



Newsletter

Monday 6th May 2024

VSYBB Patrons: Claire Dickinson & Greg Munro

New Zealand Tour - 18th to 25th September

Planning for our NZ tour in September is well under way with flights and accommodation booked plus itinerary planning and concert bookings well advanced.

The dates for the tour are as follows:



Auckland skyline

Depart: Wednesday 18th September 11:55 pm from Melbourne Airport

Return: Wednesday 25th September 10:40 pm to Melbourne Airport

We will arrive in Auckland early Thursday morning, grab some breakfast, and board our buses for central Auckland to check into our accommodation with rehearsals later in the day. We will have a full itinerary of concerts and rehearsals from Friday to Wednesday with some of the best bands in New Zealand. We will also have a bit of time for sightseeing. The **cost** of **entry** to any attractions or special tours **will** be **borne** by the individual tour member.

Hobbiton Village



IMPORTANT

To come on tour you will need to:

- have a **passport** with at least **6 months** until expiry (at the date of departure). As passports can take a long time to process, start your passport application **now!!**
- attend all rehearsals plus extra rehearsals as scheduled;
- be proficient in playing your parts.



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Tour Payments

For those that have booked for the tour, your next tour payment of \$250 is due by 31st May 2024. Please ensure that you pay on or before the due date.

Pay by 31st May 2024

Make your tour payment to:

Acc. Name: Skunkworks Community Limited

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 188 626 535

Reference: Your name and "NZ"



The tour logo includes the NZ Silver Fern with our state flower, the common heath.

Tour details



Thursday morning. We hope everyone can get enough sleep on the flight but we will also have a rest period on Thursday morning at our accommodation. Flight times and numbers are here:

A full tour information pack will be issued in due course. In the meantime, here are a few details to whet your appetite.

FLIGHTS

We will be flying with Jetstar who operate Airbus aircraft. Our flight from Melbourne to Auckland will be flying overnight arriving early

Flight Date	Flight No.	Departing	Arriving
18 Sep 2024	JQ 217	MEL 11:55PM	AKL 5:30AM
25 Sep 2024	JQ 216	AKL 8:40PM	MEL 10:45PM



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Accommodation

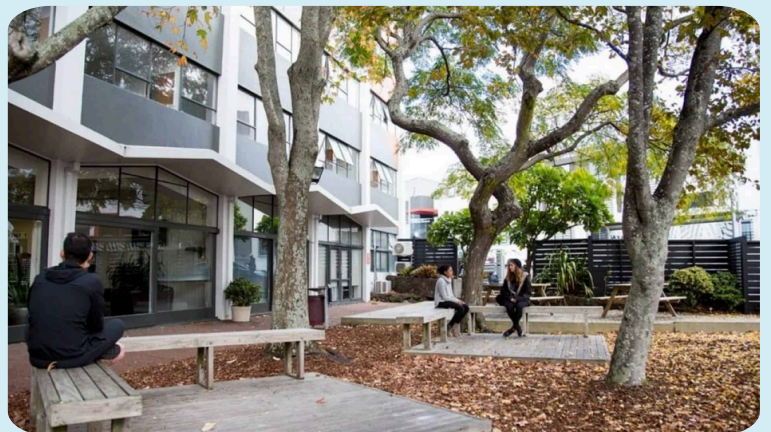
We will be staying at the YMCA in the heart of Auckland, only a few minutes walk from the CBD.

We have booked a range of comfortable rooms including:

- Double rooms
- Twin rooms
- Four bed dorms



This will be our home base for the duration of the tour but each day we will board our buses to venture far and wide.





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Band members - Join the Tour Project Team!!

Would you like to be involved in the planning and/or management of the tour? We currently have a number of positions available in various areas that are open to band members. You will be working within the broader project team towards producing the **best tour ever!!** Whether your interest is in the artistic area, planning or management, these positions will give you the responsibility to achieve the stated project outcomes, learn and gain experience in your chosen area, and provide you with an opportunity to grow as a person.

If interested, just send an email to contacttheskunk@gmail.com stating why you want the job and why you think you will be good in the position.

Position description links are listed below. More positions will be advertised in due course however, if you would like to help out in an area not listed below then please email us.

[Bus Driver Assistant](#)

[Load Master](#)

[Band Choreographer](#)

[Host/Compere](#)

[Artwork Designer](#)



Any Questions

Contact us at:
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Get up to speed with Kiwi culture with this quiz.

Maori Language

Match these Maori words with their English translation (draw connecting lines).



Maori

Aotearoa

Pākehā

Kia ora

Tāhei parahi

Puoro

Tupa

English

Hello

Brass Band

Music

Tuba

The Land of the Long White Cloud (New Zealand)

Person of European descent

NZ Road Rules



Cross out the incorrect word.

1. New Zealanders drive on the right/left side of the road.
2. You are/are not required to wear seat belts in NZ.
3. The maximum speed on any open road is _____.
4. Driving while using a hand-held cellphone is legal/illegal in New Zealand.
5. It is legal/illegal to pass other cars where there is a yellow line instead of a white line marking the center of the road.

Geography & History



Cross out the incorrect word.

1. New Zealand consists of two main islands and over 300/500/700 smaller islands.
2. New Zealand lies East/West of Australia in the Indian/Pacific ocean.
3. The explorer William Bligh/James Cook/Abel Tasman became the first European to set foot on New Zealand in 1642/1769/1788.

Submit your answers to contacttheskunk@gmail.com
First prize is a NZ Tour T-shirt sporting the tour logo.