

MENZSHED NZ Blue Skies Conference

Kaiapoi 15 – 17 April 2016

Diversity, Collaboration and Health

Planning is underway for the bi-annual MENZSHED NZ conference to be held in Kaiapoi, Canterbury.

MENZSHED NZ is supporting Scouts NZ through the use of the Youth Lodge at the Blue Skies Conference and Training Centre <http://www.blueskies.org.nz/>. Blue Skies is 17km from Christchurch International Airport and the heart of Christchurch, Cathedral Square.

The theme for the conference is “Diversity, Collaboration and Health”.

- Diversity – recognising the variety of sheds, solutions employed and issues affecting operations
- Collaboration – working with the community, other charities and sheds
- Health – achieving improvements in men's health

Timetable overview

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| Friday 14 April | 11am -1pm | Registration and lunch |
| | 1pm - 5pm | Welcome and external tours |
| | 6pm until late | Social get together and dinner |
| Saturday 15 April | 9am - 5pm | Official opening and conference sessions |
| | 6pm until late | Conference dinner and entertainment at the Kaiapoi Golf Club |
| Sunday 16 April | 9am – 12pm | Q&A session, AGM and conference conclusion. |

Accommodation

The accommodation available onsite at Blue Skies is in the Youth Lodge and the Conference Centre (see maps <http://www.blueskies.org.nz/maps.html>). All rooms are with shared facilities:

- single rooms - \$60 per room,
- twin rooms - \$60 per room and
- bunk rooms - \$25 per person. Note that the bunk rooms will not be used to their maximum capacity to provide extra space for the more mature occupants.

Camp sites are also available:

- powered - \$16.00 per Adult (\$22 single), \$8.00 per Child, per night and
- non powered - \$13.00 per Adult, \$6.50 per Child, per night.

There is a motel at the entrance to Blue Skies <http://www.kaiapoionwilliams.co.nz/> and other motels approx 6kms north and south. See below for other motel options.

Partner program

Depending on numbers, we will organise options for a partner programme.

Costs

Our target registration cost including the social and conference dinner is approximately \$100. This excludes accommodation and any partner program.

Your feedback is requested

Naturally we would like some indication of how many will attend the conference to help with planning. This is an indication only, not a commitment to attend but please be realistic.

Please send an email to conference@menzshed.nz by 15 July with the following information:

1. Shed name
2. Number attending conference
3. Number of partners
4. Number requiring accommodation at Blue Skies
5. Submissions

If you would like to present a topic at the conference, or have a suggestion please let us know.

The planning committee is working hard to provide an informative and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you there, renewing friendships and showing you some of what Canterbury has to offer.

Ray Hall
Chairman, MENZSHED New Zealand
23 June 2015

Supporters of the conference

FairDinkum Sheds and Carba-Tec have indicated that they will be supporting the conference.



Motel options

There is a motel at the entrance to Blue Skies <http://www.kaiapoionwilliams.co.nz/> (red arrow) and other motels approx 6kms north and south.

A search for "hotel OR motel" in Google Maps or looking at the map in hotel booking sites such as <http://www.booking.com/> will show many other motel and hotel options.

