

**Adoption of sustainability practices: Auckland Hotels**

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**Attached**

**Abstract one page**

**PowerPoint Presentation five pages, 25 slides**

**Presentation see Conference programme see listing on page 7/9, Pukete Room 1100-1230**

## Adoption of sustainability tourism practices: Auckland hotels.

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### Abstract

This paper reports the findings of a survey of the reasons for adoption or non-adoption of sustainable practices by hotels in the greater Auckland region.

New Zealand prides itself on its clean green image. For over ten years Tourism New Zealand has used this catch cry to promote New Zealand. However some customers are becoming increasingly aware that New Zealand is not as green as it portrays, many are actively choosing to stay in accommodation that is really green.

A major longitudinal study of sustainability in SME's by Waikato University includes a small representation of the retail hotel and restaurants sector (11%) amongst the industries respondents (Collins, Lawrence, Roper & Haar, 2010). While that work indicates an increase in the adoption of sustainable business practices, this survey focuses primarily on the hospitality sector of the tourism industry, to provide a more in-depth review of the adoption such practices.

The Tourism Industry Association (2011) 'Strategy towards 2015' is based on the principles adopted of Kaitiakitanga and Manaakitanga. 'Kaitiakitanga' means guardianship, care and protection. It provides a basis for an approach to sustainably managing the natural and cultural environment for current and future generations. 'Manaakitanga' means sharing exceptional and natural hospitality, knowledge and beliefs, on the basis of mutual respect between host and visitor.

Rod Oram (2011), a business commentator, headlined an article about the 2011 merger of Business New Zealand's Sustainability Business Forum and the New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development Sustainability into a new entity the Sustainable Business forum as "Sustainability key to success." Oram noted that the three top reasons that companies adopted sustainable practices were to improve efficiency and reduce costs, safeguard their reputation and thirdly to spur growth.

This research quantifies the extent of the adoption of sustainable practices, and the reasons for their adoption or otherwise amongst Auckland hotels.

Key Words: Sustainability, business practices, Auckland, hotels

### References

Collins, E., Lawrence, S., Roper, J. & Haar, J. (August 2010). Business sustainability practices during the recession: The growing sustainability divide. Waikato Management School University of Waikato retrieved from <http://cms.mngt.waikato.ac.nz/webdocs/research/sustainability/BusinessSustainabilityPracticesDuringtheRecession.pdf>

Oram, R. (2011, December 05). ). Sustainability key to success. Sunday StarTimes retrieved from <http://www.stuff.co.nz/sunday-star-times/columnists/6081094/Sustainability-key-to-success>




**Kia Ora.**  
**"Sustainable  
 tourism practices:  
 Auckland hotels"**

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 NZTHR Conference 9-12 Dec 2014 Novatel Tainui hotel  
 Hamilton New Zealand




**Methodology**

Replicate early sustainability research of Collins, Lawrence, Roper and Haar but apply to hospitality industry and Auckland hotels in particular.

Initial search of tourism accommodation websites suggested 200 hotels in greater Auckland.

Discovered many listed hotels did not meet usual criteria of a hotel, e.g. no inhouse restaurant .

Ethics approval from partner Institutions Unitec and AUT

Personal phone call to establish email contact details

Seven interviews and invitation to respond on line Voic!

Reminders and offer of personal interview,

47 respondents 80 Auckland hotels




**Background**

Dr Eva Collins, Prof Stewart Lawrence, Prof Juliet Roper and Dr Jarrod Haar Waikato Management School University of Waikato, Longitudinal study in 2003, 2006, 2010 but only 11% respondents from hotel, restaurant sector.

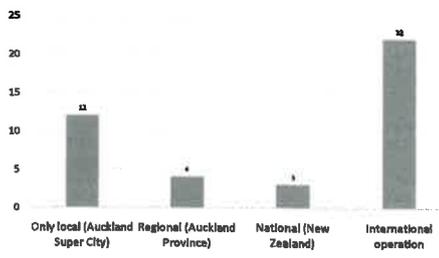
Adoption or not of sustainable business practices?

Importance of social and environmental strategies in sustainable strategy

Tourism Industry strategy "Towards 2025" is based on the principles of Kaitiakitanga and Manaakitanga




**Geographic scale of company**



Geographic Scale	Count
Only local (Auckland Super City)	12
Regional (Auckland Province)	4
National (New Zealand)	3
International operation	21




**Kaitiakitanga and Manaakitanga**

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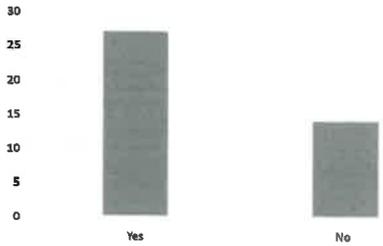
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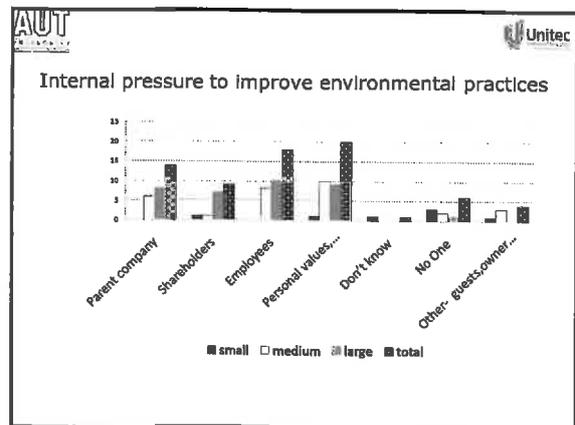
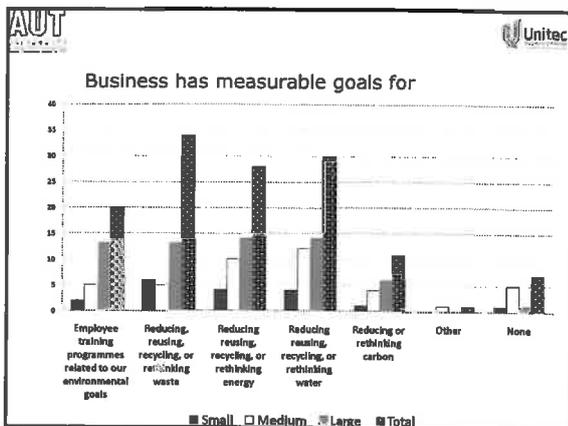
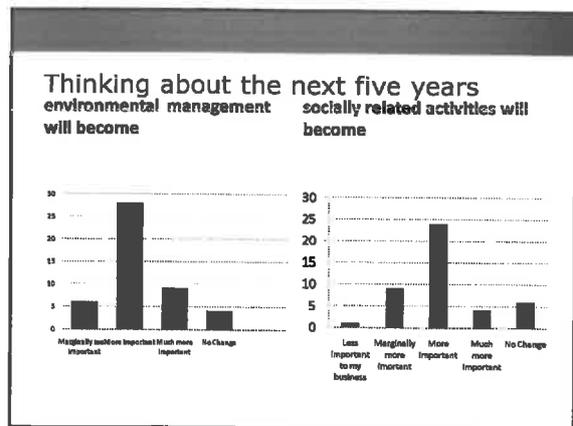
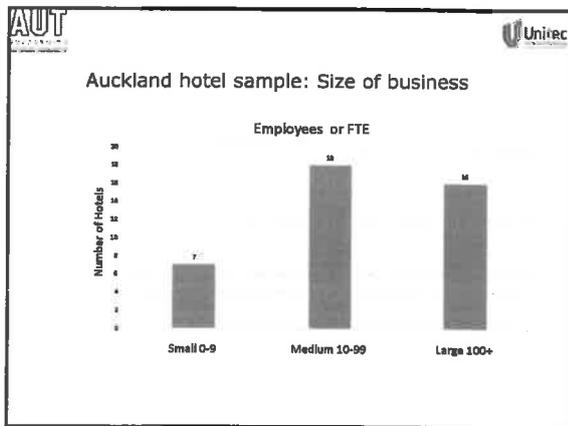
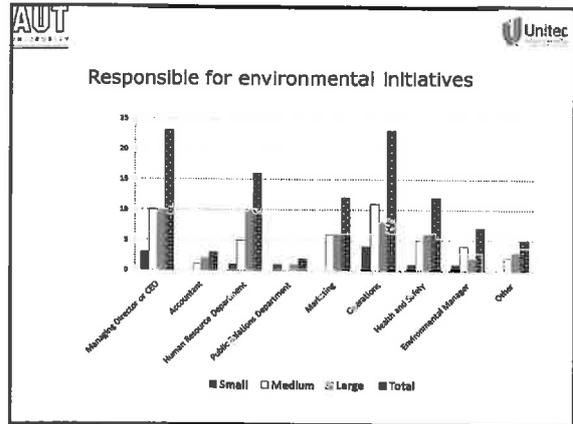
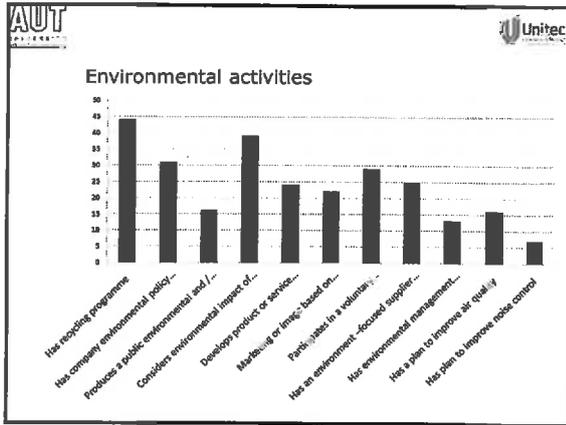
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- 2: safeguard their reputation and
- 3: to spur growth

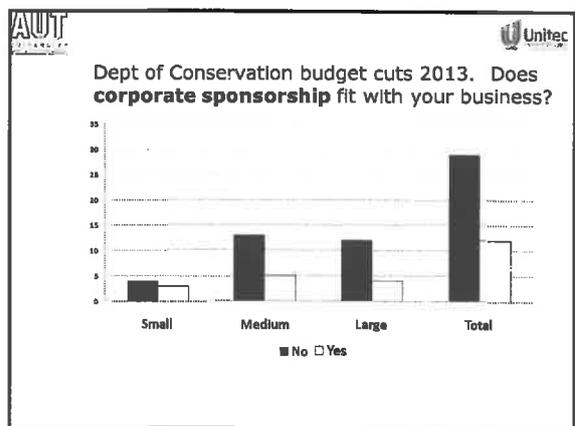
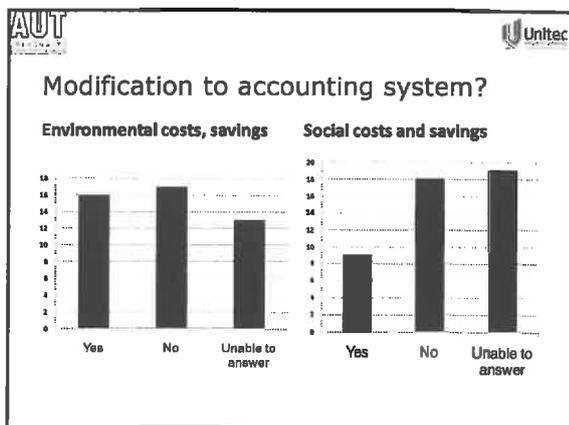
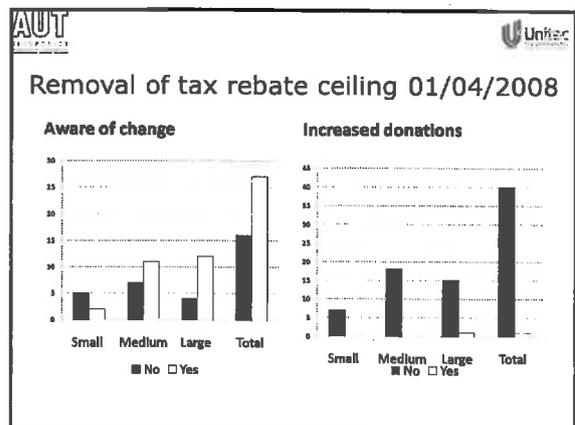
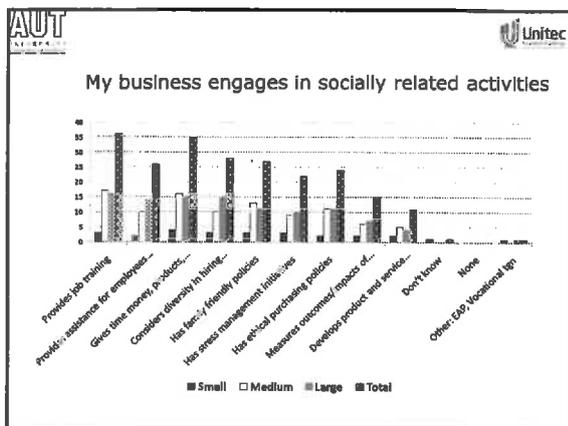
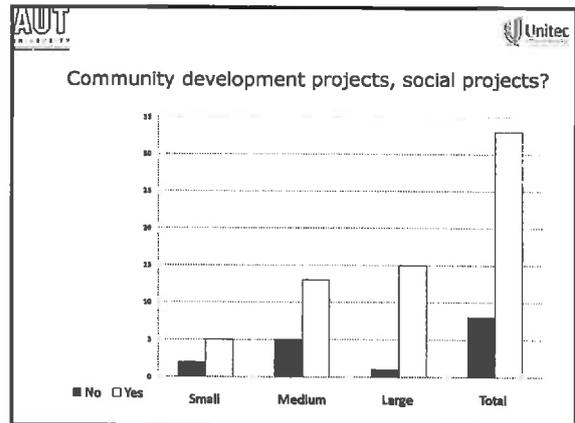
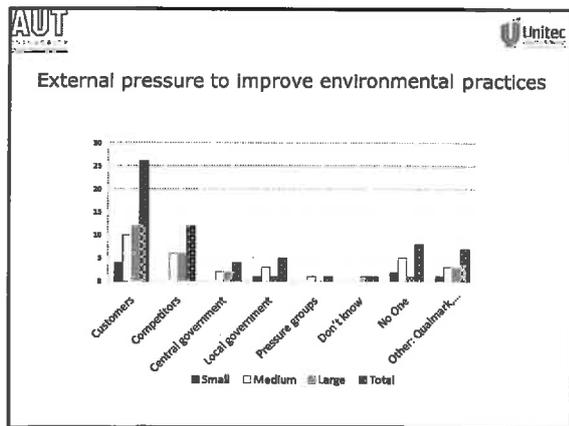


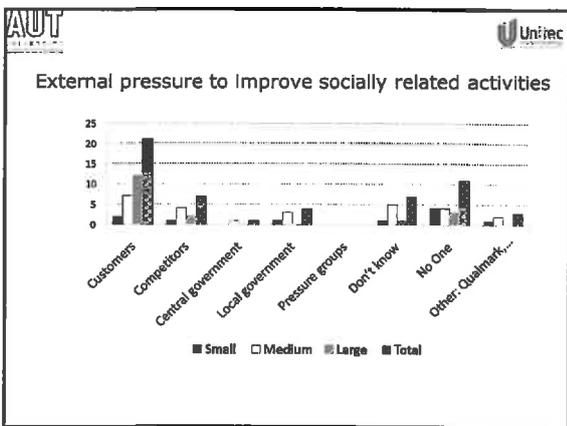
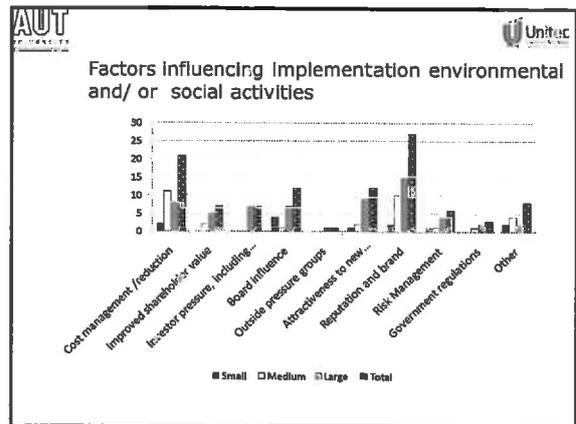
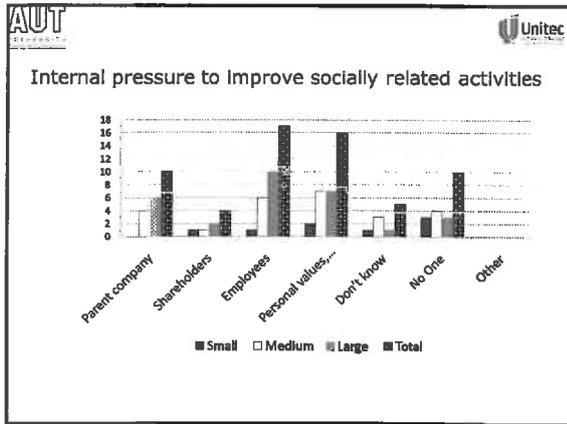

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Family Owned or Operated	Count
Yes	27
No	14

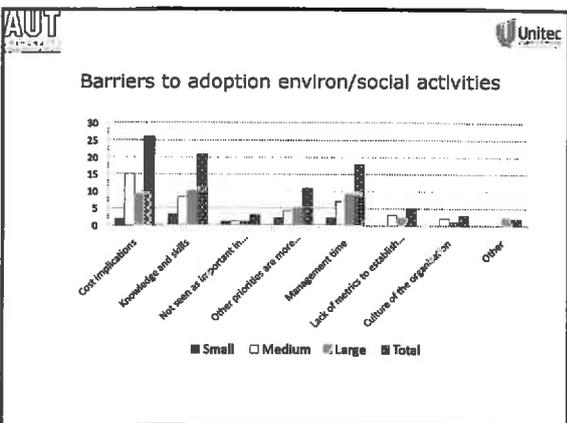






**Information to facilitate sustainability strategy**

- "Clear cases with ROI figures-how it will improve the business"
- "e file, paper-less environment"
- "Easy access to sustainable business ideas, suggestions for improvements, suggestions of good websites or and Newsletters to follow"
- "Educating the upper management more frequently"
- "Government / Council initiatives"
- "Local Sustainable Innovation Expo"
- "Model templates "
- "Some direction from TNZ so that hotel strategy is in sync"



11/12/2014



### Conclusions

Respondents generally aware of positive effect of environmental and social sustainability practices, but not all have measurable goals

Enthusiasm of managers, employees important as well as programmes such as Planet 21, CarbonZero

More examples of sustainable practices,

Promulgation of international websites and organisations that assist with examples of sustainable business practices

Further analysis of this dataset, ANOVA tests of business engagement by business/ size

Expand research beyond Auckland hotels across tourism providers, but determine who can respond to a survey, e.g. HR manager to increase initial response rate beyond 50%

Thank You

Site visit - not for wine  
Brewery - Chardonnay  
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# 11<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Tourism and Hospitality Research Conference

9<sup>th</sup> - 12 December 2014

## Venue

Novotel Tanui

Victoria Street, Hamilton

## Conference Hosts

Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management

And

China-New Zealand Tourism Research Unit

The University of Waikato Management School

Check Tourism 2025

Blog

Welcome  
Kia Ora

\* posters

Do MME  
→ Canterbury

Managerial  
Implications

Mixed Method approach

- Participant observation
- Semi structure int
- Visitor survey

Expert Panel review

Pilot Study - Hunter Valley

- Factor analysis
- Data Description for difference ANOVA

Theoretical contributions  
Practical contributions

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Registration form 4.00 pm 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Tanui Novotel, Victoria Street  
7.00 pm Reception

**Conference Sessions**  
10<sup>th</sup> December

8.00 am onward - registration  
9.00 am – 11.10am

**The Union Room**

Welcome Speeches

9.00 – 9.05

Chris Ryan – Conference Convenor

9.05 – 9.15

Ash Puriri Indigenous Advisor

9.15 – 9.25

Kiri Goulter – CEO Hamilton-Waikato RTO.

9.25 – 10.00

Stephen Riley

Tourism Industry Association New Zealand

*Tourism 2025 – The Policy Document of the  
Tourism Industry Association*



12.30 – 1.30pm Lunch

**1.30 – 3.00 pm Fairfield Room**

Chair Person Zhang Chaozhi

**Nature Based Product**

*Developing Vataan Wetland as an eco-tourism destination*

Christine Chung-Chuan

*Birdwatching as a Potential Tourism Market on Kiritimati Island*

Krisztian Vas, Nicholas Towner, Simon Milne

*Visitor motivations for volcano tourism at Mount Pinatubo, Philippines,*

Richard Aquino, Heike Schänzel & Ken Hyde

**Pukete Room**

Chair Person

Jeremy Buultjens

**Forecasting**

*An analysis of volatility and forecasting error – The case of Mainland Chinese visitors to Macao*

Joey Su Pek U & Wendy Tang Sio Lei

*Cognitive biases and debiasing strategies in the design of tourism demand forecasting support system (TDFSS)*

Gao Zixuan & Haiyan Song

*Coordinated Development Evaluation of the Ecosystem Health and the Tourism Economy of Sea Islands Destination: A Case of Zhoushan*

Zhou (Devine) Bin

*Empirical Assessment of the tourism-led Growth Hypothesis: The Case of New Zealand*

Giuliano Bianchi, Mondher Sahli and Laura Vici

**Whitiara Room**

Chair Person Joanne Fountain

**Issues in Hospitality \***

*No More Lollipops! The Future Focus in Service Q Branded and Unbranded Hotels in Macao.*

Lam, C.C. & Loi, K.I.,

*The cause and consequence of China listed companies diversification into the hospitality industry*

Caiping Wang and Honggang Xu

*Service experience through the Eyes of Budget Hotel Guests: Do factors of importance influence performance dimensions?*

Asad Mohsin & Jorge Lengler

*What Are You Looking For? The Accommodation Preferences of the Girlfriend Getaway Market in Malaysia*

Catheryn Khoo-Lattimore & Girish Prayag

3.00 – 3.30 pm Tea Break

**3.30 – 5.00 pm Fairfield Room**

Chair Person Si Lei (Clara) Weng

**Special Interest Tourism**

*Visitors' Perceptions of Authenticity of Eco-cultural Tours in Kazakhstan.*

Guillaume Tiberghien, Hamish Brenner & Simon Milne

*Tourist Perspective of Dongba linguistic landscape*

Yan Ren, Ke Wang & Honggang Xu

*Chinese visitors' interest and engagement with wine tourism in New Zealand: A comparison of short-stay holidaymakers and students*

Joanna Fountain, Yuan Wen & David Menival

*What is involved in halal tourism?*

Adam Brown & Rubaiyet Khan

**Pukete Room**

Chair Person Farhad Moghimehfar

**Space and networks**

*Planning for leisure and tourism precincts in post-disaster contexts: evidence from Christchurch, New Zealand*

Alberto Amore

*Are today's migrants tomorrow's tourists? Sustaining tourism in the Pacific using diasporan networks*

Jenny Cave and Michael C Hall.

*Differentiation or Agglomeration? A Spatial Approach to Investigate the Hotel Distribution in Guangdong Province of China*

Lei Fang & Hanqin Qiu Zhang

*How LCCs (Low Cost Carriers) affect tourism distribution in the Pacific region*

Semisi Taumoepeau

**Whitiora Room**

Chair Person Elisa Backer  
**Rules, Regulations and Law**

*Is It A Relation-based or Rule-based Governance Model of DMO in Rural Tourism: Hekou Village, Shandong, China*

Jin Yi, Chris Ryan & Jenny Cave

*A Study of Public Service Facilities Construction in China after China's Tourism Law – an assessment: The example of Tourist Satisfaction with the Beijing Tourist Information Centre.*

Juanjuan Zhang, Yuling Hamn and Kuan Zhao.

*Does a corporate socially responsible incentive stimulate corporate social responsible involvement among hotel employees?*

Murray McKenzie & Tim Lockyer

*A Study of the Influence of the Tourism Law on China's Tourism Industry*

Han Yuling, Wu Binxin & Zhao Kuan

**5.30 pm Bus Leaves for Zealoug**

**6.00 pm Bus Departs for Raglan**

11<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 – 10.30 am Fairfield Room

Pukete Room

Whitiora Room

Chair Person Bongkosh N. Rittichainuwat

Chair Person Isabelle Frochot

Chair Person Cora Wong

### Culture and Tourism

#### Issues of Perception

#### Developing skills

*Cultural Distance in Tourist Behavior Research*

*Examining the relationship among tourists' s experiential value, satisfaction and revisit Intention of indigenous cuisine in Hualien*

*Developing reflective qualitative research skills among young Chinese researchers*

Daisy Xuefeng & Hanqin Qiu Zhang

*Film Induced Tourism in China: Revisiting the classical site of Grand View Gardens*

Wen-chaun Chang

Mary Mostafanezhad & Hazel Tucker

Xiaoyu Zhang, Chris Ryan & Jenny Cave

*Does psychological contract drive service-oriented behaviors of hospitality employees? Exploring the mediating role of organizational identification*

*Early Career Challenges Faced by Event Management Graduates*

*Narratives and Tourism: Exploring Contents Tourism in a non-Japanese Context*

Vinh Nhat Lu, Alessandra Capezio, Patrick Garcia, Lu Wang, & Simon Restubog.

Si Lei (Clara) Weng & Kim Ieng Loi (Connie)

Sue Beeton

*How Do People Negotiate Through Their Constraints to Engage in Pro-Environmental Behaviour? A Study of Front-Country Campers in the Canadian Rockies*

*Impact of general and tourist self-efficacy and tourist worry on coping: Chinese tourists to Australia*

Xin Cathy Jin, Lei Wei & Suzanne Becken,

Farhad Moghimehfar & Elizabeth Halpenny

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 pm Fairfield Room

Pukete Room

Whitiara Room

Chair Person Steve Pan

Chair Person Girish Prayag

Chair Person Liza Berdychevsky

Chinese Perceptions when overseas

Hotels and Tour Operators

Experiences and Family

*What affects Chinese tourists' satisfaction with retailers in Macau?*

*Adoption of sustainability tourism practices: Auckland hotels.*

*The experience patterns: understanding flow and immersion interplay within a holiday*

Veronica Lok Lam & Ipking Anthony Wang

D. Schitko & Ken Newlands

Isabelle Frochot

*Chinese Virtual Tourism Communities' views of New Zealand as a Destination for Free Independent Chinese Travellers*

*Heritage and nostalgia: hotels and the future of the past*

*The Influence of Family Life Cycle on Destination Routing and Multi-Destination Trip Preferences of Mainland Chinese Outbound Market*

Vincent Lu, Anne Zahra & Jenny Cave

Ann Cameron

Kim I Loi

*Understanding Chinese tourists in North Korea: Evidence from in-depth interviews*

*Challenges in the Tour Operating Business: The Case of Ethiopia*

*The Relationship between VFR Travel and Social Tourism in Australia*

Fangxuan Li & Chris Ryan

Tibebe Sirak Asfaw

Elisa Backer

Lunch 12.30 – 2.00 pm

**2.00 – 3.00 pm Fairfield Room**

Chair Person Jenny Cave

**Pukete Room**

Chair Person Michael Shone

**Whitiara Room**

Chair Person Chris Ryan

**Narratives of Power**

*Tourism Development in Sri Lankan Tourism: Implications for Human Rights*

Jeremy Buultjens

**Wine Tourism**

*The potential of wine tourism to enhance the Chinese visitor experience in New Zealand: a stakeholders' perspective*

Joanna Fountain

*Promoting Tourism, Projecting Power: A study of Korean TVCs*

Steve Pan, Sam Kim & Ping-Ho Ting

*Motivation of Tourists for Visiting Phi Phi Islands*

Supaporn Rattanaphinanchai

**3.00 – 3.30 pm Tea Break**

**3.30 – 4.30 Fairfield Room**

Chair Person Charlie Panakera

**Natural Hazards**

*Towards a post-disciplinary assessment of the governance regime of tourist destinations: evidence from post-earthquake Christchurch*

Albert Amore

*The Impact of Air pollution on the Travel Market of a Destination: The Case of Beijing*  
Qi Shanshan & Cora Un In Wong

**Pukete Room**

Chair Person Steve Pan

**Measuring decisions and impacts**

*Attribute Framing Effects on Decision-Making for Tourism Service Purchases' - An experimental study from a regulatory fit perspective*

Meng Zhang, Guangyu Zhang & Haiyan Song

*Measuring the impact of cruise ship visitors on the Akaroa 'community'*

Michael Shone & Jude Wilson

**Whitiara Room**

Chair Person Chris Ryan

**The Thai Perspective (2)**

*Social Sciences Educators' Convention Selection Criteria in Choosing Competing International Conferences*

Bongkosh Rittichainuwat

*Shopping Tourism: Perspectives from Thai and Chinese Tourists*

Bongkosh Rittichainuwat, Supaporn Rattanaphinanchai, Yasue Hichitake, & Side Wei.

– Bus Departs for Hobbiton 6.15 pm

12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 – 11.00 am Fairfield Room

Chair Person Anne Zahra  
Quieter Holidays?

*Characterising the qualities of a rural holiday home village: Insights from Otematata, New Zealand*

Mike Mackay & Jude Wilson

*Not so) risky business: Commercially packaged volunteer tourism as a 'safer' travel option*

Nico Schlenker, Jane Godfrey & Stephen Wearing

*In Quest for Buddhist Authenticity: A Pilgrimage tour to Sri Lanka*

Cora Un In Wong

11.00 – 11.30 am  
Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.15 pm  
Best paper awards  
Announcement of next conference venue

Chair Person Sue Beeton

Tourist Perceptions and planning

*Chinese Tourist attitudes towards pollution in the new capital of gaming: A case of Macau*

Fernando Lourenço

*Tourist's perception of responsibility and its antecedents*

Jun (Tom) Gao & Chaozhi (Taylor) Zhang

Strategic Planning for Destination

*Competitiveness: A Comparison of USA and Australia / New Zealand*

Rick Perdue, Nancy G. McGehee, Whitney Knollenberg & B. Bynum Boley

Chair Person Asad Mohsin

Special Subjects

*Exceed Customer Expectations of Service Quality: The Case of the Haidilao Hotpot Company*

Rosanna Chen and James Shen

*A Dysfunctional Network - The Auckland MICE Sector 2008-2011*

Mirrin Locke

*Exploring social media's effect on airlines brand and users' behavior intention*

Yi Hsin Lin, Chrystal B Zhang & Lai Yu Shun

*Pen  
by workshop*

*Final part of  
workshop*

*Noticed  
Fu's daughter  
attended*