2019 NZ BRANCH WINTER CONFERENCE

“Improving animal welfare for lab animals; from little to large”
This year's branch conference will be held in the Riddet Building just off University Avenue, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. The venue will be signposted. Palmerston North is a city of around 87,000 people and the city centre has lots of dinner options, supermarkets, cafes and a shopping centre. It is about 5km from the city centre to the conference venue.
CONFERENCE TOURS

We have an exciting line-up of tours of three facilities in Palmerston North. Transport to and from the conference venue will be provided.

AGRESEARCH GRASSLANDS

A tour highlighting four of AgResearch’s facilities for animal research:

- The Automated Nutritional Dispensing System (ANDS) - a novel system for caging and automatic feeding of neonate piglets for use in experimental research
- The New Zealand Animal Ruminant Methane Measurement Centre - dedicated methane measurement facility, comprising 24 chambers for sheep and four for cattle. This tour will explain how the methane chambers work and the impact of research in this area
- Fistulated cows - integral to research into anaerobic rumen microorganisms, methane mitigation, and improvement of digestion in ruminants
- The in vitro lab for modelling ruminant digestion

WILDBASE RECOVERY

Visit the rehabilitation aviaries and the walkthrough aviary; home to a variety of native birds and ancient tuatara. Meet with staff for an introduction and discussion.

www.wildbaserecovery.co.nz

WILDBASE HOSPITAL

Meet with a member of the technical team and visit the facilities where they care for sick and injured wildlife.

www.massey.ac.nz
CONFERENCE DINNER

A taste of South Africa with the best of NZ service and produce. Catering not only for those of you who love meats and seafood, vegetarian-friendly and gluten-free options are available. Your experience will be an unforgettable one – sumptuous, generous portions with outstanding service, all in a wonderful setting. Approximately 1km from the city centre.

www.littlesavanna.co.nz
ACCOMMODATION

A selection of accommodation options is recommended below.

- **On Campus:** [www.massey.ac.nz](http://www.massey.ac.nz)
- **City Centre:** [www.rosecitymotel.co.nz](http://www.rosecitymotel.co.nz)
  - [www.questapartments.co.nz](http://www.questapartments.co.nz)
  - [www.millenniumhotels.com](http://www.millenniumhotels.com)
- **City Limits:** [www.pavilionmotel.co.nz](http://www.pavilionmotel.co.nz)
GETTING AROUND

Palmerston North has a range of transport options and the suggested accommodation options are all handy to transport links. Walking from the city to the Massey University campus is an easy stroll with a bit of a hill at the end as the campus is on a slope.

- **Buses:** [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz)
- **Taxis:** [www.pntaxis.co.nz](http://www.pntaxis.co.nz)
- **Rental Cars:** [https://www.avis.co.nz](https://www.avis.co.nz)

PARKING

Ample car parking is available on the Massey University campus. Pay and Display parks are situated around University Avenue, and all-day parking is available in the Orchard Road carpark for a flat rate of $2 per day.