WELCOME to

NZ NAIL TECH SUMMIT

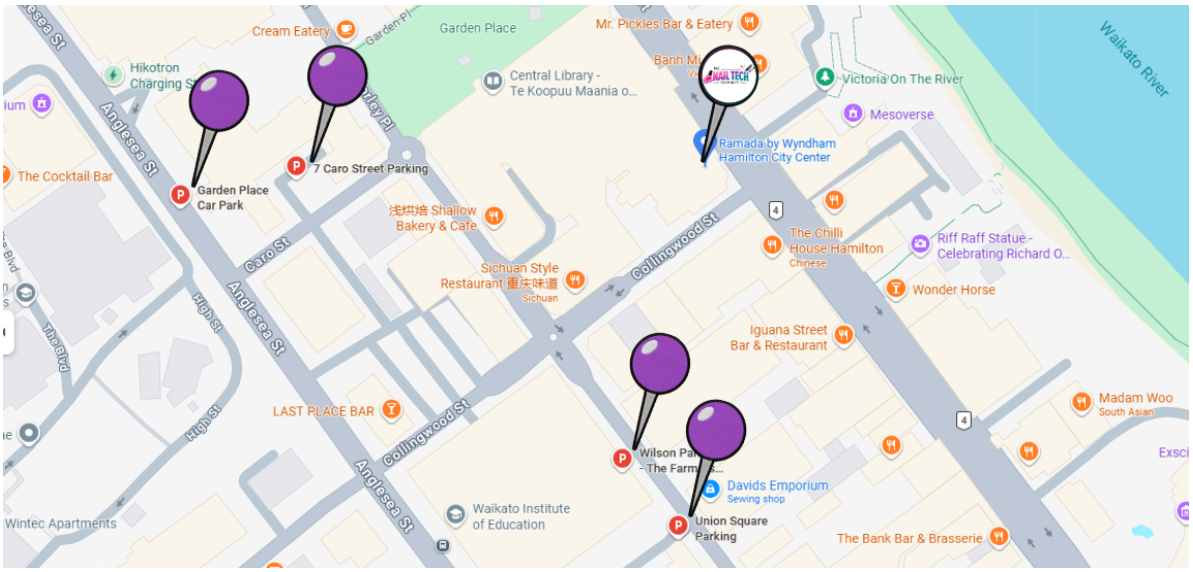
2026

# Important Things to Know

## Venue

Ramada by Wyndham - 287 Victoria Street, Hamilton Central, Hamilton 3204

## Parking




## Nails

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## Socials

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/nznailtechsummit
Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/nznailtechsummit/

# Sleeping Arrangements

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Family Room | | 02BR | |
| King | Leonie and Destiny | Queen | Jen and Steph |
| Single | Sheenagh Symes | Single | Ninette Muller |
| Single | Nikita | Single | Carmen Christie |
| Family Room | | 02BR | |
| King | Christel and Sarah (2 Days Only) | Queen | Nikaela and Moose |
| Single | Brittany Robson-Reeves | Single | Wendy first night, then Pat Oyson |
| Single | Michal | Single | Shelley McLaughlan |
| Economy | | Superior Double | |
| Double | Penny and Jess | Double | Hannah |
| Double | Erin | Superior Double | |
| | | Double | Rachael and Alisha Holden |

If your name is not on this list, you did not book accommodation through NZ Nail Tech Summit

# Food

**Thursday**
Breakfast Not provided
Lunch Catered
Dinner At Pub Quiz - Not included – Food and drink available for purchase

**Friday**
Breakfast Not provided
Lunch Catered
Dinner Pizza Party - Catered

**Saturday**
Breakfast Not provided
Lunch Catered
Dinner At Prizegiving - Catered

**Sunday**
Breakfast Optional meet up for those who want to have breakfast together before Expo (Not included)

The following dietary requirements have been supplied to the venue -

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|---|---|
| Jenni Smith | High protein, Low carb, Low sugar |
| Ninette Muller | CELIAC |
| Michal Ferries | No seafood 🦞 |
| Pat Oyson | No garlic or avocado |
| Hannah Clingin | No Brocolli |
| Brittany Robson-Reeves | Pork allergy, raw tomato causes mild allergic reaction but is fine cooked |
| Nikaela Walsh | No uncooked cows milk - happy to supply own milk for drinks. |
| Monisha Kriletich | No Pork |
| Sarah Tasker | No mushrooms |

# Packing List

Note that this is NOT a definitive list.

Below are some suggestions and reminders –

- At least 8 Full cover tips – important!
- Tips stands
- BluTack
- A sheet of stickers for trading
- A towel for your table
- A light for seeing
- Tripod for filming
- Monomer, If applicable and safe to do - a small amount will be available for those flying
- Cleanser and Remover, If safe to do so - a small amount will be available for those who flew
- Sanitiser
- Disinfectant
- Multi-boxes and extension cords (these should be supplied by the venue but JUST in case)
- Glad bags for your rubbish
- Wipes - Enough for all sessions
- Removal Foils
- Files
- Buffers
- Cuticle Pusher
- Manicure Brush
- pH Prep or equivalent
- Base Coat
- Top Coat
- White Gel
- Red Gel
- Black Gel
- BIAB
- Curing lamp
- Portable Extraction fan
- E-File
- Tips
- Forms
- Pigments if you have them
- A fine line striper brush or similar
- Other Nail Art brushes including one suitable for pigment if you have one
- Cuticle Oil
- Acrylic Brush if applicable
- Dappen Dish if applicable
- Powders if applicable
- Hard Gel or PolyGel if applicable
- Undies
- Bras
- PJs for the PJ Party
- Clothes for 3 days
- Charger cables AND a wall plug
- Highlighters
- Something you feel fancy in for Prizegiving
- Shoes
- Prizegiving Shoes
- Slippers
- MEDS
- Vape pens
- Something to keep you warm
- Toiletries
- Snacks
- Gloves
- Notebooks
- Pens
- Coffee
- Energy Drinks
- Lollies
- Your pillow if you're Hannah
- Your buddy if you are picking up an anxious bean
- Lots of people last year said 'more money' for products and/or drinks

# Day One

Competition: 2-5pm Salon Art/Salon trends

All things are optional so if you are low on battery, don't come! But there are NO later entries to any session.

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Parking Pricing - https://www.wilsonparking.co.nz/parking-locations/hamilton-/hamilton-central/the-farmers-hamilton-carpark-/#

| Day 1 - Thu 30 Apr | Students | Socials - MICHAL |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00:00 AM | Registration | Kickstart your Summit vibes with coffee and catch-ups. You'll get your room key if you're staying with us, say Hi to the Monaco Fam, and settle in for an unforgettable few days. |
| 8.30 am | | |
| 9:00:00 AM | | |
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| 10:00:00 AM | Fine Line Nail Art Masterclass | Time to level up those lines! Work side-by-side with our Mentors to perfect crisp, clean, professional linework across a bunch of fun designs. Whether you're still finding your confidence or ready to finesse your strokes, we've got you covered. |
| 10.30 am | | |
| 11:00:00 AM | | |
| 11.30 am | | |
| 12:00:00 PM | | |
| 12.30 am | | |
| 1:00:00 PM | Lunch - Catered | Recharge, refuel, reconnect. We'll take care of the food so you can focus on the fun. |
| 1.30 pm | | |
| 2:00:00 PM | Characters OR Socials for Beginners | Option One: Cartoon Character Nail Art |
| 2.30pm | | Think this is beyond your skillset? Think again. You'll learn how to hand-paint a cartoon character of your choice - step by step, with guidance, and YES, you absolutely can do this. |
| 3:00:00 PM | | Option Two: Social Media from Scratch |
| 3.30pm | | New to Instagram or unsure what to post? Join our Mentors to learn how to make social media work for you. Real talk, no fluff - just the basics that actually help you build a client base and show off your work. |
| 4:00:00 PM | Press-On Play Time! | Time to create your own little masterpiece. Make a set of 5 press-on nails using the skills you've learned today, with feedback from your Mentors that is designed to help you succeed in the 'Salon Art' category of the NZ Nail Competitions. Not entering the Nail Comps? No stress - this is about play, creativity, and getting hands-on feedback from your Mentors. Painted a character? We encourage you to use it as the centrepiece and inspo for the other 4 nails |
| 4.30pm | Complete 4 nails in the theme of your character to complete the set and submit for marking | |
| 5:00:00 PM | Break | Grab a breather, change your outfit, stretch your hands - you've earned it. |
| 5.30pm | | |
| 6:00:00 PM | Pub Quiz! Food and | You'll be in mixed teams with newbies and pros, Mentors will be your lifelines, and there'll be loads of prizes up for grabs. Dinner isn't included, but you can order from the bar during our 7pm halftime break. Expect chaos, laughs, and maybe a bit of healthy competition. |
| 6.30pm | | |
| 7:00:00 PM | Break 7-730 for dinner | |
| 7.30pm | | |
| 8:00:00 PM | Day One Finished! | Get some rest – Day 2's got even more magic in store. |

# Day Two

Competition: 11am-4pm Salon French
Competition: 2.30-5pm Gel Manicure

| Day 2 - Fri 1 May | Students | Socials - HANNAH |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00:00 AM | Shopping Hour | Spotted something yesterday that made your inner magpie squeal? Now's your chance to grab it before we dive into the day. Tools, brushes, art bits - fill that kit! |
| 8.30 am | | |
| 9:00:00 AM | Speed Training: Real-Time Gel Polish Service | Watch Penny in action as she knocks out a full gel polish service (removal + reapplication) at real-life speed. She'll explain every step she takes to get faster without cutting corners - this is the "how do they do it so quick?" moment you've been waiting for. |
| 9.30 am | | |
| 10:00:00 AM | Side Quest: We're Marking Penny's Work | You read that right. We're putting Penny under the microscope! Together with the Mentors, we'll score her service like it's an exam or comp entry - on camera, in real time. You'll learn exactly what judges look for and how to sharpen your own eye, whether you're going for gold or just want happy clients. |
| 10.30 am | | |
| 11:00:00 AM | Perfect L&P | A classic French Sculpted Extension demo is coming your way - we're kicking it old school. Then it's over to you: practice with any product you like (Acrylic, Hard Gel, PolyGel - your call), while Mentors coach you in whichever way you need. |
| 11.30 am | | 🔥 Bonus Challenge - IF by 4pm, you are wearing a full hand of sculpted French Extensions (of any medium - Acrylic, Hard Gel or PolyGel), you can have them critiqued based on NZ Nail Competition criteria. No pressure. Just goals 🏆 |
| 12:00:00 PM | Lunch (Provided) | Because we can't slay on an empty stomach. |
| 12.30 pm | | |
| 1:00:00 PM | Flawless BIAB Demo + Practice Time | Let's talk BIAB perfection. We'll demo a set with minimal refinement, then hand over the reins so you can practice (or keep working on your French set). Need help? Mentors will be floating to support you, wherever you're at. NOTE - Please be silent for the demo but after demo can work on either BIAB OR keep working on L&P |
| 1.30 pm | | |
| 2:00:00 PM | Competition Prep | Time to sort your kit, pick your colours, and take a breath. The (super-not-scary) Gel Manicure Comp is about to begin... |
| 2.30pm | Open Book Competition: GEL MANICURE – Group One | This comp is a safe space to grow. You'll follow the same timing and structure as the real NZ Nail Comps - but you can ask for help while you go! It's basically hands-on training with the added bonus of a possible trophy. Don't feel comp-ready? You don't have to be. Just show up, learn, and see what happens 🏆 |
| 3:00:00 PM | 3.15pm - Open Book Competition: GEL MANICURE - Group Two | Same vibe, different crew. Mentors will still be cheering you on, guiding you through every step. |
| 3.30pm | | |
| 4:00:00 PM | Mentor Feedback Session | We'll go over your work using NZ Nail Comp criteria - constructive, kind, and SO helpful for growing your confidence. |
| 4.30pm | | |
| 5:00:00 PM | PJ Party Mode: Activated | Time to swap your files for flannel - get into your comfiest PJs and head back to the conference room for a night of chill and cheer. |
| 5.30pm | Pizza Delivery - Happiness 🍕 | |
| 6:00:00 PM | Social Media Takeover | Want real feedback on your socials? Our Mentors will (gently) audit volunteer Instagram and Facebook accounts so everyone can learn what works - and what's holding you back. Always a highlight! |
| 6.30pm | | |
| 7:00:00 PM | | |
| 7.30pm | | |
| 8:00:00 PM | Buy, Swap, Sell | Got duplicate brushes or that gel colour you thought you'd love? Set up your own mini garage sale and grab a bargain (or a trade!) from someone else's kit. |
| 8.30pm | | |

# Day Three

Competition: 2-4.30pm Mystery Tips

IT'S CHRISTEL'S BIRTHDAY!

| Day 3 - Sat 2 May | Students | Socials - MICHAL |
|---|---|---|
| 8:00:00 AM | Shopping Hour | Last chance to snag those goodies you've been eyeing all weekend. Stock up, top up, and treat yoself - future you will thank you. |
| 8.30 am | | |
| 9:00:00 AM | Super Secret Guest Demo #1 | We're kicking things off with a bang - but who's our guest? 👀 That's the secret. Expect 15 minutes of wow-worthy technique, then 45 minutes of up-close floor walking so you can ask questions and soak up the gold. |
| 9.30 am | | |
| 10:00:00 AM | 10.15am - Super Secret Guest Demo #2 | Another secret guest, another epic demo. Watch, learn, and then get real-time tips from one of the industry's best. |
| 10.30 am | | |
| 11:00:00 AM | | |
| 11.30 am | Super Secret Guest Demo #3 | One last surprise before lunch! They'll demo, you'll learn, and your skills will level up without even realising it. These guests are bringing the inspo hard. |
| 12:00:00 PM | | |
| 12.30 am | Lunch (Provided) | Eat. Hydrate. Breathe. And maybe start thinking about what you're gonna wear tonight 👑 |
| 1:00:00 PM | | |
| 1.30 pm | Group Photo | All your fave nail nerds in one shot! Come camera-ready - this photo will live on forever (and probably end up on someone's salon wall). |
| 2:00:00 PM | Choose Your Final Challenge | 💅 Option One: Mystery Tips |
| 2.30pm | | Channel the last few days of learning into 3 show-stopping nail tips, each based on a surprise inspo pic. Mentors will give you comp-style feedback - whether you're planning to enter the NZ Nail Comps or just want to test your creativity ⏳ |
| 3:00:00 PM | | 📈 Option Two: Business Building Round Table |
| 3.30pm | | Need help with pricing, policies, or defining your dream client? Sit down with a Mentor in a small group and work through exactly what your salon needs next. This is the no-fluff, ask-anything biz boost you've been craving. |
| 4:00:00 PM | | |
| 4.30pm | Mentor Huddle (AKA: Glam Time!) | The Mentors are off to deliberate... which means you have time to get dolled up. Throw on some glitter, fluff up your hair, and get ready for the big moment. |
| 5:00:00 PM | | |
| 5.30pm | | |
| 6:00:00 PM | Prizegiving | Whether you're taking home a trophy or a truckload of new confidence, tonight we celebrate you. Expect cheers, tears, hugs, and a whole lot of proud. |
| 6.30pm | | |
| 7:00:00 PM | | |
| 7.30pm | | |
| 8:00:00 PM | | |
| 8.30pm | | 8am - Meet for Breakfast before Expo! |