

Beyond the Canopy - Rethinking How We Grow Native Forests

Nelson 16-17th October 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



TĀNE'S TREE TRUST

*Native Forests for our Future
Heretere te Wao-nui-a-Tāne*

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**Day One - Friday 16th October 2026 -Beachside Conference and Events Centre
Tāhunanui Beach, Nelson
Registrations opening 8.15am**

Mihi whakatau

Welcome from Peter Berg, Chair, Tāne's Tree Trust

Followed by conference facilitator

*Session One: **Emerging Tools & Techniques in Forest Restoration***

Dr. James Griffiths, **Nelson City Council**, Practical Forestry Work across NCC Estates
Te Kapunga Dewes, **Interpine Innovation**, **Whenua Oho** and **Nga Pou a Tane (The National Māori Forestry Association)**

Dr Adam Forbes, **Forbes Ecology**, Taking Assisted Regeneration to the next level

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*Session Two: **Transitional Models, Land Use and the ETS***

Meg Graeme, **Natural Solutions**, Transitioning Exotics to Natives Project

Greg Hart, **Farmer perspective**, On-the-Ground Farming

Steven Cox, **Te Uru Rākau – New Zealand Forest Service**, Navigating the Emissions Trading Scheme

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Session Three: Landscape-Scale Restoration, Collaboration and Cultural Vision

Kotahitanga mō te Taiao Alliance, Restoring Lowlands Project

Local Speaker - Cultural perspective and Restoration Leadership

Paul Quinlan, **Trustee, Tāne's Tree Trust**, A viable and functioning tōtara supply chain

AFTERNOON TEA - KINDLY SPONSORED BY: Nateva

Session Four: Dr. Sean Weaver, **Ekos**, A marriage of ecology: Practitioner insights from native market financing of native forest since 2010

Session Five: Panel - What will the forests of the future look like?

Panel Chair: Dr. Erik van Eyndhoven, **The Nature Conservancy**

Panelists:

School of Forestry - University of Canterbury

Dr. Yvette Dickinson, **Bioeconomy Science Institute**

Peter Casey, **Nateva**

Dr. James Griffiths, **Nelson City Council**

Dr. Sean Weaver, **Ekos**

Closing of Day One Conference Summary, Guy Salmon (ONZM), **Ecologic Foundation**

Thank you from Peter Berg, **Chair Tāne's Tree Trust**

Followed by karakia whakamutunga

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Day Two- Saturday 17th October 2026 - Fieldtrip - Maitai Valley Nelson. Meeting Nelson City, buses leave 8am, return by 3pm

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