

Beyond the “Canopy” - Rethinking How We Grow Native Forests

Nelson 16 - 17th October 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



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*Native Forests for our Future
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**Day One - Friday 16th October 2026 - Beachside Conference and Events
Centre Tāhunanui Beach, Nelson
Registrations open 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**, From Clear-Fell Pine to Permanent Forest:
Nelson's Forestry Transition

Te Kapunga Dewes, **Ngahere Oho, Whenua Oho, Tahua Ngahere**, Unlimited Benefits:
Adoption of Technology to Measure Our Native Forests

Dr. Adam Forbes, **Forbes Ecology**, Taking Assisted Regeneration to the Next Level

MORNING TEA - KINDLY SPONSORED BY: Stand Forestry Group Ltd

*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**, Indigenous Forestry in the
Emissions Trading Scheme: Some Experiences

LUNCH - KINDLY SPONSORED BY: Tasman Pine Forests Ltd

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

Lucy Garrett, **The Nature Conservancy Aotearoa New Zealand**, Beyond Planting: Financing Native Forest Restoration At Catchment Scale – Lessons emerging from the Restoring Lowlands project in Te Taihū

Neil Deans, **Ngāti Koata**, Kaitiaki responsibilities of iwi towards te taiao - Ngāti Koata
Paul Quinlan, **Trustee, Tāne's Tree Trust**, A Viable and Functioning Supply Chain for Tōtara Timber

AFTERNOON TEA - KINDLY SPONSORED BY: Nateva

Session Four:

Dr. Sean Weaver, **Ekos**, A Marriage of Ecology: Practitioner Insights from Nature 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 Aotearoa New Zealand**

Panelists:

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

Peter Casey, **Nateva**

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

Dr. Sean Weaver, **Ekos**

Chris Ensor, **Mosaic Aotearoa**

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

NETWORKING EVENT - KINDLY SPONSORED BY: Nateva

Day Two - Saturday 17th October 2026 - Field Trip - Maitai Valley, Nelson.

Meeting Nelson City, buses leave 8am, return by 3pm

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