

Draft NZPCN conference programme 2013

The conference is to be held in Auckland at the Quality Hotel, Parnell, <http://www.theparnell.co.nz/> (20 Gladstone Road Parnell, Auckland 1052).

The draft programme is as follows (but may be subject to minor changes). Please check the Network website (www.nzpcn.org.nz) for updates.

Thursday 23 May

Training day (9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.)

Training day at the Auckland Botanic gardens (sponsored by the gardens):

1. Plant identification course run by the Department of Conservation
2. Seed collection course run by the Millennium Seed Bank (UK)
3. Plant propagation course run by native plant nursery managers

Welcome event (6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.)

Conference welcome event to be held at a venue in central Auckland

Friday 24 May

Tane Ngahere Lecture

Presented by Dr Peter Heenan (Landcare Research)

Symposium papers (9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.)

- *Defining, understanding and banking our biota. Understanding our biota through systematics, biogeography and research on seed banks, plant diseases and autecology.*
- *Naturalising natives – friend or foe? The biogeography and impact of native weeds such as karaka, pohutukawa, mangrove and pohuehue amongst others.*
- *What price conservation? Offsets, natural capital, nature's services and the economic importance of native plants.*
- *Back from the brink – threatened plant recovery on islands, on private land, in sanctuaries and in the city. Recovery, monitoring and adaptive management of threatened plant populations by government, communities and landowners.*

Saturday 25 May

Symposium papers (9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.)

- *Beyond the converted – plant conservation advocacy. Promotion of the indigenous flora— engaging with business, farmers, communities, gardeners and the public to use and protect native plants.*
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- *The urban native plant oasis – the importance of trees and urban habitats. The importance of parks, road corridors, natural fragments, trees and the urban forest and novel, human induced ecosystems in the urban matrix.*

Conference dinner

This will be held at the conference venue in Parnell from 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 26 May

Field trips

Three field trips from 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m

- Mataia Private Restoration, Kaipara Harbour
- Rotoroa Island Restoration, Hauraki Gulf
- Auckland's Urban Forest