



Agreement on the Conservation  
of Albatrosses and Petrels

To: Advisory Committee Members  
ACAP National Contact Points  
Meeting Attendees

## **AC10 Meeting Circular 3 – Registration reminder, Heads of Delegation Meeting, Other Events and Local Information about New Zealand and Wellington.**

### **Registration reminder**

Parties, Non-Party Range States and Observers are reminded that details of their representatives must be provided to the Secretariat prior to the meeting (e-mail [secretariat@acap.aq](mailto:secretariat@acap.aq)). All attendees are requested to complete the [meeting registration form](#) available from the ACAP website as soon as possible to assist us in preparing for the meetings.

### **Heads of Delegation Meeting**

Advisory Committee Members are reminded that on Sunday, 10 September 2017 in the late afternoon/evening (time to be confirmed) a Heads of Delegation meeting will be held at the hotel venue. HoDs meeting agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting date. Interpretation will be provided as in previous years.

### ***Pterodroma* Workshop**

As advised in previous circulars, the ACAP *Pterodroma* Workshop will be held at the CQ Hotel (same venue as AC10) on Saturday, 9 September 2017. For workshop agenda and other information go to the [ACAP website](#). Workshop attendees are requested to [register](#) their participation by Friday 25 August.

## Side meetings

More detailed discussions on progressing the Southern Hemisphere Risk Assessment, as well as the plight of the Antipodean albatross, will be conducted in the margins of SBWG8, or in the evenings following SBWG8, as time permits.

## Local Information about New Zealand and Wellington

Information regarding Wellington, transportation, currency, communication and local contacts (Annex 1), was kindly prepared by Department of Conservation, New Zealand.

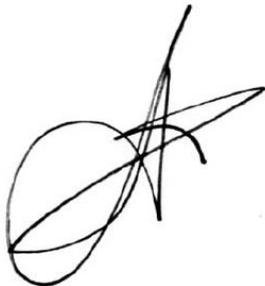
## Social Events

New Zealand will be hosting a welcome event, including drinks and canapes, on Monday 11 September at 6:30pm in the Te Marae venue on Level 4 of Te Papa (see map on p.6). This event will include the Seabird Smart Award presentation by Southern Seabirds Solutions at 7.00pm (see Annex 2).

On Tuesday 12 September at 6.00pm, Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (Forest & Bird) warmly invites delegates and attendees to drinks and a light meal to celebrate New Zealand's role as seabird capital of the world. The venue will be the National Office of Forest & Bird on L1 205 Victoria Street, a short walk from the CQ Hotel.

New Zealand will also be hosting a field trip to [Zealandia](#) for all AC10 delegates on Thursday 14 September. Visits to the collections at the [Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa](#) will also be arranged. Further details will be available closer to the time.

In addition, an optional pelagic trip to the Cook Strait, separating New Zealand's North and South Islands, has been scheduled for Sunday, 10 September (see Annex 3).



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## ANNEX 1. GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

### Arriving in New Zealand

New Zealand has strict biosecurity procedures at airports and ports to prevent the introduction of unwanted pests and diseases. During your flight to New Zealand, you will be given a “Passenger Arrival Card” which tells you what New Zealand considers “risk goods”. All risk goods like food, plants, wooden products, soil, water, outdoor equipment, and animal products must be declared and may then be inspected. For further information visit <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/travel-and-recreation/arriving-in-new-zealand/>.

**Remember to discard or declare any food items, otherwise you will be fined!**

New Zealand is generally a very safe place to travel in. For further advice and travel tips visit <http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/health-and-safety/>.

If your international flight arrives in Auckland and then connects to Wellington, you will need to collect your bags in Auckland to pass through biosecurity there and declare all “risk goods” and re-check your bags in for the next flight to Wellington.

### Wellington

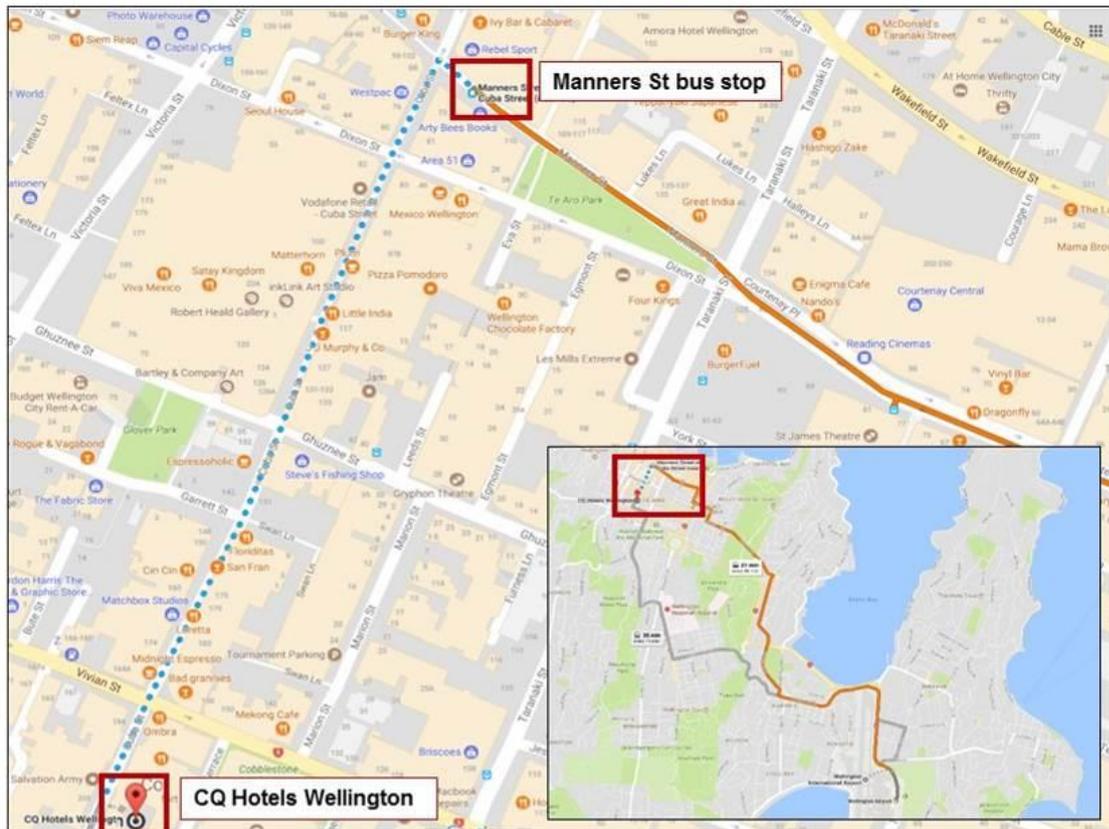
Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand, located at the south-western tip of the North Island (time zone is UTC +12). Wellington is the major population centre of the Southern North Island, with around 400,000 residents. It is the world’s windiest city, with an average wind speed of over 26km/h, and the world’s southernmost capital of a sovereign state. In September the temperature ranges between 7.5-13.4°C (10.5°C average), and average of 11.0 rainy days. For more information about the city, tourism, and related topics, visit: [www.wellingtonnz.com](http://www.wellingtonnz.com).

### Arriving in Wellington

Wellington airport is located about 8km away from the Central Business District (CBD). There are several transport options from the airport into town listed below, with information on travel times and cost.

#### Airport Flyer buses

- The Airport Flyer is an express bus service that travels between the airport and Wellington City. It departs from the Southern end of Level 0 (ground level), to the right of the domestic baggage claim.
- The Airport Flyer bus service runs from Wellington Airport to Wellington City every 10 minutes on weekdays from 6.30am to 9.00am and 2.00pm to 7.00pm. It runs every 20 minutes at all other times.
- To get to the CQ Hotel on Cuba Street, Wellington, exit the bus at the Manners Street stop (if unsure just ask the driver as you board). Then walk up Cuba Street (shown below in blue dots), the walk to the CQ hotel should take around 7 minutes (550 m).



**Figure 1: Airport Flyer bus route (91)**

### Taxis

- Taxi ranks can be found directly outside the baggage claim area on Level 0 of the main terminal.
- All taxis use meters and cost may vary between service providers, but should be between \$30-40 NZD.
- Tipping is not customary in New Zealand, and is not expected.

### Shuttles

- Shuttle ranks can be found directly outside the baggage claim area on Level 0 of the main terminal, but you can also book online ([www.supershuttle.co.nz](http://www.supershuttle.co.nz)).
- There is a fixed cost to each destination, but a shuttle to/from Wellington CBD (QC Hotel, 223 Cuba Street) is \$20 NZD.

### **Where to eat**

There are many restaurants, cafés and bars in easy walking distance from the CQ Hotel. Tipping is not normally expected in New Zealand.

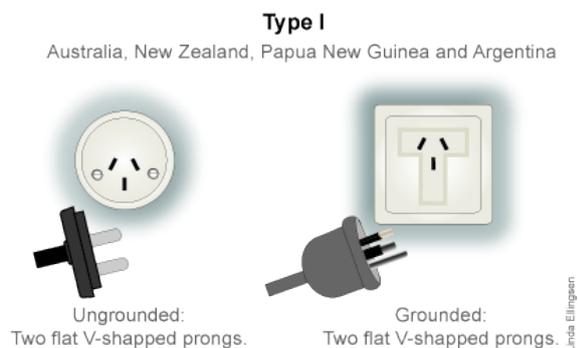
## Currency

New Zealand's unit of currency is the New Zealand dollar (NZ\$). All major credit cards can be used in New Zealand, with Visa and MasterCard accepted most widely. For further information on currency conversion, visit: <http://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/new-zealand-currency/>.

## Voltage and electrical contacts

Electricity throughout New Zealand is supplied at a nominal voltage of 230 volts and 50 hertz, although most hotels and motels provide 110-volt AC sockets (rated at 20 watts) for electric razors only.

The power outlets in New Zealand have a grounding pin and two flat prongs forming a V-shape. There is also an ungrounded version of the plug with only two flat V-shaped prongs (see below)

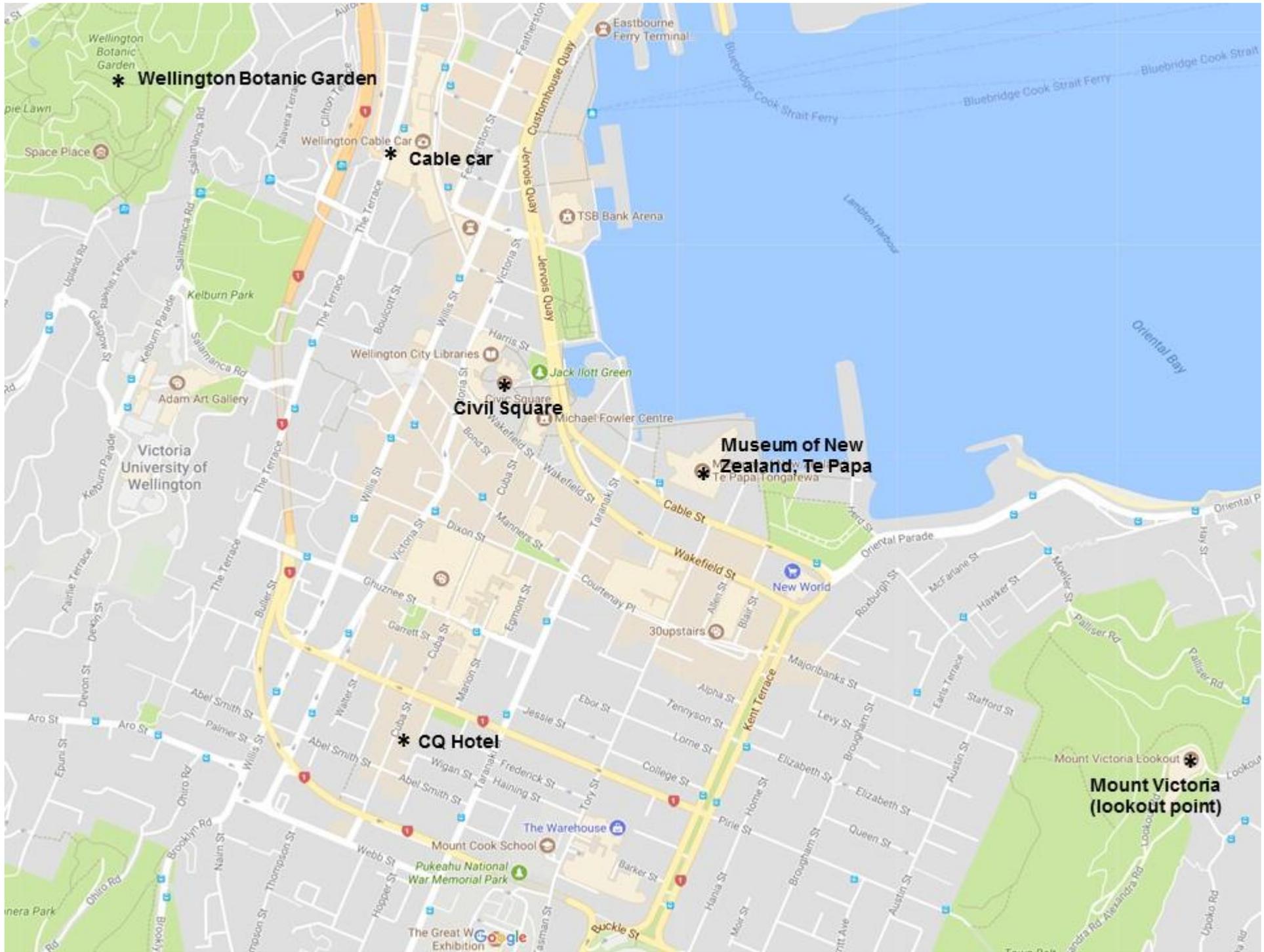


## Local contact

We are happy to answer all your questions and provide you with further information so feel free to contact us:

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\* Wellington Botanic Garden

\* Cable car

Civil Square

Museum of New Zealand Te Papa

\* CQ Hotel

Mount Victoria (lookout point)

## ANNEX 2. SEABIRD SMART AWARD PRESENTATION



Southern Seabird Solutions Trust  
is delighted to extend a special invitation  
to delegates attending ACAP AC10  
to celebrate the recipients of the

### 2017 SEABIRD SMART AWARDS

To be held in conjunction with  
a reception for delegates  
on Monday 11 September 2017  
at 7pm at Te Papa, Wellington



Southern Seabird Solutions Trust is an alliance with representatives from the seafood industry, New Zealand government, WWF-New Zealand, and Te Ohu Kaimoana. Trust supporters also include environmental groups, eco-tourism operators, recreational anglers, fishing gear retailers and seabird ecologists.

We work with commercial fishers and recreational anglers to reduce harm to seabirds from fishing. Our motto, conservation through cooperation, expresses our desire to encourage fishers using a cooperative and practical approach.

### ANNEX 3. OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP – COOK STRAIT PELAGIC SUNDAY 10 SEPT

An optional pelagic trip to the Cook Strait, separating New Zealand's North and South Islands, has been scheduled for Sunday 10th September on "Seafarer II", a 50 foot charter vessel based at Seaview marina near Wellington. The trip will depart at 7.00am for a 6 hour adventure. This will require departure from Central Wellington at approximately 6am (and return approximately 1pm). The boat is licenced to take up to 20 people and offers an excellent opportunity to photograph albatrosses and other seabird species at close range.

Places are strictly limited and a cost share contribution of \$100 NZD per person is required (this includes barbecue lunch, tea/coffee/orange juice and snacks/fruit). Details about the boat can be found here: <http://www.cookstraitfishingcharters.co.nz/?sn=9&st=1>

Note: sea conditions can be uncomfortable for those prone to sea sickness. The trip is weather dependent, and may be cancelled at short notice.

**If you would like to join the trip, please respond by email to [Freya Hjorvardottir <fhjorvarsdot@doc.govt.nz>](mailto:Freya.Hjorvardottir@doc.govt.nz) as soon as possible.**

A previous outing on the Cook Strait

