

## **AHSNZ Symposium, 23-25 October 2020**

The Symposium is to be held at the [Millennium Hotel](#) -Rotorua, New Zealand.

*Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe*  
The second great lake of Kahumatamomoe

**Rotorua** is New Zealand's 10<sup>th</sup> largest city, situated on the southern shores of Lake Rotorua from which the city takes its name, located in the Bay of Plenty region of New Zealand's North Island.

Rotorua is a major destination for tourists; the tourism industry is by far the largest industry in the district. It is known for its geothermal activity, and features geysers – notably the Pohutu Geyser at Whakarewarewa – and hot mud pools. This thermal activity is sourced to the Rotorua caldera, in which the town lies. The Lakes of Rotorua are a collection of many lakes surrounding Rotorua.

### **The natural wonders of Rotorua**

Rotorua is full of natural wonders and known for its geothermal activity ranging from stunning lakes, hot pools, fresh springs, glow worm caves, bubbling mud pools, and geysers.

There are 18 lakes around Rotorua with many water activities as well as lake edge thermal hot pools. Check out more about the lakes and lake activities [here](#).

[Kuirau Park](#) is right in the heart of Rotorua and is a free geothermal public park. Here you can view steaming mud pools, hot springs, experience a thermal foot bath, and view the gardens and crater lake.

Rotorua is also known for its active and dormant [geothermal geysers](#). Pōhutu (active), is the largest active geyser in the southern hemisphere and erupts at least once per hour. Papakura and Te Horu are both dormant.

The [Polynesian Spa](#) is New Zealand's original and iconic geothermal bathing experience, with exclusive access to both acidic and alkaline natural mineral springs, and unique spa therapies for the ultimate in rest and relaxation.

### **Conference Accommodation**

There are many accommodation options in Rotorua ranging from staying at the venue, other hotels, backpackers, and AirBNB.

[Millennium Hotel](#) – special rates for conference delegates range from \$220 - \$310  
[Hotel Ibis](#)  
[YHA Rotorua](#)  
[Rotorua Central Backpackers](#)  
[Airbnb Rotorua](#)

## **Transport to & around Rotorua**

Rotorua is located just a few hours' drive from New Zealand's major international airport in Auckland. Flights from Auckland depart regularly and are just a short 45 minutes. [Air New Zealand](#) flights from other major centres include Wellington at 1hr 10 in duration and Christchurch at 1hr 45. The Rotorua airport is within 10 minutes of the city centre, with regular [Bay Bus](#) services operating throughout the day.

Driving from Auckland involves a leisurely 2.5hr drive by car, or travel by [Intercity](#) bus in approximately 3hr 30. Intercity also departs from many other locations, including Hamilton, with a trip duration of 1hr 30.

## **Eat & Drink in Rotorua**

Rotorua has many restaurant options – check out more [here](#). There are also many [cafes](#), [bars](#), and places you can taste [Maori food](#).