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The 25th International Symposium of the SCUFN, Wellington, New Zealand, 2012

The 25th meeting of the GEBCO Sub-Committee for Undersea Feature Names will be jointly hosted by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ, www.linz.govt.nz) and GNS Science (www.gns.cri.nz) in Wellington, New Zealand.

The meeting will be held at the LINZ office in central Wellington. The address of the meeting place is:

Physical Address

LINZ
Level 7, Radio New Zealand House
155 The Terrace
Wellington
New Zealand

Postal Address

LINZ
PO Box 5501
Wellington 6145
New Zealand

[Google Map Physical Address](#)

Local Organiser

The contact for local arrangements is Ms Kat Hammond from GNS Science.

Email: k.hammond@gns.cri.nz

Phone: +64 4 570 4125

Meeting Program

The meeting will be held from Tuesday the 23rd to Saturday the 27th of October 2012 (Monday 22nd of October 2012 is a public holiday in New Zealand). The meeting will include an 'ice breaker' event on Monday evening, as well as a formal dinner and a half day tour; dates yet to be confirmed.

If there is enough interest an accompanying partners program will be organised where people can visit local attractions during the week. Please contact the local organisers if there are any attractions or activities that are of interest. See:

www.wellington.nz.com

www.wellingtonnz.com/welcome

www.wellington.govt.nz

A second circular will follow with more information for meeting participants.

Meeting Registration

Please register your attendance to the meeting by completing the attached attendance form and then emailing to Kat Hammond at the email address above. Please make sure you fill in your name, institution, email address and the dates you will attend. This information is necessary to plan the agenda and logistics for the meeting.

Please tell the local organisers if your partner wishes to participate in the accompanying partners program. If you have any travel plans after the meeting, the local organizer will be pleased to provide further information or help you contact a qualified travel agency.

Passports and Visas

All meeting participants should check well before they travel whether they will need a visa to enter New Zealand. It is strongly recommended that you apply well in advance for your visa. If you need a letter of invitation to support your visa application please contact the local organiser on the email address above. Please provide your full name, nationality, occupation and passport number. In principle all visitors must be able to show that they hold a return ticket.

Travel to Wellington

Although Wellington is a small international airport with direct flights to Australia, most international visitors travel via Auckland or Christchurch airports. There are hourly flights between Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch. At Auckland there is a free bus that travels between international and domestic terminals, or you may take the 5 minute outdoor walk between terminals by following the green line along the footpath. At Christchurch, international and domestic terminals are connected, follow the signs.

Once in Wellington it is a short 10 to 15 minute taxi or shuttle bus trip to the centre of the city.

Hotel Accommodation

Meeting participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation. We have listed a selection of hotels suitable for your stay and a map (page 4) showing their respective locations. Should you wish to find alternative accommodation please see the following website:
www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation

Hotel	Rate	Website
1 Amora Hotel	From \$240.00 <small>NZD</small>	www.wellington.amorahotels.com
2 Ibis Hotel	From \$139.00 <small>NZD</small>	www.ibishotel.com
3 InterContinental	From \$252.00 <small>NZD</small>	www.intercontinental.com
4 James Cook Hotel	See below	www.grandchancellorhotels.com/nz

The James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor which is situated in the most ideal location to the symposium venue have a special rate with GNS Science, if you wish to book with them please advise that you are a GNS Science delegate and wish to use our corporate rate.

James Cook Hotel contact details are:

Physical Address

James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor
 147 The Terrace
 Wellington
 New Zealand

Email

reservations@jamescookhotel.co.nz

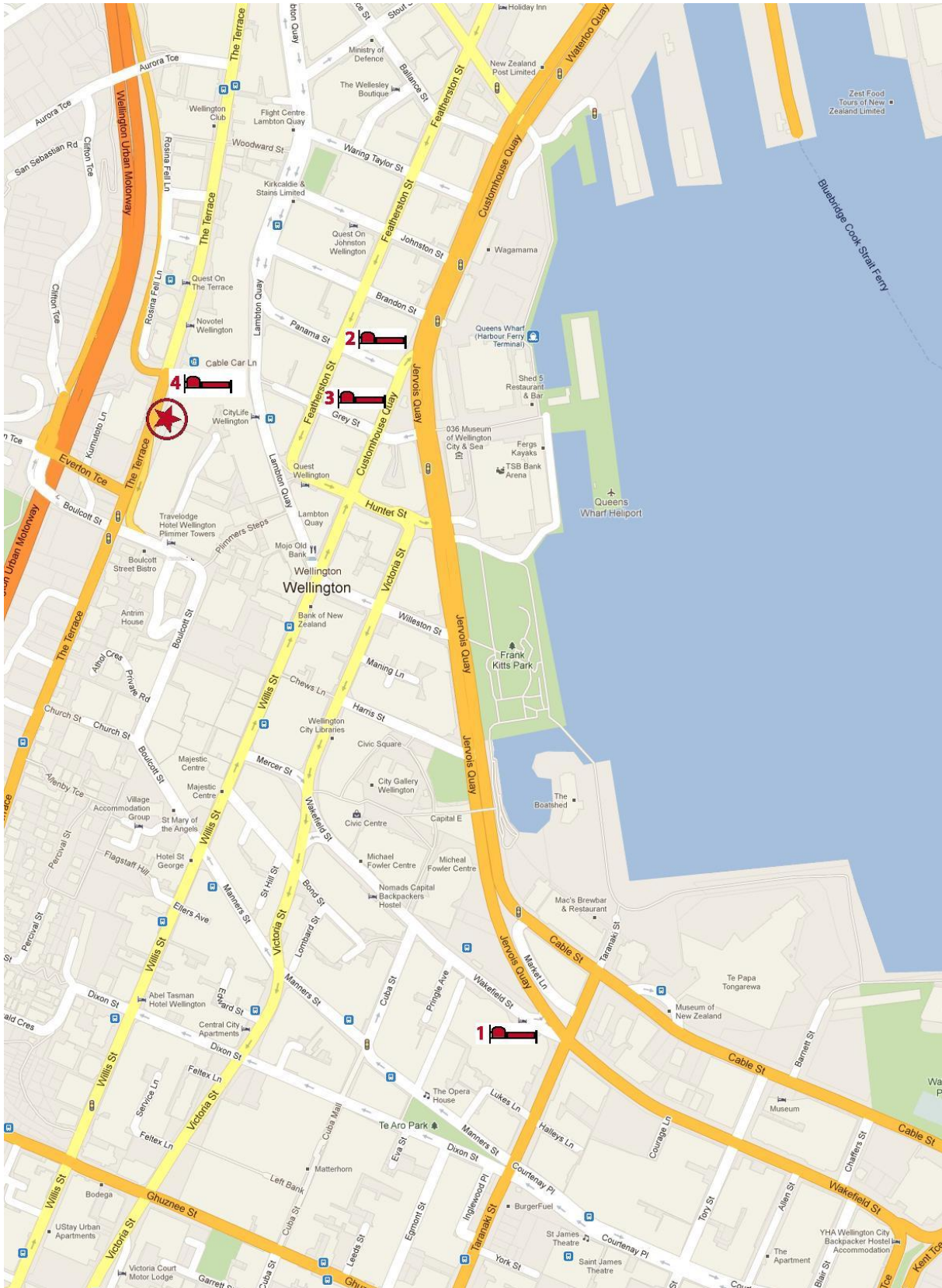
James Cook Hotel Rates:

Terrace Room	Rack Rate	GNS Science Contracted Rates
	\$380.00 Room Only	<u>Tues-Thurs Rates:</u> \$175.00 room only \$195.00 room & breakfast for one \$215.00 room & breakfast for two <u>Fri-Sat Rates:</u> \$157.50 room only \$177.50 room & breakfast for one \$197.50 room & breakfast for two
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	\$415.00 Room Only	<u>Tues-Thurs Rates:</u> \$195.00 room only \$215.00 room & breakfast for one \$235.00 room & breakfast for two <u>Fri-Sat Rates:</u> \$175.50 room only \$195.50 room & breakfast for one \$215.50 room & breakfast for two

Prices are in NZD and include GST tax of 15.0%

Rates quoted are per room, per night on a single, double or twin occupancy.

Rooms and rate are subject to availability.



Map of Wellington city showing location of symposium venue LINZ (red star) and locations of recommended hotels.
 1. Amora Hotel; 2. Ibis Hotel; 3. InterContinental; 4. James Cook Hotel.

Local Information

Wellington is the capital city of New Zealand and is the location of government ministry and department head offices as well as many business head offices. It is a small (pop. c. 450,000), compact city nestled among high hills next to a sheltered harbour and port. The city has numerous restaurants, cafes and bars with a variety of entertainment. There is a good public transport network of railway trains, buses and taxis, although the central city is small enough to walk around. Wellington has a mix of European, Polynesian and Asian cultures. The official languages are English and Maori. For more information see the web sites listed above.



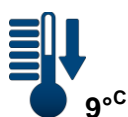
Climate

Wellington has a maritime temperate climate, but can be very changeable. Temperatures in October range from 10 to 20 degrees. The weather can often be cool and cloudy, but when the sun shines it is bright and clear, so sunburn can be a hazard. In October Wellington can be very windy, which has a chilling effect. You need to be prepared for a variety of weather. A warm windproof jacket and a good sun hat are recommended.

Av. Daily
Maximum Temp.
(OC)



Av. Daily
Minimum Temp.
(OC)



Av. hours Sunshine
(per day)



Av. No. Days with
at least 0.25 mm
Rainfall



Average
Afternoon
Humidity



We look forward to seeing you in Wellington

Best regards

Vaughan Stagpoole
GNS Science



Adam Greenland
LINZ

