

# Joint Meeting of the NZMS, AustMS and AMS Newsletter

5/12/2024  
Pre-conference

## NAU MAI, HAERE MAI!

Welcome to the Joint Meeting of the NZMS, AustMS and AMS! This is the largest mathematical conference ever held in New Zealand (so far), and we are honoured to have you here. We hope you will have an amazing time in our country.

- Keep an eye out for our Daily Newsletter, where we will remind you of the most important events of the day, tell you more about New Zealand, and provide you with some fun content and puzzles.
- Refer daily to the [conference website](#) to view the schedule, read about important updates and get information about everything to do with the conference.
- Join our WhatsApp community via the QR Code (bottom right of the page) or [this link](#) and connect with other participants, including partners and families of attendees. This group is designed to facilitate organisation and socialisation among participants before, during, and after the conference. For example, it could be a space to organise transport to and from the airport or ask questions. Official conference updates from the organising committee will be sent via email as needed.
- The Social Committee has organised a small mentoring programme to take place during the conference. The mentoring programme will facilitate exchanges between early-career and senior researchers in an informal setting. Please click [here](#) to learn more and sign up as a mentor. If you are an early-career researcher, you can look at the list of mentors and sign up to meet with one of them [here](#). Once all the spaces for a mentor have been filled, you can co-ordinate together to arrange a time, such as over lunch or coffee, to meet and talk.
- If you have any questions or concerns, contact us on WhatsApp or email the social committee at [social\\_ms\\_2024@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:social_ms_2024@auckland.ac.nz).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 8th December 5pm** — Welcome reception. Location: [Sir Owen G. Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland CBD](#).

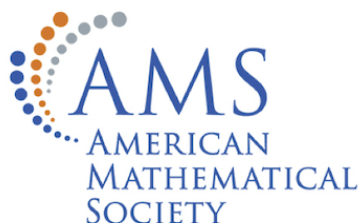
**Monday 9th December 6:30pm** — Student and postdoc social event. Location: [Mr Murdoch's, Level 1/16 Fort Street, Auckland CBD](#).

*If you are an international visitor, please bring your passport as ID.*

### We are grateful to the sponsors of this joint meeting:

Conference Sponsors: The Kalman Trust, Faculty of Science (University of Auckland), Department of Mathematics (University of Auckland).

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## TRANSPORT

- **Transport from the airport:** For international attendees, there are several options for travelling from the airport to the city. Taxis and rideshare apps, such as Uber, are available. There is also a regular bus service, [SkyDrive](#), that you can book in advance to take you to the city centre. There is also a shuttle service, [Super Shuttle](#), which can also be booked in advance. Please refer to the [Auckland Airport website](#) for information about public transport options from Auckland Airport. Please note that you no longer require an AT HOP card to travel on public transport in Auckland.
- **Taxi and Rideshares:** Taxis in New Zealand can be quite expensive, so rideshare services may provide a more cost-effective and convenient option.
- **Public Transport:** You may use your contactless debit or credit card, smartphone or smart device to tag on and tag off all [public transport across Auckland](#). You do not need to purchase a separate AT HOP card (the local travel card used to travel on the trains, buses, and ferries across Auckland). Consider getting the Auckland Transport app ('AT Mobile app') to plan your journey in advance.
- **Walking:** Walking is a great way to explore the city, though the hilly terrain may be challenging for those with mobility issues or accessibility concerns, in which case, please consider using rideshares, bike and e-scooter share services and public transport for longer distances.

### NZ Fact of the Day

In 1893, New Zealand became the first nation in the world to grant women the right to vote, largely due to the efforts of suffragist Kate Sheppard. This historic achievement set a global precedent for women's suffrage. In recognition of her contributions, Sheppard appears on New Zealand's \$10 banknote.



### NZ Bird of the Day

The South Island takahē, once thought extinct, was rediscovered in 1948 in Fiordland. Flightless and distinctive with vibrant plumage and a red bill, their population has grown to around 528 by 2024, thanks to intensive conservation efforts, including captive breeding and predator control.



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