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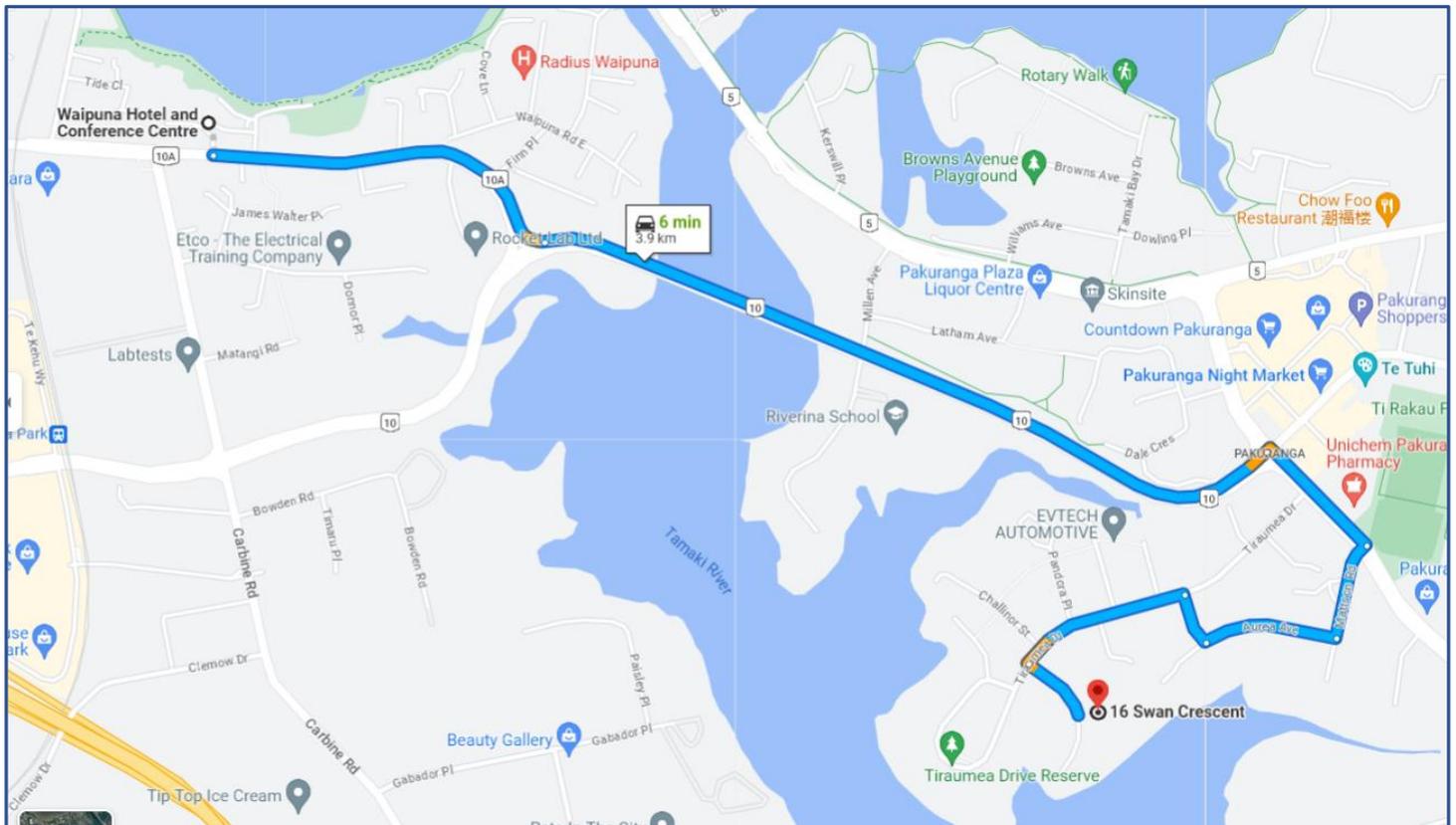
Historical Section Workshop

Monday 5 June 2023, 9 am – 2 pm



Venue: Anchorage Park Community House, 16 Swan Crescent, Pakuranga, Auckland. The workshop venue, shown lower right on the map below, is 3.9km by car from the Waipuna Hotel (shown top left).

From the hotel travel east on route 10A, veer left on to route 10 – after 2.5km turn right on to Ti Rakau Drive (route 8). At the first set of lights turn right on to Mattson Road. Turn right on to Aurea Ave, right on to Jan Place, left on to Tiraumea Drive then left on to Swan Cres. Parking is available outside the community house, otherwise there may be further space outside the school next door.



The Intent of the Workshop: as the Section is very new, this will be our first chance to collectively discuss our research, presentation and publication strategies, research methodology, and current and possible future collaborative research projects.

The following topics will be covered:

- Briefly review key elements of NZ astronomical history
- Identify those areas that have already been researched and written up, and research areas that are currently being investigated (and by whom)
- Discuss the concept of collaborative research teams, and review the resources available to astronomical historians
- Identify priority areas for future research and try to form collaborative research teams for some of these
- Discuss target outputs for each research project (publications, lectures/seminars, conference papers or posters)
- Encourage local astronomical societies to research and document their own histories (if they have not already done so) and, likewise encourage other RASNZ Sections to document their own histories.