

NZPCN Conference Keynote speakers – 2013

Dame Anne Salmond (University of Auckland)

Symposium: Beyond the converted – plant conservation advocacy

Renowned New Zealand author and Distinguished Professor of Māori Studies and Anthropology, Dame Anne Salmond from The University of Auckland's Faculty of Arts.

Dr Peter Heenan (Landcare Research)

Symposium: Defining, understanding and banking our biota

Peter is a plant taxonomist who has worked for Botany Division, DSIR and Landcare Research where he currently leads the Allan Herbarium plant systematics research programme. He has research interests in the biology and taxonomy of indigenous and naturalised flowering plants and the phylogenetic and biogeographic history of the New Zealand flora. He has published over 140 papers on New Zealand botany as well as being co-author of the book *Threatened Plants of New Zealand* (2010).

Professor Dave Kelly (Canterbury University)

Symposium: Back from the brink – threatened plant recovery

Dave Kelly grew up in Wellington, graduated with a BSc(Hons) from Massey University in 1977 and a PhD from Cambridge University in 1982, and has been at the University of Canterbury since 1985. His main research interests are in plant-animal interactions, particularly mast seeding, bird pollination, fruit dispersal, and weed biological control. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of NZ, and the NZ Ecological Society gave him the Te Taio Tohu award in 2000 and honorary life membership in 2006. For many years, through the New Zealand Ecological Society he has published advice on how to give a good conference talk, which opens up his talks for close examination to see if he follows his own rules.

Dr Leon Perrie (Te Papa Tongarewa)

Symposium: Naturalising natives – friend or foe?

Leon is a botanist based at Te Papa museum and works with its collection of plant specimens. He specialises in the evolutionary history and taxonomy of ferns. He is interested in the distribution of New Zealand's plants, in terms of both documenting them and understanding the causes. This includes study of the geographic distribution of genetic variation within species.

Dr Mike Wilcox (Auckland)

Symposium: The urban native plant oasis

Mike is a retired forestry consultant and research director, living in Mangere Bridge. He is President of the Auckland Botanical Society, Fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Forestry, and member of the International Dendrology Society, Forest & Bird Protection Society and the Auckland Tree Council, and takes a keen interest in the trees of Auckland. He is also an Honorary Research Associate at the Auckland Museum, engaged in documenting the seaweed flora of Auckland's diverse coasts.