



# CONFERENCE 2018 PROGRAMME

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 April 2018



## Friday 13 April

- 10.00am** Conference Registration – Devon Hotel\*\*
- 10.45am** Coach departs from Devon Hotel for **Pukeiti ★★★★★**
- 11.30am** Official Opening of Conference & Trustee introductions: Kerei Thompson
- 12.00pm** David McLeod, Chairman of Taranaki Regional Council: Welcome Delegates/guests  
Greg Rine, Regional Gardens Manager TRC  
Speaker: Pukeiti guided garden tour
- 1.15pm** Buffet Lunch – guided garden walks
- 2.30pm** Coach departs for **Nikau Grove ★★★★★**
- 4.15pm** Coach departs for **Te Kainga Marire ★★★★★** guided garden tour
- 5.30pm** Coach departs for **Tupare ★★★★★** garden and house tour and complimentary drinks/nibbles, thanks to TRC
- 7.00pm** Coach departs for Devon Hotel

*Evening Free*

## Saturday 14 April

- 7.45am** Assemble in Devon Hotel foyer
- 8.00am** Coach departs Devon Hotel for **Cairnhill ★★★★★** garden tour
- 9.30am** Coach departs for **Puketarata ★★★★★** garden tour and morning tea
- 11.30am** Coach departs for **Mary's Place ★★★★★** garden tour
- 12.15pm** Coach departs for **Hollard Gardens ★★★★★**  
Welcome Greg Rine, TRC  
Lunch / tea / coffee  
Guest Speaker: David Bruce (*Duncan & Davies, history*)  
Greg Rine – Hollard Garden history / tour
- 3.00pm** Coach departs for **Possum Factory** tour - Penny Sands
- 3.45pm** Coach departs for **Egmont Lighthouse** and coast road to New Plymouth

## Saturday 14 April continued....

- 6:30pm** Pre-Dinner Drinks (Bar at Devon)
- 7.00pm** Conference Dinner – Devon Hotel  
Welcome / Guest Speaker – Basil Chamberlain, CEO Taranaki Regional Council **'Key ingredient to a successful garden visitor experience'**

## Sunday 15 April - Devon Hotel

- 8.00am** Guest Speaker – Ben Conway, Head Gardener Ayrilies. **'Organic Soil Conditioning'**
- 8.45am** Guest Speaker: Vince Naus, Big Jims Garden Centre, **'Tricks of the Trade & Garden Centre Trends'**.
- 9.30am** Guest Speaker: Vicky Fairley, Venture Taranaki, & Valda Poletti Te Kainga Garden: **'Partnerships: Gardens & Regional Tourism Organisations (RTO's)**
- 10.00am** Morning tea
- 10.15am** Open Forum
- 11.30am** Coach departs for hosted drive-by Walkway / Wind Wand / Len Lye
- 12.00pm** Coach arrives at **Pukekura Park** Lunch  
Guest Speaker: MPI: **'Bio Security / Myrtle Rust Control'**  
Guided walk with Lynn Bublitz & Chris Connolly, Curator of Pukekura: **'Uncover botanical treasures of Pukekura Park' ★★★★★**
- 2.30pm** Conference concludes and Coach departs for Devon Hotel.

*We hope while in New Plymouth you have time to visit the Len Lye Centre, Puke Ariki Museum, Te Rewa Rewa Bridge and the Coastal Walkway.*

**Our coach will be departing sharp at the advertised times**

**\*\* Conference Headquarters:  
Devon Hotel  
390 Devon Street East  
New Plymouth**