

## NATI SPRING FLING INFORMATION SHEET

Kia ora koutou katoa, the Nati Spring Fling event continues on from the two previous Ngati Porou Harbour Cruises held in Sydney, New South Wales in 2005 and 2006. It is an opportunity for Ngati Porou living abroad and at home to come together and celebrate who we are and where we come from; an opportunity to catch up with whanau and friends and rekindle those relationships lost over time and distance. This year the Nati Spring Fling will be held in Dandenong, Melbourne, Victoria. The following is a list of information including how to get there, where to stay, where to shop and what to do if you wish to purchase tickets. We urge you to be in quick as there will be no door sales - first in, first serve.

1. **Where is Dandenong?** Dandenong is situated in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and is located 31 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD.
2. **How do I get to Melbourne?**
  - a. **Flying to Melbourne from NZ:** Air New Zealand, Qantas, Air Emirates, Pacific Blue and Freedom Air travel daily from various centres around New Zealand.  
[www.airnz.co.nz](http://www.airnz.co.nz); [www.pacificblue.co.nz](http://www.pacificblue.co.nz); [www.emirates.com](http://www.emirates.com);  
[www.freedomair.com](http://www.freedomair.com)
  - b. **Flying to Melbourne from within Australia:** Qantas, Jet Star and Virgin blue fly daily from various centres around Australia to Melbourne.  
[www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au); [www.virginblue.com.au](http://www.virginblue.com.au); [www.jetstar.com.au](http://www.jetstar.com.au)
3. **How do I get to Dandenong?**

Time: 7pm - 12.30pm

**Bus services from the Melbourne airport (Tullamarine):**

  - a. **Skybus** offers a shuttle bus service from the airport to the Melbourne CBD (Spencer Street Station) and city hotels. It operates 24 hours, 7 days per week and buses run every 15 minutes. Price: Adult \$15.00 one way, \$24.00 return, children \$5.00. You can then board a train from the Spencer Street Station to Dandenong on the Pakenham line. [www.airportbus.com.au](http://www.airportbus.com.au)
  - b. **Airport Bus Dandenong** operates services to and from Melbourne airport to the south east suburbs including Carrum Downs, Cranbourne, Berwick, Narre Warren, Hallam, Endeavour Hills, Dandenong, Noble Park, Springvale, Clayton/Monash, Glen Waverley, Chadstone, Carnegie, Caulfield, St Kilda and Melbourne hotels. **Bookings are essential.** Contact Sarah on (03)9782.6766.  
[www.airportbus.dandenong.com](http://www.airportbus.dandenong.com).
4. **Accommodation:** If you are not staying with whanau or friends, a number of motels are available within 5-10 minutes walking/driving distance of the CBD:
  - a. Ramada Encore Dandenong, 50-52 McCrae Street , Dandenong: situated within 2 minutes of the Nati Spring Fling venue. Prices start from \$125 per night.
  - b. Best Western Sandown Heritage Motel, 433 Princes Highway, Noble Park: Prices start at \$90.00 per night.

- c. Comfort Inn Dandenong, 124 Princes Highway, Dandenong. Prices start at \$119.00 per night.
- d. D. Quest Dandenong Apartments: Cnr James Street and Princess Highway, Dandenong. Prices start at \$123.00 per night.
- e. Sandown Regency, 477 Princes Highway, Noble Park. Prices start at \$125.00 per night.
- f. Dandenong Motel, 147 Princes Highway, Noble Park. Prices start at \$80.00 per night.
- g. Hotel Formule, 185-193 Princes Highway, Dandenong. Prices start at \$65.00 per night.

Check out [www.wotif.com.au](http://www.wotif.com.au) for special accommodation packages available from the above Motels.

#### 5. What to do in Dandenong:

- a. **Shopping:** Situated right in the heart of Dandenong, you can shop to your heart's content in the Dandenong Plaza which offers an extensive range of stores and a cinema complex. Open 7 days a week. There are also a number of clothing, bric-a-brac and Asian stores offering lots of shopping surprises.
- b. **Markets:**
  - Dandenong Markets:** Situated on the corner of Clow and Cleeland Streets, Dandenong markets offers over 300 stalls selling everything from fruit and vegetables, clothing crafts and giftware. Open every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.
  - Carribean Gardens & Market:** Situated in Stud Road, Rowville, approximately 15 minutes drive from Dandenong, Caribbean Gardens and Market is a bustling undercover market with over 1000 stall sites. It is one of the largest markets in Melbourne. The market offers a huge variety of goods from computers and accessories to clothing, fresh produce, lollies, plants, art and craft, household goods, tools, prints, shoes, toys, giftware and bric-a-brac. The gardens cover an area of about 100 acres surrounding Lake Caribbean with picnic areas and BBQs. Chairlift, jungle cruise and train rides operate Sundays from 11.00-4.00pm. Open Wednesdays (free entry) and Sundays (\$2.50).
  - DFO Cheltenham:** Big brands, big bargains, big savings!! Direct Factory Outlet situated at Cnr Centre Dandenong Road and Grange Road, Cheltenham, directly next to the Moorabbin airport. Approximately 10-15 minutes drive from Dandenong. Offers up to 120 big name brand factory outlets offering up to 70% less on clothing, shoes, home wares, linen, etc. [www.dfo.com.au](http://www.dfo.com.au).

**So come on, what are you waiting for? Book your ticket now, visit the whanau AND spend up at the markets or direct factory outlet stores!!**

**How to purchase tickets** and more information please contact Georgina Brown

If you wish to purchase tickets, email [natispringfling@nanaia.com](mailto:natispringfling@nanaia.com) or phone Georgina, Melbourne, Australia (03)8790.2241 or mobile 0419.626.150 and she'll give you details on how to pay for them (sorry, we are unable to accept payment by credit card).

We look forward to catching up with you soon at the Nati Spring Fling!!