



**Welcome to Ren Xue Centre Australasia
To visitors in connection with the Yuan Tze Dunedin Retreat November 2024**

For anyone travelling to the Yuan Tze Dunedin Retreat November 2024 who would like to visit the Ren Xue Centre Australasia project you are welcome to come and visit, help out, practice on the land at the site of future Retreat Centre, or in one of the many beautiful places around the farm, and find out more about the project in Golden Bay/Mohua either before or after your retreat.

There is a wonderful community in Golden Bay/Mohua of Ren Xue practitioners and teachers including the Project Steering group who very warmly welcome you to come and visit, practice, grow and spend time with us.

What is Ren Xue Centre Australasia?

The Ren Xue Australasia Charitable Trust owns 186 hectares of land in Onekakā Golden Bay/Mohua which consists of a Ren Xue Farm and site for a Retreat centre.

The Ren Xue Farm

The Farm is currently undergoing conversion from a traditional dairy farm into a Ren Xue farm. This involves restorative practices which are sustainable, involve diverse communities in activities on the farm, and grow food in harmony with nature with increasing care for the natural environment.

The Ren Xue Farm has many different and beautiful areas including:

- Areas of native bush
- Regenerating wetlands
- Many species of birdlife including some which are quite rare, such as Fernbirds and Bittern.
- Clear streams running from the Kahurangi National Park to the sea
- Farmland and friendly cattle
- Ecological restoration projects
- A social enterprise nursery operation, operating out to the now retired Milking Shed
- Forestry
- Several new orchards.

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Here is OK Grow Nursery growing seedlings in converted Dairy Milking shed.

You are most welcome to visit the farm and take a tour to learn about Ren Xue agriculture and see how a traditional New Zealand dairy farm is becoming a Ren Xue farm.



Steve Lee, Ren Xue Farm manager, with Yuan Tze and Melissa looking at the newly established farm orchard.

The Retreat Centre

This is an exciting project to develop the first Ren Xue Retreat Centre. Planning permission has been granted and the establishment of the Centre is underway. If you would like to learn more about the Retreat Centre and organise a visit the retreat site please contact Rosie.

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More information on the Project can be found here [Aotearoa Retreat Centre Project - About the](#)



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Donations & Volunteer work

This amazing project has only been made possible by donations and many hours of volunteer work/play. Most of our volunteers really love their time out on the land working with each other and contributing this way.

If you would like to give to the project in any way that aligns with your resources please contact the Centre Manger, Rosie, about donations or the Visitor Coordinator, Jackie, about volunteer work to discuss what would be helpful for the project.

We have a variety of ongoing areas where volunteers are so helpful, such as developing the garden around the Villa, helping with the many newly planted young native trees that need care and love to become established or maintained to ensure their healthy growth, clearing streams and other seasonal tasks.

Classes

There are regular Yuan Ming sessions and Yuan Gong classes which you can join in Golden Bay/Mohua, please contact Jackie about these.

Transport

The Ren Xue Centre Australasia site is in Onekakā, Mohua Golden Bay, a 2 hour drive from the City of Nelson which has a domestic airport, public transport options [Bus Timetable | Tasman Region | Golden Bay Coachlines](#), and rental car options. Let us know if you are planning on travelling from Nelson to Mohua/ Golden Bay as we may be able to organise a pick up.

There is also the option of coming to Onekakā via Wellington international airport with an incredibly scenic flight. [Golden Bay Air— Flights, Shuttles and Rental Cars](#)

Please let us know if you require a pick up from the Takakā airport. It's about 10 minutes to Onekakā.



Accommodation

There are many options for accommodation in Golden Bay/Mohua, including three which are strongly connected with the project.

1. Ren Xue Villa on the Farm 1317 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, Takaka-Collingwood Onekākā.

The Villa is the original farm house which was built in the 1890s and has been a family home all its life, including being a post office for the boats bringing mail to the wharf at the mouth of the estuary, and a local community library. The opening celebration gathering for the project and summer camps have been held there and it has a lovely qi field. The project has renovated it this year and it is within walking distance of the Events site and has a lovely view down the estuary, and is also close to the Otere river.

2. Rauhitanga 1552 Takaka-Collingwood Highway Tukurua

Just up the road is another very special place which overlooks beautiful Golden Bay, the farm and the retreat centre site. Like the Farm, the Qi field there has been strengthened and enhanced by Yuan Tze and Ren Xue teachers and events including retreats, and is part of the whole project Qi field and intention. It is very comfortable, peaceful and very nourishing.

Ren Xue teachers Kiri and Dave are happy to host visitors on the property.

There are a variety of accommodation options available, starting at \$50 per night, per person, shared accommodation, and also special rates for project volunteers and long stay visitors by negotiation. They also offer camping or camper vans by arrangement. Kiri is available to discuss your accommodation needs and can be contacted via email at rauhitanga@gmail.com.

3. AHA Homes Tiny House 1317 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, Takaka-Collingwood

Onekākā. We are also fortunate to be able to offer to visitors this tiny house which is on the Villa site on Ren Xue farmland. This is a very comfortable modern, chemical and mould free one bedroom tiny house with a kitchen, small living space and bathroom including a composting toilet. AHA Homes is an affordable, healthy accommodation (AHA) housing company run by James Alker.

Other good options less than 10 minutes drive away are:

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- Golden Bay Holiday Park 99 Tukurua Road Parapara, Collingwood 7182 offers a range of accommodation from tents sites to cabins and beach villas [Golden Bay Holiday Park | New Zealand](#)
- Shambhala Retreat 1234 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, Onekaka Shambhala Retreat
- Golden Bay Lodge 60 Upper Tukurua Rd [Golden Bay Lodge](#)
- There is plenty of accommodation on AirBnB and if you want to be close to Ren Xue Centre Australasia, Tukurua, Onekakā and Parapapa are the best locations.

Things to do in Golden Bay/Mohua

There is so much to enjoy in the Bay, and for inspiration visit [Golden Bay NZ - Home](#)

Who to contact about what

If you would like any more information about the Project please contact:

- Rosie, the Project Manager at rosie.bartlett@aotearoaretreatcentre.org ph 0274677010

For anything about your stay, please contact:

- Jackie, the Visitor Coordinator at jackie.blunt@aotearoaretreatcentre.org ph 021 233 4591