

# RU Community Engagement Conference Information Pack

Dear Delegates,

Please take note of the following helpful information for the upcoming conference.

## Venues

**This is a full contact Conference.** There is no option for online interaction. Please ensure that all participants make arrangements to attend in-person in Makhanda.

Conference Venue: 1820 Settlers Monument, Makhanda

Directions on Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cwtTEBJq5F2nrxbn6>

Gala Dinner Venue: The Wyvern, Kingswood College (enter via the main school entrance)

Directions on Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nHf6G2wzmNyoEUWZ8>

## Conference Fees

Full fees are R3900. Presenters are granted a discounted price of R2900.

Student and community members fees are R1500.

There are a select number of bursaries available for students and community partners. If you'd like to apply for these please email [kristena.reddy@ru.ac.za](mailto:kristena.reddy@ru.ac.za) with your motivation and delegate details. Please ensure Conference fees are paid in full before commencement of the event.

## Presentations

To facilitate a smooth programme; all presenters should upload their powerpoints to

CEC24 Presentations . Please make sure that your presentation is uploaded by the 10th of May 2024.

## Transport to Makhanda

Rhodes University is in the little town of Makhanda/Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. International travellers will likely fly into ORT airport, Johannesburg or Cape Town International Airport, Cape Town. From there it is another flight to Gqeberha/Port Elizabeth. And then, you can hire a car or get a shuttle for the 120km trip to Makhanda/Grahamstown. There are several options:

Find a list of **shuttle services** below.

You may also like to consider **renting a car** for the duration of your time in the Eastern Cape. There is a bigger selection if you hire from the airport. If you'd like to rent a car in Makhanda, your options are Bluu Car Rental and Avis Car Hire.

A lot of students **carpool** between Makhanda and Airports. To facilitate this, we have two active Facebook groups that people ask and offer lifts on - often much cheaper than shuttles. Shuttle services also advertise their daily trips on these pages if you need to find somebody quickly.

Travelling between Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/175964399156372>

Travelling between Makhanda (Grahamstown) and East London:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/274562279336940/>

### **Transport in Makhanda**

Please note the venue is quite a walk from town (albeit students have to do the walk daily).

There are no Uber or e-hailing services in the town. However, a number of **shuttle services** are available:

Peter Verwey

Number: +27 - (0)79 327 7414

E-mail: [PeterShuttleService@outlook.com](mailto:PeterShuttleService@outlook.com)

Dabane Shuttle

Number: +27 - (0)72 311 8855

E-mail: [info1dabaneshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:info1dabaneshuttle@gmail.com)

ATL Cabs and Shuttle Services

Number: 078 5344 633 | 081 053 0550

JC's Shuttle Service

Number: 083 444 8232

Email: [jcshuttleservice007@gmail.com](mailto:jcshuttleservice007@gmail.com)

EC Ride Sharing

Number: 081 729 4275

Beckmann Tours and Safaris

Number: 072 238 5683

Ronaldo Tours and Travels

Number: 082 871 3419

### **Accommodation**

A variety of accommodation options are available. Please check out the Hospitality Guild's website: <https://www.grahamstown-accommodation.co.za/>  
Double check that your accommodation is based in town!!!

Most accommodation is within walking distance of campus but please use the map for the listing if the website offers one, to check how near or distant the accommodation is from town. Please note that farm and game farm accommodation which are listed on some sites may be far out of town and thus not appropriate for conference attendees.

Makhanda was formerly called Grahamstown. Some websites use one name, some use the other and some use both.

Within close walking distance of campus:

<https://www.high-corner.com/>

<http://www.grahamstownaccom.co.za/>

<https://www.ru.ac.za/conferences/gallery/accommodation/gilbertstreet/>

A longer walk or very short drive from campus:

<https://www.fiddlewoodfields.com/>

<https://www.bartholomewsloft.co.za/>

<https://www.8agrahamstown.co.za/>

<https://www.lanherne.co.za/>

<https://www.grahamstown-accommodation.co.za/listing/applebee-guest-cottage>

The following websites allow you to book directly with the owners of the accommodation:

<https://www.places.co.za/accommodation-near/st-andrews-college>

<https://grahamstown.co.za/listings/accommodation/grahamstown>

<https://www.grahamstown-accommodation.co.za/>

The following websites allow you to book through a booking company:

<https://www.travelground.com/accommodation-in/makhanda-grahamstown>

<https://www.airbnb.co.za/s/makhanda/homes>

Booking.com: Hotels in Grahamstown. Book your hotel now!

<https://www.safarinow.com/destinations/grahamstown/hub.aspx>

### **Food**

Morning and Afternoon tea and Lunches are included in your conference fee. On Tuesday evening there will be cocktails at 17:00 and the Gala Dinner on Wednesday, these are also included in your conference fee. Please make arrangements for any other meals. We highly recommend eating local. Restaurants with fabulous food and prices include (all do delivery):

- Red Cafe
- The Barista and Major Frasers (at The Corner Opposite the Arch)
- Nic's Nest
- Revelations
- Jack's Bagels