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ANZI PACIFIC FORUM

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland - New Zealand

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

Welcome to the August ANZI Pacific Forum Newsletter



Welcome to the final newsletter before we gather in Auckland for the ANZI Pacific Forum.

After many months of planning, preparation and anticipation, the countdown is almost over. We will soon be welcoming Lions and Leos from our constitutional area and further afield for what promises to be an inspiring few days of learning, fellowship and fun.

Our theme, **Innovation • Inclusion • Impact**, has inspired every aspect of this Forum. From outstanding keynote speakers and engaging workshops to opportunities for networking, fellowship and celebrating our shared commitment to service, we have put together a programme that we believe will inform, inspire and energise everyone who attends.

Whether this is your first Forum or one of many, I encourage you to make the most of every moment. Attend the sessions, ask questions, meet someone new, reconnect with old friends and enjoy everything Auckland has to offer. Some of the most memorable moments happen over a coffee, at dinner or while sharing stories with fellow Lions from near and far.

With registrations now closed, we are thrilled with the wonderful support the Forum has received and would like to thank everyone who has chosen to be part of this special event in our Lions calendar.

On behalf of the entire Organising Committee, thank you for your encouragement and support throughout the past year. It has been a privilege to plan this Forum, and we are excited to finally bring it to life.

Safe travels to everyone making the journey to Auckland. We look forward to welcoming you as we come together for an unforgettable weekend to celebrate friendship, service and the future of Lions under the theme **Innovation • Inclusion • Impact**.

See you in Auckland!

PDG Wendy Miller
ANZI Committee Chair

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Getting There



Holiday Inn
AUCKLAND AIRPORT

The Holiday Inn is located at 2 Ascot Road, Mangere approximately 4kms from the Auckland International Airport. Access is available from either Ascot Road or Richard Pearse Drive.

Note that the hotel is on two levels with access to the upper level via stairs so please contact Reservations if you require a ground floor room as there are no lifts. A concierge is available to assist with your luggage if required.

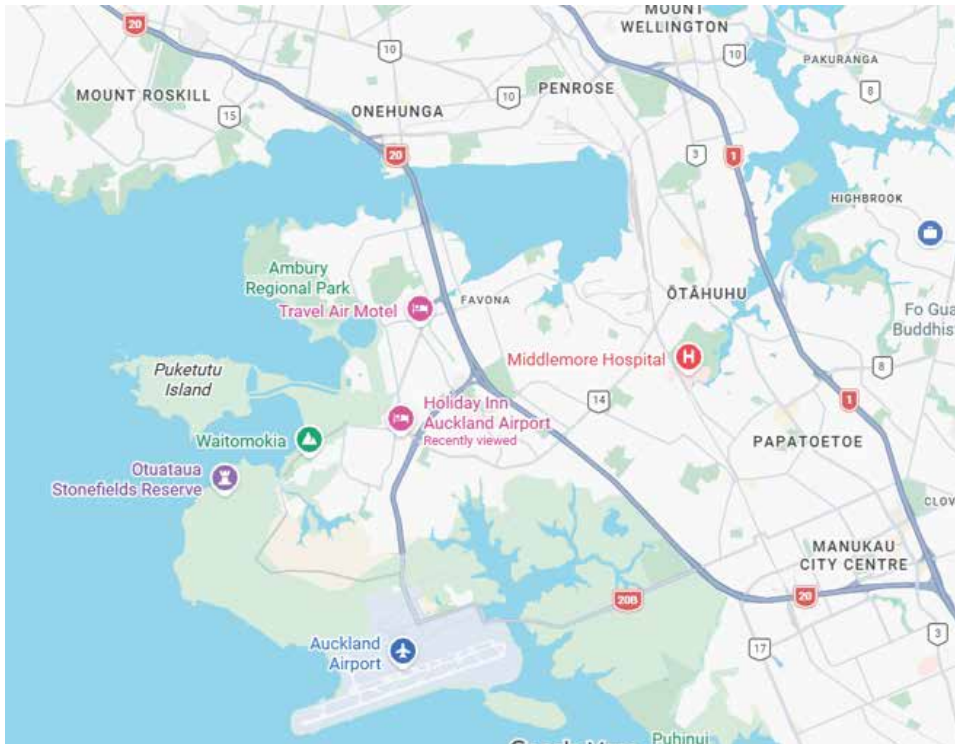
There is a 24 hour gymnasium on level 2 and self service laundries on both levels 1 & 2.

Parking

There are 250 free parking spaces available in two carpark. The one closest to Reception is best suited to those attending for the day while the other carpark is ideal for those staying in the hotel as there is access to the rooms via external doors leading to the different wings.

Getting There - Driving

From State Highway 20/20A - take the Kirkbride Road exit middle lane to turn right - turn left into Ascot Road and the Holiday Inn is on your left.





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Yellow Bus from the Airport

The Yellow Bus provides transfers from Auckland Airport (Domestic and International terminals) to hotels within a five mile radius. The services operates 24/7, approximately every 25 minutes.

Note that there are two bus routes so please check that it says Holiday Inn as one of the hotels shown before boarding the bus.

The fare is **\$8 each way** and tickets must be pre-purchased online or at the Ticket Kiosks at the airport terminals or in the hotels. Note these are Tap to Pay kiosks and NO CASH is accepted.



Auckland International Terminal – Transport Hub, Auckland Airport

The Yellow Bus pickup location at the International Terminal has moved to the new Transport Hub - follow signs for "Hotel Buses". Exit the terminal building out of Door 4, walk across pedestrian crossing and into the hub. First row - **Bus Stop "D"**. The Ticket Kiosks are located at the bus stop.

Auckland Domestic Terminal – Andrew McKee Avenue, Auckland Airport

The Yellow Bus picks up from Bus Stop D. Follow the "Buses" signs & exit out of Door 2, turn right and wait at **Bus Stop D**. The Ticket Kiosks are at Bus Stop D, against the wall of the building.

For more information and the Timetable go to: [www. https://www.yellowbus.co.nz/](http://www.yellowbus.co.nz/)



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From the Registration Team...



Latest News from the Registration Desk!

We're on the home stretch and can't wait to welcome you all to Auckland! To help you make the most of your time, here are a few quick updates before you arrive:

- **New "Town Hall" Session with IP Mark Lyon**

We've added an exciting new 1-hour session to Saturday morning immediately following morning tea. Join IP Mark as he shares his insights on his theme, "Rooted in Service." Come be part of the conversation, share your own innovative service ideas, and get inspired! You can easily add this session to your schedule on the registration site now.

- **Select Your Workshops Before They Fill Up!**

If you haven't chosen your workshops yet, now is the perfect time! Over 60% of attendees have already made their selections, and several popular sessions are filling up fast. Log on to the registration site today to secure your top choices so you don't miss out.

- **Where to Find Us at the Holiday Inn**

When you arrive, head straight to the Jean Batten Lobby—just follow the friendly signs from the main entrance. Our team will be ready to welcome you starting at 9:00 AM on Friday.



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From the Registration Team...



Instructions for Selecting Workshops

Please follow these steps for selecting the workshops that you want to attend at ANZI.

1. Log on to the registration's website using the same login details that you used to register
2. Select "Review your Registration Details" on the front page
3. Select "Update Registrations and Workshops for Your Name"
4. Check that your details are correct on the next page, then press "Next"
5. Review the Optional Events that you have selected, then press "Next"
6. You should now be at the page which looks like this:



7. Select the workshop that you wish to attend for each session by clicking on the circle beside the workshop name. (Note that the descriptions of each session are under the name and are bold)
8. Scroll down and complete your selections for each session
9. When completed, press "Next" at the bottom of the page (this saves your selections)
10. Check the list headed "Workshops" to check that your selections are correct
11. If they are not correct, or you want to change anything, press "Back" to return to the selection menu. Then return to step 9.
12. Exit the programme by press X at the very top of your tab.



Do not press "Continue to Payments Page" unless you have not paid.



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MEAL OPTIONS

Friday Meal Options...



Friday Meal Options

Lunch and dinner are at your own cost on Friday 21st with a light supper to follow the Official Opening and Flag Ceremony.

Here are some options to consider in the hotel and within a few minutes walk:

Vapor Restaurant at the Holiday Inn – buffet meals at a special price

12 pm – 2.30pm – Lunch @ \$30 per person

5.30 pm – 10.30 pm – Dinner @ \$58 person including a Glass of House Wine, NZ Beer, Fizzy Drink or Juice

Rumpus Bar at the Holiday Inn - A La Carte – Order from the Menu

11 am - 9.30 pm – Meals, drinks and coffees

4 pm – 6 pm – Happy Hour drinks

Restaurant Lunar at Naumi Hotel – 153 Kirkbride Road - Across from the Holiday Inn

11 am – 5 pm – Lunch – order from the menu

5 pm – 10 pm – Dinner – order from the menu

Bakehaven Café, Airport Oaks Shopping Centre - 149 Kirkbride Road – 6 minutes walk

6 am – 5 pm – Lunch - a variety of cabinet food and meals to order

Please Note:

Friday Group Sessions in Jean Batten Ballroom

12.45pm - be seated for the Welcome and Opening at 1pm

6.45pm - be seated for the Official Opening and Flag Ceremony at 7pm



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LIONS INTERNATIONAL

21ST AUGUST 2026

VAPOR BUFFET LUNCH SPECIAL \$30.00 PER PERSON

12.00pm – 2.30pm

Garden Salad with Assorted Lettuce Leaves, Tomato,
Cucumber, Carrot, Red Onion, Baby Beetroot & Lemon Olive
Oil (G/F, D/F)



Southern Fried Chicken with
condiments

Battered Fish Bites with Aioli
Vegetable Lasagna

Assorted Pizza's

Hot Fries



Homemade Banana Cake

Freshly Sliced Fruits

Freshly Brewed Coffee & A Selection of Fine Teas



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Meal Options...



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

VAPOR BUFFET DINNER SPECIAL \$58.00 PER PERSON

21ST AUGUST 2026

FROM 5.30PM – 10.00PM

This special includes x1 Beverage – Either Glass of House Wine, NZ Beer or Fizzie/Juice



Soup Station

Soup of the Day

Selection of Hand Crafted Artisan Breads & Dips

Salads

Shrimp Popcorn Coleslaw

Thai Chicken Noodle & Vegetable Salad

Roast Pumpkin, Green Bean & Olive with Miso Vinaigrette

Smoked Chicken Caesar Salad

Roast Beetroot Pear & Carrot Salad

South Pacific Lime, Chilli & Coconut Ceviche

Surimi Cocktail with Thousand Island Dressing

Sundried Tomato & Courgette Orzo Salad

Mains

Chicken Breast with Roast Vine Tomatoes

Market Fish with Shrimp, Mussels Charred Lemon & Coconut Cream

Palak Paneer

Trio of Pumpkin, Potato & Kumara

Egg & Vegetable Fried Rice

Seasonal Steamed Vegetables

Carvery

Honey Glazed Champagne Ham Topped with Assorted Mustards & Cranberry Sauce

Desserts

Assorted Cakes, Cheesecakes, Slices, Truffles & Tortes

Cheeseboard, Fruit & Crackers

Steamed Sticky Date Pudding

Ice Cream, Waffle Cones & Assorted Condiments

Fresh Fruit Platter

Freshly Brewed Coffee & A Selection of Fine Teas

Please note that items change daily and is dependent on seasonal availability

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What to Wear

Dress Code

DRESS TO CONNECT, INSPIRE & IMPACT!

At Forum, what we wear is part of the experience! Let's feel comfortable, show our Lions pride and have some fun along the way.



FORUM SESSIONS

Lions shirt or smart casual

Lions attire is encouraged – whether that's your club, district or Lions shirt. Smart casual is perfectly appropriate as we come together for learning, connection and inspiration.



Comfortable, practical & ready to learn!



FRIDAY EVENING

Opening Session

Join us as we officially kick off the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum together. Smart casual – think neat, polished and presentable. Let's start the Forum on the right note!

Casual yet stylish!



SATURDAY NIGHT

Theme Night

Our Forum theme is **INNOVATION - INCLUSION - IMPACT**. Use your imagination and get creative!



There are no strict rules – just plenty of imagination, laughter and fun!
We can't wait to see what you come up with.

DRESS UP IDEAS



A country beginning with 'I'
(Italy, India, Indonesia, Ireland...)



A profession starting with 'I'
(Inventor, Inspector, Ice Hockey Player...)



A movie, TV or book character beginning with 'I'



Or embrace our fun theme
"THE EYES HAVE IT"
with a creative eye-inspired costume!



**WEAR YOUR PRIDE.
SHARE THE EXPERIENCE.
MAKE AN IMPACT.**

*Let's make memories
TOGETHER IN AUCKLAND!*

**BE YOU.
BE CREATIVE.
BE PART OF
THE FUN!**



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Programme

From the Programme Team...



The countdown is on! It won't be long now until we're all together for what promises to be an exciting and inspiring ANZI Pacific Forum. We can't wait to welcome you and share a fantastic few days of learning, networking, and fellowship.

We would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to make this event possible. Whether you're a presenter, moderator, behind-the-scenes helper, or one of the many volunteers from within—and outside—Lions, your generosity and commitment are greatly appreciated. It is this spirit of service that truly makes Lions such an amazing organisation.

Just a couple of important reminders

Some sessions have been designated as **closed sessions** for Lions moving into specific leadership roles. While our registration system has accepted everyone who selected these sessions, volunteers will be checking attendance at the door to ensure places are available for those the sessions are intended for. We appreciate your understanding and ask that you respect this, so everyone has the opportunity to attend the training they need. With such a wide variety of excellent sessions on offer, we're sure you'll find plenty to inspire you.

We'd also love to shine a spotlight on some of our youth-focused presentations.

Andy Rolston, presenting **Coaching Our Youth**, is a highly regarded speaker known for his practical, hands-on approach. His sessions are engaging, inspiring, and full of ideas you can take away and use. Andy isn't a Lion—yet—but after hearing him speak, we might all be tempted to start recruiting!

Our **Leos to Lions** session features Katie and Elizabeth, two enthusiastic Leo-Lions who will share their own experiences and practical ideas for building stronger connections between Leos and Lions. If you're passionate about developing young leaders, this is a session not to miss.

Have you been enjoying the newsletters and promotional material leading up to the Forum? If so, you have Tobi to thank! His creativity has helped keep us all informed and excited, and he'll be presenting **Engage, Connect, Grow – Using Social Media**. If you're looking for fresh ideas to strengthen your club's communication and online presence, be sure to add this session to your schedule.

Finally, after lunch on Saturday, we're delighted to welcome the Pukekohe High School Leo Club. They'll have a display table in the main corridor where you can stop by for a chat, join them in a fun card-making project, and learn about the incredible work they're doing. It's hard to believe this Leo Club is only 18 months old. Their growth has been so remarkable that they've already had to introduce measures to manage their expanding membership—and they now have an incredible **120 Leos**. Their enthusiasm, leadership, and commitment are truly inspiring, and we're sure you'll enjoy meeting them.

Safe travels to everyone making the journey, and thank you for being part of ANZI Pacific. We look forward to welcoming you very soon and sharing a memorable Forum together.

See you soon!
Lynda and Suez



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Programme (Tentative)

ANZI Pacific Forum Programme



ANZI Pacific Forum Programme Preview

We are delighted to share the latest draft programme for the 2026 ANZI Pacific Forum. Our committee has been working hard to create an engaging and inspiring event that reflects our theme of Innovation, Inclusion and Impact.

The following pages provide an overview of the sessions and activities currently planned. Please note that this programme is subject to change as we continue to confirm speakers and make final arrangements. While every effort will be made to deliver the programme as published, timings, topics and presenters may be updated to ensure the best possible experience for all participants.

We look forward to welcoming you to Auckland in August and sharing an outstanding Forum with Lions from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.



ANZI Pacific Forum – Auckland 21 to 23 August 2026

Friday Opening – Jean Batten Ballroom

1.00 pm – 1.15 pm Welcome, Health & Safety	PDG Wendy Miller – ANZI Pacific Forum Chair
1.15 pm – 2.00 pm (Session 1)	Jarrold Kreft– AI for Clubs
Afternoon Tea 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm (30 Minutes)	

	Room 1 MEMBERSHIP <i>Jean Batten Room 1</i>	Room 2 SERVICE <i>Jean Batten Room 2</i>	Room 3 LEADERSHIP <i>Jean Batten Room 3</i>	Room 4 MARKETING <i>Richard Pearse Room</i>	Room 5 Invite only Sessions <i>Amelia Earhart Room</i>
A Session 2 2.40 pm – 3.40 pm (60 Minutes)	Keeping the Pride: Strategies for Member Retention <i>PCC Megan England</i> <i>PDG Charles Harrison</i>	Maximizing Impact: Making the Most of Lions Service Weeks <i>PCC Pam Harvey</i> <i>PDG Allan Fleury</i>	Nurturing Tomorrow: Growing Future Leaders Finding the Leader in all of us <i>PDG Megan Butler</i> <i>PDG Peter Korndorfer</i>	Project Tomorrow – A new perspective <i>PID Cliff Heywood</i>	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon Meets with District Governors plus GAT CAL/ALs, District GAT, IDs
B Session 3 3.50 pm – 4.50 pm (60 Minutes)	Growing the Pride: Your Guide to Recruiting Members in the 21 st Century <i>PCC Steve Barr</i> <i>PDG Anne Eldridge</i>	Lions Service Platforms: Guide & Inspiring Ideas <i>PDG Margaret Gill</i> <i>PDG Brian McMillan</i>	On the Path: Engaging Lions in Lifelong Learning <i>CC Susan Eyton</i> <i>ID Phillip Johnson</i>	Engage, Connect, Grow: Using Social Media Effectively <i>PCC Tobi Hipp</i>	Closed session International First Vice President Dr Manoj Shah meets with First Vice District Governors

Dinner – Attendees own arrangement & Cost

6.45 pm – Be seated in the Main Conference Area 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm – Official opening and Flag Ceremony 9.00 pm - ANZI Reception & Supper	MC - PID Graeme Wilson Official welcome – PDG Wendy Miller Flag Ceremony – PCC Megan England
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Saturday sessions – Separate Meeting Rooms

C Session 4 8.30 am - 9.30am (60 Minutes)	Leo to Lions <i>Katie Townsend</i> <i>Elizabeth Paras</i>	Building Bridges: Creating Effective Partnerships <i>Elias Kanaris</i>	Up to date Leadership in Action- Best Practices for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers <i>PDG Richard Norris</i> <i>PCC Kim Forrest</i>	Marketing our Brand <i>FVDG Graham Estreich</i>	Closed Session International Second Vice President Tony Benbow meets with Second Vice District Governors
D Session 5 9.40 am - 10.40 am (60 Minutes)	Mission 1.5 review and plans <i>PCC Steve Barr</i> <i>PDG Anne Eldridge</i>	From Ideas to Action: Planning Impactful Community Service <i>PCC Arvind Raman</i> <i>Elbe Moreland</i>	Clarifying Cabinet Responsibilities <i>PCC Pam Harvey</i> <i>PCC Richard Williams</i>	Unlocking the Power of the Lions Portal <i>PDG Alice McDonald</i>	Closed Session – International President Mark Lyon meets with Club Presidents
Morning Tea 10.40 am – 11.10 am (30 Minutes)					
E Session 6 11.15 am – 12.15 pm (60 Minutes)	Creating clubs attractive to potential members “Securing Our Legacy: Lions Forward” <i>FVDG Graham Estreich</i> <i>PDG Ricky Singh</i>	Engage to Change <i>PCC Richard Williams</i> <i>Debbie Williams</i>	LCIF – General Session <i>LCIF Chairperson and</i> <i>LCIF Staff</i>	Coaching our Youth <i>Andy Rolston</i>	Open Session / Seminar - Town Hall/Service and Global Advocacy Panel – International President Mark Lyon
LUNCH 12.20pm to 1.50 pm (90 Minutes) Address from International President Mark Lyon					
F Session 7 2.00 pm – 2.45 pm (45 Minutes)	Meetings that people want to attend Ice Breakers Team Well Being Improving the Member Experience <i>James Mawer</i> <i>PDG Christine Ford</i>	Innovative Fundraising Strategies <i>PDG Rex Bullard</i> <i>PDG Peter Henderson</i>	The Art of Club Dialogue for Impact <i>James Marris</i>	Identification Theft <i>Joanne Knight</i> <i>PDG Deidre Bridge</i>	Closed Session x 2 Mission 1.5 Meeting GAT CAL/ALs, CCs, ID, MD GMT / GET
G Session 8 2.55 pm – 3.40 pm (45 Minutes)	Securing our future with new clubs and club branches <i>PCC Yahya Yastputera</i> <i>Jessica Budiman</i>	LEOS... The Future of Leos <i>LAP Wayne Paulin</i>	Guiding Lion workshop Features and Benefits... the Value of 😊 <i>PID Eric Carter</i>	Promote Your Impact: Showcasing Your Projects <i>Jarrold Kreft</i>	
Afternoon Tea 3.40 pm – 4.10 pm (30 Minutes)					
H Session 9 4.15 pm – 5.00 pm (45 Minutes)	Members Matter: Recognition and Celebration <i>PDG Kerrie McMahon</i> <i>PDG Carol McMillan</i>	Hands-On Brainstorming: Community Project Ideas <i>Tim Ford</i>	Past District Governor – Guiding the future and supporting the present through experience <i>PCC Jo Cameron</i>	Canva and other Marketing tools <i>Karen McGinness</i>	Closed Session International President Mark Lyon LCIF Chairperson, IVPs meet with PIPs / PIDs

6.30 pm Social for 7.00 pm – Gala Dinner

Sunday Sessions – Jean Batten Ballroom

8.30 am - 9.30am Group Session	LCIF Seminar including Recognition
9.30 am - 10.30 am Group Session	Mission 1.5 Seminar
Morning Tea 10.30 am to 11.00 am (30 Minutes)	
11.00 am – 12.00 pm Group Session	Lance Burdett - Mental Wellness
12.00 pm to 1.30 pm	Closing Session & Lunch

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-  Guest Laundry Level 1 & 2
-  Ambassador Room Level 2
-  Tower 1 to 6
-  Evacuation Points





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What's in the Area

Supermarkets, Shopping and Restaurants



Airport Oaks Shopping Centre - six minutes walk (adjacent to Naumi Hotel)

149 Kirkbride Road, Mangere

Opening Hours 6am/7am – 5pm

Foodmarket, Liquor Centre, Café, Indian Restaurant, Laundromat, Pharmacy, Doctor

Auckland Airport Shopping Centre – six minutes drive

1 John Goulter Drive, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 7am – 10pm depending on the store

Woolworths Supermarket, Chemist Warehouse, The Warehouse, Postie, and a number of other retail stores and food outlets

Manawa Bay Outlet Centre – six minutes drive

4 Jimmy Ward Cres, Auckland Airport

Opening Hours 10am – 7pm

100+ retail stores plus a number of dining options

Mangere Bridge Village – seven minutes drive

Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge

Supa Value Supermarket plus other shops and cafes

Post Office Public House Gastropub – two minutes drive, fifteen minutes walk

55 Montgomerie Road, Mangere

Monday to Friday 11am – 9pm, Saturday and Sunday 4.30pm - 9pm

Sierra Café - two minutes drive, fourteen minutes walk

64 Richard Pearce Drive, Mangere

Open 6.30am – 3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

6.30am – 3pm Thursday, Sunday 9am – 2pm, Saturday Closed

Szimpla Gastro Bar – six minutes drive

2 Leonard Isitt Drive, Auckland Airport (under the IBIS Hotel)

Open all day from 7am – 9.30pm

Hotels with Restaurants nearby

Naumi Hotel – cnr Ascot and Kirkbride Roads (across from the Holiday Inn) - 4 minutes walk

Heartland Hotel – 14 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks - 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk

Sudima Hotel, 18 Airpark Drive, Airport Oaks – 3 minutes drive, 23 minutes walk



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