

Quaker

Summer Gathering 2022-23

Kia ora e hoa ma!

Thank you for enrolling to attend Friends Summer Gathering 2022-23.

VENUE: Marsden Bay Christian Camp

 Address: 89A One Tree Point Road, Ruakākā 1071

 Camp phone: 021 686 397 (Camp managers are Trevor and Sue)

*If you need us to send a map, please contact the Summer Gathering organisers.*

TIMETABLE:

* Summer Gathering starts:
	+ Wed 28 Dec
		- 4 pm Registration desk opens
		- 6:00 pm First meal - dinner
* Summer Gathering finishes:
	+ Mon 2 Jan
		- 11 am Programme finishes
		- 2 pm Cleaning finishes
		- (Last 'meal' is morning tea)
* A full programme will be available upon arrival at Summer Gathering

TRANSPORT AND/OR BILLETING:

 If you’ve requested help with transport or overnight accommodation in Auckland, you should have already been contacted about this.

 If you have not been contacted, or have changed your plans, please urgently contact the Summer Gathering organisers.

 If you are travelling by electric vehicle, we’re advised there are outlets for recharging ‘at the marina’ which is 2-3 minutes away from Marsden Bay Christian Camp.

YOUR COVID RESPONSIBILITIES:

Please ensure that you’re ready to follow public health directives, including mask wearing, to test yourself prior to leaving home, and of course, stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Our Summer Gathering ‘Covid policy’ has been emailed out to all registrants. If you haven’t received this, let us know so that we can (re) send.

WHAT TO BRING (Essentials):

· Your own clothing,

* Your own bedding: pillow, pillowcase, towels
* Your own toiletries, sunhat, insect repellent, sunblock and essential medications

· Closed footwear (required for those on kitchen duties)

· Raincoat and warm jacket

· Torch/head lamp and water bottle

· Masks and Rapid Antigen Test kits (at least two per person)

WHAT TO BRING (Optional)

· Reflective material to use and/or share

· Dancing shoes (there’s a ceilidh on New Year’s Eve)

· Togs

* Te Reo resources

· Songbooks

· Musical instruments

· Board games/puzzles

· Earplugs

* Charger (for your phone) plus a multibox so that a power point can be used to charge multiple devices (a friendly thing to have available)

· Wash powder and pegs, plus $2 coins (if you plan to do a wash or use the dryer; they each cost $4. The camp managers recommend using the clothesline, if possible, as it takes several $4 cycles to dry a load of laundry.)

LEAVE BEHIND

· Covid

· All alcohol and non-medicinal drugs (This is an alcohol- and drug-free gathering)

ATTENTION: Just to be clear, Marsden Bay Christian Camp provides ONLY mattresses. Please ensure you bring your own pillow and sufficient bedding to be comfortable. Check the weather forecast prior to packing.

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

*FAITH AND PRACTICE* – As Friends will be aware, we’re in the midst of discerning what to include in the revision of our Quaker Faith and Practice.

If you’re participating currently in the discernment process, do consider bringing the material with you. We are considering an ‘Epilogue’ which would include sharing some of the ‘new’ material that speaks to us.

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*MUSIC MAKERS* -- As usual we would like to be able to provide live music for dancing on New Year’s Eve, so musicians! If you’d like to be part of the band, make sure you bring your instrument(s). Contact Alistair Hall (ahall@inspire.net.nz) if you have questions or would like copies of music in advance.

*CAVING –* Kevin Jose plans to give us an opportunity to go caving during Summer Gathering. However, the caves flood during wet weather – hence caving is weather dependent.

If you’d like to see glow worms and have a look around the opening to the cave, bring a headlamp, if possible. For those that want to go deeper into the cave (and get wet and muddy), Kevin is bringing helmets with lights. He recommends gumboots and rubber gloves, as well.

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**QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? URGENT ISSUES?**

 Contact details for Summer Gathering Organising Committee:

 Email: summer.gathering@quaker.org.nz

 By phone (PRIOR TO 28 DEC): Sue – 09 378 8008

 By phone (28 Dec – 2 Jan): Val – 022 126 7076

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL VERY SOON!**

**Noho ora mai --**

*YOUR SUMMER GATHERING ORGANISERS*