

Welcome from your Conference Committee

Welcome everybody to Mapua and to our conference

Eat, Drink ... Be Healthy

We hope that you all have a great time

We are proud to showcase our region to you during the 2019 New Zealand Tree Crops National Conference in Mapua.

Our Tasman area is well known for its variety of crops and associated products – apples, hops, grapes, berries, pears, olives, nuts, and for the research facility (Plant & Food) at Riwaka.

Our Ruby Coast is home to an eclectic mix of artists and crafts folk – potters, fused glass artists, painters, weavers - we encourage you to take the time to explore and enjoy all that this area has to offer.

We've tried to make conference as 'people-friendly' as possible, giving you plenty of time to network with TreeCroppers from near and far, as well as keeping you busy with the interesting speakers, activities and field trips.

Conference Committee

(Look for the green name labels)

Bob and Ann Phillips

Ev and Lindsay Smith

Peter and Margot Syms

Diane Johnston

Lyn Kelly

Tony van der Koelen

Jenny Kaye-Wood

Heather Spence

Annie Barnes

Health and Safety

Your conference committee has considered possible hazards and planned for most contingencies, however NZTCA and the organising committee do not accept liability for any accidents. Note that the conditions of the Liquor Licence are: Friday night – no drinks in hand after 9pm

Saturday night – no drinks in hand after 10pm

Please abide by these conditions

Security

It is attendee's responsibility at all times to ensure their personal belongings are secure. The hall will be locked each night, during the day there will always be persons in attendance.

Luggage: for those who need to bring their luggage from their accommodation on Sunday morning we will provide a space in the hall. To be left on an 'all care and no responsibility' basis.

Auction

Saturday after Dinner

Cash or cheques will be accepted EFTPOS will also be available
Check out the display of items on offer

Field Trips

All trips depart from the conference venue

(Check your name tag for option identifiers)

Saturday

Option A: Waimea Nurseries with Kate Marshall

Golden Hills Walnuts with Jocelyn & Denis Laird

Option B: Peckham's Cider with Alex & Caroline Peckham

Thirkettle Nurseries with Jackie Thirkettle

Sunday

Option C: Plant & Food Blueberries with Janice Turner

Plant & Food Pear Research with Lester Brewer

Option D: Mac Hops Nursery with McGlashen family

Plant & Food Hop Garden with Kerry Templeton

Programme

Friday 29th March

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 – 10.00 Research Meeting
- 10.00 Morning tea
- 10.30 – 12.00 Branch delegates' meeting
- 12.00 Lunch (Own arrangements)
- 2.00 – 3.00 AGM
- 3.00 – 3.30 Afternoon tea
- 3.30 – 4.00 Sheryl Backhouse (Australia)
- 4.00 – Taste Nelson: Apples – Tea – Beer – Cider – Juices- Spreads
- 5.30ish - Barbeque
- 7.00 until late Quiz with Peter Syms

Saturday 30th March

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 – 9.40 Jan Fryer
- 9.45 – 10.25 Alex Peckham
- 10.25 – 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.00 – 11.50 Zane Webber
- 11.50 – 12.00 Auckland 2020 conference presentation
- 12.00 – 12.30 Lunch at Mapua Hall
- 12.45 SHARP Buses depart for field trips
- 4.30 Buses return
- 6.30ish Conference dinner, Awards, Presidential address, Auction

Sunday 31st March

- 9.00 – 9.40 Jim & Lorraine Gilbert (USA)
- 9.45 – 10.25 NZ Hops Doug Donelan
- 10.25 – 11.00 Morning tea
- 11.00 – 11.50 Roger Hurst Plant & Food
- 11.50 – 12.00 David Whyte (NZ President) Close
- 12.00 – 12.30 Lunch at Mapua Hall
- 12.45 SHARP Buses depart for field trips
- 4.30pm Buses return – Hall open for tea and coffee

Monday 1st April

Post conference self-drive tour of local properties of tree cropping interest.
(You may also pass wineries and art/craft places along the way.)

Map provided.

Please register your interest on the board located in the hall

**Honeyberry Workshop – 8.00 – 2.00
(For those who have already registered)**

With Eric Cairns & Jackie Thirkettle

Location:

Redwood Room Community Church

114 Ranzau Road

And at Thirkettle Nurseries

Speakers:**Friday:****Sheryl Backhouse**

Sheryl has been organising the Sub-Tropical Fruit Club of Queensland for around 18 years and she also organises the Bushfood Association. She is the Leader of the Australian Food Plants Study Group within the Australian Native Plant Society and she also organises the Queensland Skeptics Association. She helped organise one of the local branches of Native Plants Queensland as well as the Alternative Technology Association. Sheryl thought you might like to hear something a little different so she's going to give a talk on Bushfood.

Saturday:**Jan Fryer**

Jan is a trustee for the Dick Roberts Community Trust and she will be speaking on Dick Robert's creed "A tree for every microclimate" A man ahead of his time and as one of the founding members of the Tree Crops Association Dick encouraged many trips to his Todds Valley property to watch progress and discuss ideas. The varied topography provided the opportunity for Dick to select and plant tree and food crops suited to a wide variety of natural ecosystems. (Jan and her family developed the EmGuard.)

Alex Peckham

Alex and his wife Caroline took on a small apple orchard in Upper Moutere in 2007 and set out to make English style ciders. From small beginnings they have built up an award-winning cidery. They featured last winter on TV1's Country Calendar. Peckham's Cider won Champion Cider in 2015, 2016 and 2017 at the New Zealand Cider Awards.

Zane Webber

Zane is a Research Associate at AgResearch's Margot Forde Germplasm Centre (New Zealand's seed-bank for grassland plants and endangered indigenous plant species – holding over 140,000 seed samples). Zane has undertaken 17 international collecting expeditions in countries ranging from Tajikstan to Greece. The collected seeds futureproofs NZ's pastoral economy and contributes to conserving the world's plant genetic resources for future generations of researchers and breeders.

Sunday:**Jim Gilbert**

Jim and Lorraine run Northwood's Nursery in Northern Oregon, specialising in disease resistant, early ripening varieties. The nursery has also initiated several research projects working with fruits such as persimmon and honeyberries with the goal of finding or creating new and improved fruit varieties His presentation title is: "Growing Unique and Unusual Fruit in the US Pacific Northwest."

Doug Donelan

Doug is now Chief Executive Officer of New Zealand Hops and has over 30 years experience in the brewing, beverage and hospitality industries, as well as being an internationally recognised beer judge. He has written numerous papers and articles and presented on Innovation, Marketing, Research and New Zealand Product Development.

Roger Hurst

Dr Hurst has a biomedical health background through a career spanning several countries. Since joining Plant and Food Research in 2007 he has developed an interest in phytochemical compounds and their role in modulating oxidative stress, inflammation and immunity, to aid tissue recovery and repair. His presentation title is: "Human Healthscience to Support New Functional Foods from Berryfruit – our Targets, Approach and Insight".

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