



# The Student Resource Pack

**Bay of Plenty - 2021/22**

A student guide to getting the most out of  
your summer



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Are you a student looking to work in the Bay of Plenty this summer?

Make sure to read through this guide to get a head start on the important things, like accommodation, professional development, and events!

This guide has been prepared for you by Priority One, Callaghan Innovation, and GoHort as a collaboration project to help facilitate the student internship experience.

This guide is to help you start your summer right, as there are loads for you to get involved with in the Bay! This resource pack will point you in the right direction, and ensure you get a head start and keep up to date with all the available programmes and opportunities throughout the summer.

**This guide has three parts:**

1. [Accommodation](#)
2. [Professional Development](#)
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# ACCOMMODATION

Finding somewhere to stay



## 1 STUDENT HALLS

### Durham Court Apartments

The University of Waikato has student accommodation that is open to students from all Universities.

Durham Court Apartments are in Tauranga's CBD, and for the summer 2021/22 there are 18 rooms, at \$225 per week, excl. food). These are in six apartments with three bedrooms each and shared facilities. Residential staff are on site.

If you are interested contact  
[iris.beemster@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:iris.beemster@waikato.ac.nz)

## 2 BACKPACKERS

Backpackers are a great way to meet other young people working over summer.

[Hostelworld](#)

[NZ Pocket Guide](#)



## 3 FLATTING/BOARDING

Contact local adverts on Facebook and Trademe to find rooms available. Have a chat to your employer if there is more than one student it might be an option to rent something!

## 4 AIRBNB

Airbnb in the Bay is a great option for summer accommodation. Make sure you have a look on the options of long term rentals and private rooms.

[Find out more](#)

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Boosting your career

## SUMMER OPEN LAB (SOL)

A professional development programme for interns

The SOL is unique to Tauranga. It's an opportunity to build your employability skills and meet a whole bunch of other students doing summer projects with different companies around the Bay. The programme is designed to fit with your project workloads. We welcome any student who's completing a summer project or internship with companies based in Tauranga and the Western Bay.

There's no cost or registration process - all you need to have is permission from your host organisation.

### How SOL works:

- SOL comprises a series of workshops that run over the summer (November through to February), in parallel with summer projects being completed by university students.
- SOL is totally voluntary – there is no 'roll call'. Some people might only be able to make one session, and that's fine. It is ok if your priority is your work and commitments to your host company.



- The workshop programme is focussed on the theme of **leading and managing innovation**. Each week covers one aspect of this and consists of a mix of speakers and interactive workshop components.
  - We have an awesome line up of speakers who are leaders in local companies – this is a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with people who are successful innovators on the global stage.
  - This is also a great chance to meet other students doing summer projects around the region. We have 20-30 attending each week.
- Participating companies are welcome to send other staff along to sessions as professional development.
- SOL concludes with a celebration event that is open to the broader community and is fast becoming a highlight of the business year! Last year we had 130+ people at the Mount Surf Club.

To find out more about SOL please email  
Shane Stuart at Priority One [shane@priorityone.co.nz](mailto:shane@priorityone.co.nz)

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## DESIGN AND INNOVATION MEET-UP

A professional development group

This is a group for anyone and everyone who is interested in Innovation, Design Thinking, user insight, human centred design, research and development, product design, social initiatives, business design, commercialisation and anything in between. Everyone is welcome – we get a great mix people from technical to creative, CEOs to students. If you want to make some broader connections in the Tauranga business community, you're welcome to come along.

The Christmas/End of Year Meetup is December 1 2021. Students Welcome!

[Sign up here](#)



## OTHER NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Entrepreneurs everywhere meet up

An entrepreneur is anyone who assumes the risk and responsibility for creating something new in the world, and they get to share the rewards - social, environmental, cultural... and yes, even financial (if that's your goal). Join others on the entrepreneurial journey - together we'll make an impact and support each other to thrive!

Whether you're a student, an employee, a business owner, a homemaker, a parent - if you want to, or are already, taking steps to create something new, this is your Meetup.

[Find out more](#)



# SOCIAL EVENTS

Stuff to do outside of work!

## INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

### Living and playing in Tauranga

Priority One is hosting a session that's focussed on helping people from out of the region to enjoy their summer.

This will be a relaxed, informal setting for you to connect with, talk to some local students, and recent graduates working in the region, to get all the inside info, top tips and secret spots. It's also a great chance to meet some other people doing similar things over the summer, in a relaxed environment.

Food will be provided!

There's no cost – you just need to RSVP so we know how much catering to do

- Time: 4PM, Wednesday 17 November
- Location: Priority One, 29 Grey St.
- RSVP: [contact@priorityone.co.nz](mailto:contact@priorityone.co.nz)



## SUMMER SOCIAL CLUB

### List of information about events and activities during summer

If you are a student that doesn't live in Tauranga, and you are keen to connect with others, you are welcome to register for our social club coordination service. This is a free service where we (Priority One) will be coordinating a programme of activities, social occasions etc, and also help to get to and from these.

We're aiming to ensure that at least once a week there's some opportunity for you to do something 'social' with others from out of the region, or from within the region who are keen to connect with others doing similar things. There's no obligation. Just register and we'll let you know what's planned. Come along or not each week, it's up to you.

Register by emailing [contact@priorityone.co.nz](mailto:contact@priorityone.co.nz)

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## SUMMER STUDENT SCHEDULE

Summer in the Bay is full of stuff to do outside of work – apart from the beach! We have an amazing array of gigs, market, sports and events. Check out some of the links below:

### TAURANGA/THE MOUNT

[My Tauranga](#)

[EventFinda](#)

[Tourism Bay of Plenty](#)

[Mount Maunganui Events](#)

### ACTIVE

[TECT All Terrain Park](#)

[Baystation](#)

[Rocktopia](#)

[Summerhill Mountain Bike Trail](#)

[The Cave: VR Studio](#)

[Flight Simulator Experience](#)

### GIGS AND VENUES

[Totara St \(gig venue\)](#)

[SongKick \(listings\)](#)

[Bay Dreams Festival](#)

[One Love Festival](#)

[Historic Village](#)

### MARKETS

[Little Big Markets](#)

[Tauranga Farmers Market](#)

[Mount Farmers Market](#)

### STUDENT-FRIENDLY EATS

[Rising Tide](#)

[Cheap Eats in the Bay](#)

[Astrolabe \\$10 Tuesday](#)

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**Callaghan Innovation** is NZ's innovation agency. It activates innovation and helps businesses grow faster for a better NZ. We partner with ambitious businesses of all sizes, delivering a range of innovation and research and development (R&D) services, including tailored technical solutions, skills and capability development programmes, and grants co-funding.

**GoHort** is a network promoting horticulture through attraction, retention, and career highlighting. Opportunities are highlighted by connecting people and bridging the gap between industry, education providers, and government agencies.



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