

Call for Papers – Network Conference 2013

“Are we there yet? 10 years of the Plant Conservation Network” is the theme for the NZPCN conference for 2013 that will be held at the Quality Hotel Parnell, Auckland from Thursday 23 – Sunday 26 May 2013. Keynote speakers will kick off each of the six symposia:

- *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*
- *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*
- *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*
- *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*
- *What price conservation? Offsets, natural capital, nature’s services and the economic importance of native plants*

Oral and poster presentations for each symposium are welcome and these should be submitted following the guidelines below. You may choose whether to make an oral and/or poster presentation but review committees for each symposium will decide what is included in the final conference programme. Abstracts should be submitted for both forms of presentation. Presentations covering other aspects of plant conservation are welcome but preference will be given to those that fit with the conference symposia.

Guidelines for submitting papers and the timetable

- Abstract(s) of no more than 300 words should be sent on or before 22 April by e-mail to the Network (info@nzpcn.org.nz).
- Oral presentations of contributed papers are limited to 20 minutes including discussion.
- Abstracts should include the:
 - Author name(s) (please indicate who will be presenting)
 - Preferred symposium for your talk
 - Name of your organisation (if applicable)
 - Oral presentation or poster
 - Contact details including e-mail address
- Authors of accepted papers notified by Monday 29 April.
- Final abstracts for accepted papers due by Monday 6 May for inclusion in conference booklet.