshine capital, having more sunshine hours than any other main centre in NZ for 4 of the past 5 years, so you're definitely be coming to the right place. Whakatane is a paradise for anyone looking to enjoy the great outdoors.

Whakatane has many tourist activities including dolphin trips, kayaking adventures, deep sea fishing, golf, and wildlife reserves. There are so many beautiful bush walks and great cycling trails, that include historic pa sights, native forests, rural, & coastal views. We also have tours to Whale Island (Moutohora) which is one of NZ's most restricted wildlife sanctuaries. But our main tourist attraction would have to be our very own 'active marine volcano' called White Island (Whakaari). You'll be awestruck by the beauty of its untamed nature, just 50kms off shore, it's like being on a totally different planet. But if it's the beach that you want, then just 6 Kilometres over the hill from Whakatane is the stunning Ohope Beach, with 11 kilometres of golden sand ... Fantastic for surfing, swimming, or fishing.

Whakatane offers the widest range of accommodation options in the district so I have created a list to help you out. But you will need to book early.

GETTING HERE:

WHAKATANE AIRPORT:

Operate daily flights between Whakatane and Auckland.

Rental Companies available in this area are:

Hertz
Southern Cross Auto's Ltd
Avis
Thrifty
Budget
Europcar

ROTORUA AIRPORT:

Operate daily flights to Auckland, Wellington, & Christchurch.

Rental Companies available in this area are:

Avis Rotorua Airport
Rent a Dent - RaD car hire Rotorua
Rotorua Car Rental Site
Rite Price Car Rentals
Rotorua Minibus Rental
Hertz Rotorua Airport
Budget Rentals
Europcar Rotorua
Rent a Cheapie
Thrifty Rotorua Airport

Note: It will take approx 1 hour and 3 minutes to drive from Rotorua Airport to Whakatane via State Highway 30.

TAURANGA AIRPORT:

Operate Daily flights to Auckland, Wellington & Christchurch.

Rental Companies available in the area are:

Hertz
Avis Tauranga
Rite Price
Europcar
Thrifty
RaD Car Hire
ABC Rentals
Budget

Note: It will take approx 1 hour and 6 minutes to drive from Tauranga Airport to Whakatane via State Highway 2.

ACCOMMODATION

WHAKATANE MOTELS, HOLIDAY PARKS, & BED & BREAKFASTS :

- Alton Lodge Motel
- Amber Court Motel
- Asure Barringtons Motor Lodge
- Cortez Motel
- Crestwood Bed & Breakfast
- Livingston motel
- NauMai Motel
- One88 on Commerce
- Pacific Coast Motor Lodge
- 37 The Landing
- Tourist Court Motel
- Tuscany Villas
- Whakatane Holiday Park
- Whakatane Hotel
- White Island Rendezvous
- Karibu Backpackers
- The Windsor Lodge Backpackers
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NEARBY TO WHAKATANE... AT OHOPE BEACH:

- Aquarius Motel Ohope
- Beachfront Bliss Bed and Breakfast
- Beachpoint apartments Ohope
- Drifts & Boutique Accommodation Ohope
- Ocean View Aparthotels
- Ohope Beach Kiwi Bach Apartments
- Ohope Beach Resort
- Ohope Beach Top Ten Holiday Park
- Ohope Heights Bed & breakfast
- Seaview Bed & Breakfast
- 9 Senses Wellness Retreat Bed & Breakfast
- Surfs Reach Motel

OTHER CLOSE BY... BUT OUT OF TOWN OPTIONS:

- Awakeri Hot Springs & Campground (16 Km from Whk)
- Secret Lake Farmstay (Awakeri 17.9 Km)
- Thornton Beach Holiday Park (15.1 Km) 15 minutes drive.

THE VENUE

Whakatane District War Memorial Hall and Sports Stadium is a popular community facility located at Rex Morpeth Park on 7 Short Street, Whakatane. The complex has ample parking, includes the Little Theatre which is used for recitals & productions etc. The large, carpeted entrance foyer provides bar and ticketing facilities. Separated by sliding soundproof doors, is the carpeted reception lounge with a bar and kitchen facilities and a small parquet dance floor.

The sports stadium contains 2 Basketball courts, and the floor area is $35.51 \times 30.28 = 1075$ square metres in size. It has 320 permanent raised seats, and moveable seating available for approximately 900. It has four male & four female toilets and male & female changing rooms.

This venue is only a 350metre walk to all three popular takeaway restaurants; McDonalds, Burger King, and KFC outlets. The Whakatane Aquatic Centre is also nearby, if you fancy taking a dip.

Restaurants, Café, and Takeaways:

Skippers Restaurant	KFC
Popsies Indian Restaurant	Domino's Pizza
Global Thai Restaurant	Burger King
Kopeo Indian Restaurant	Pizza Hutt
Babinka Restaurant	McDonalds
Roquette Restaurant	Bakehouse
New Hong Kong Chinese Restaurant	Deli Roast
Whakatane Hotel - Craic Pub	Poppys café
Bangkok Thai Chinese Takeaway	Subway
Turkish Kebab House	Baxters Café
Spice Junction	Whakatane RSA
Eat Out. Co (boon street)	Cobb & Co
Javaman Café	Noodle Canteen
Classic Oriental Food	Niko Niko Sushi
Commerce Street Fish Shop	The Wagon
Gibbo's on the Wharf	Freds Fish & chips
Soulsa Restaurant	The Office Bar & Grill
Whakatane Fishing Club	

Supermarkets

Pak n Save	(King Street Kopeopeo)
Count Down	(Commerce Street Whakatane)
New World	(Kakahoroa Drive Whakatane)

Taxis & Buses

Whakatane Taxis - Dial a Cab:	07 308 0222 (Boon Street Whakatane)
BayBus:	0800 4 229 287
(Daily routes available between Whakatane & Ohope)	