



# New Zealand Farm Forestry Association 64<sup>th</sup> annual conference

24 to 28 March 2021 Wellington  
Trees in a political landscape

*The members of the Wellington branch welcome you to the 2021 annual conference. Please return this completed registration form promptly, or use the version on the website. The conference is conveniently based at the Te Papa conference centre on the Wellington waterfront.*

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## Conference programme

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### Wednesday 24 March Action group meetings

This is a full day set aside for the action groups to meet with an hour-and-a-quarter available for each group throughout the day. This follows the very successful format of the 2019 conference. The evening will be free for time to catch-up and socialise.

### Thursday 25 March AGM, Councillor meeting and conference

The Council meeting and AGM will be held in the morning. The afternoon is the first half of the conference presentations. There will be a number of quality speakers for the afternoon and for Friday morning. First will be a session covering the challenges and opportunities around the new rules on freshwater management and the proposed modifications to the Emissions Trading Scheme. This will be followed by a session on forest biosecurity and safety for small-scale owners. The afternoon will conclude with the speakers in a panel question and answer discussion.

In the evening is the opening dinner. The new Minister of Forestry will be invited as guest speaker.

### Friday 26 March Conference presentations and field trips

The morning will be a continuation of the conference presentations. In this session the following questions will be the subject for the speakers to answer –

Do we still have a social licence to plant and harvest trees on farms and small woodlots? How will small-scale forest owners adapt to changes in the future with regard to trees on farms?

What are the best alternative species options?

The session will conclude with another panel discussion.

The afternoon is devoted to field visits. There is a choice of three visits all within a short distance of the centre of Wellington.

Buses will depart from the Te Papa car park.

Option one is a visit to Centreport. At the port we will be given a short overview of the log management operation and a guided tour around the port. We will see log scaling, ship loading, gantry operation, log storage and the mixed use of rail and trucks to bring logs from the forests.

Option two is to the Botanic Gardens where there is a good story to be told about the pines and eucalypts which have been growing there for over 100 years.

Option three is to Zealandia. This was the first mainland fenced sanctuary in New Zealand and has now been in operation for well over 20 years.

The day concludes with the awards dinner and presentations.

### Saturday 27 March Eastern Wellington region field day

The buses depart from Te Papa car park travelling about 40 km up State Highway 2 to Kaitoke. Kaitoke Regional Park, in the foothills of the Tararua Ranges includes a podocarp forest as part of the catchment for the reservoirs supplying water to Wellington. We will visit the forest and see some of the proposed planting. There is also a chance to visit the magical spot used as a set for Rivendell in the *Lord of the Rings*.

A short distance south is Te Marua where lunch will be available among some eucalypts which will be a talking point. After lunch will be a short walk through an old railway tunnel to see some recently harvested land and subsequent planting with discussions by the forest managers Forest 360 and the owners Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The day will conclude in Wellington for a free evening.

### Sunday 28 March Western Wellington region field day

For this field day the buses travel up the east of the region via State Highway 1 to Battle Hill, about 30 kilometres north of Wellington. Small radiata pine plantations cover about half the 500 hectares of Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, the rest being grazed pasture and some wetlands. This is also an historic site where one of the last battles between Maori and colonial forces took place in 1846.

There will be discussions, and no doubt the usual arguments, about how the plantations can be managed for the future following planned harvesting. The latter has been delayed due to the construction of the billion-dollar Transmission Gully road. The construction crosses the edge of the park.

Lunch will allow attendees to look at more of the historic site or the restored wetlands.

After lunch will be another short bus trip to Queen Elizabeth II Park on the coast. Here we will see an amazing lake and wetland created only 25 years ago from bare farmland. The problems of how they avoided unexploded World War II ammunition will add a bit of spice. The rest of the afternoon will be to be shown how the land is being managed as a farm and the use of exotic trees for shading the streams.

After the return to Wellington, the day will conclude with an informal meal and the formal handover to the hosts of the 2022 conference.

# Conference timetable 24 to 28 March 2021

## Day 1 Wednesday 24 March – Te Papa

Registration desk open all day

### Action Group meetings all day

8.30 to 9.45 am.....Eucalypt Action Group

9.45 to 11.00 am.....Cypress Development Group

11.30 to 12.45 pm.....Indigenous Forest Section

### 12.45 to 1.15 pm.....Lunch

1.15 to 2.30 pm.....Sequoia Action Group

2.30 to 3.45 pm.....Acacia melanoxylon Interest Group

3.45 to 5.00 pm.....Oak Action Group

5.00 to 6.15 pm.....Farm Forestry Timber

**Evening free for everyone to socialise**

## DAY 2 Thursday 25 March – Te Papa

8.00 am .....Registration desk open all day

8.00 am .....Councillors' meeting

10.30 am .....Annual General Meeting

### 12.00 noon.....Lunch

1.00 pm.....First session of speakers

New rules on freshwater management

Challenges from Emissions Trading

Scheme changes

Safety and biosecurity

4.30 – 5.30 pm.....Panel discussion

6.00 pm.....Pre-dinner drinks

**6.45 pm .....Opening dinner**

## DAY 3 Friday 26 March – Te Papa

8.30 am .....Registration desk open all day

8.30 am.....Second speaker session

Adapting to changes

Alternative species options

Social licence to grow trees

11.15.....Panel discussion

### 12.00 noon .....Lunch

1.00 pm .....Field day options – Buses for field trips

Option 1: Port visit

Option 2: Botanic Gardens

Option 3: Zealandia

5.00 pm.....Return to Te Papa

6.00 pm .....Pre-dinner drinks

6.30 pm .....**Dinner and Awards presentations**

## Day 4 Saturday 27 March Eastern Wellington region field day

8.00 am .....Buses depart Te Papa car park

9.30 am.....Arrive at Kaitoke

Native trees and catchment planting

12.00 pm.....Depart Kaitoke

12.30 pm.....Arrive Te Marua and lunch

Discussion about eucalypts

1.30 pm.....Forestry harvesting management and

natives GWRC, Forest 360

5.00 pm .....Depart Te Marua

5.45 pm.....Arrive Te Papa

**Free evening**

## Day 5 Sunday 28 March Western Wellington region field day

8:00 am .....Buses depart Te Papa car park

9.00 am .....Arrive at Battle Hill

Woodlot management on a farm

Transmission Gully discussion

### 1.00 pm .....Lunch

2.00 pm .....Depart for QE II Park

2.45 pm.....Arrive QE II Park

Native restoration and use of exotics

5.00 pm .....Depart QE II Park

6.00 pm .....Arrive Te Papa

**7.00 pm .....Farewell social evening and baton transfer**

## Conference venue

### Te Papa Museum and Conference Centre

All meetings and functions will be held at Te Papa.

There are hotels and back packer accommodation within short walking distances, at a variety of prices.

Make your own booking. There will be no bus pick-ups as there is all day parking at Te Papa and service buses from around town which stop near the museum.

## Some suggested accommodation

Ryldes Wellington, Featherston St 04 499 8686	guide price \$230
QT Museum Hotel, Cable St 04 802 8900	guide price \$280
Distinction Wellington, Tory St 04 801 0780	guide price \$170
Travelodge Wellington, Gilmer Tce 04 499 9911	guide price \$170
James Cook Hotel, The Terrace 04 499 9500	guide price \$130
Ibis Wellington, Featherston St 04 496 1880	guide price \$120
Nomads Capital Hostel, Wakefield St 04 978 7800	guide price \$110
YHA Wellington, Wakefield St 04 801 7280	guide price \$110

## Transport

Private cars will not normally be allowed on the field trips.

## Registration

Ideally well before 24 February 2021. After this date there will be an extra late booking fee of \$50.

## Cancellations

All cancellations are required in writing, by email is fine, before 1 March. A refund will be processed less a \$70 administration fee. Cancellations after this date will not normally be refunded.

## Covid-19 cancellation

The conference may have to be cancelled or postponed due to Covid-19 problems. A refund process will be considered which will be similar to the cancellations for the Invercargill conference.

## Registrars

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# Registration Form

**Registration information**

- Please use a separate form for each person – a photocopy is acceptable.
- Additional copies can be downloaded from the NZFFA website [www.nzffa.org.nz](http://www.nzffa.org.nz)
- You can book online using the form from the website
- It is important that you read all of the information before completing the form.
- Amounts are in New Zealand dollars and include GST.

Detach this page and post with payment to: **Registrar PO Box 10 349, The Terrace, Wellington 6143**  
**Phone 04 472 0432**  
**Email [admin@nzffa.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzffa.org.nz)**

If you have any queries please telephone or email

SECTION ONE	REGISTRATION DETAILS	(One form per person)	Please print clearly
Title:	First name:	Surname:	
Address:			
City/town & postcode:	Branch:	Mobile phone:	
Landline phone:	Email		
Name badge preferred name	First name:	Surname:	
Partner's name (if attending)	First name:	Surname:	
Accommodation in Wellington	Name:	Phone:	
Special requirements	Dietary:	Other:	
Emergency contact	Name:	Phone:	Mobile:
Arrival	Day:		
Departure	Day:		

Tick if this is your first NZFFA Conference

Tick if you DO NOT wish to your details to be printed in the Conference handbook



# Registering your attendance at the 2021 conference

Please tick the relevant boxes as it will help us with catering and transport

Wednesday 24 March	
Action groups	Tick box if attending
Indigenous Forest Section	
Eucalypt Action Group	
Cypress Development Group	
AMIGO	
Sequoia Action Group	
Oak Action Group	
Farm Forestry Timber	

Thursday 25 March	
Meetings and sessions	Tick box if attending
Councillors' meeting	
Annual General Meeting	
Afternoon conference sessions	
Opening dinner	

Friday 26 March	
Sessions and field trips	Tick box if attending
Morning conference sessions	
Field trip to CentrePort	
Field trip to Botanic Gardens	
Field Trip to Zealandia	
Awards dinner	

Saturday 27 March	
Field trip	Tick box if attending
Eastern Wellington field day	

Sunday 28 March	
Field trip	Tick box if attending
Western Wellington field day	
Evening social meal	

Calculating your fees all of which include GST	
Full registration per NZFFA member	\$675
For member if received after 24 February	\$700
Full registration for non-member	\$700
Full registration for non-member if received after 24 February	\$750
Full conference registration includes:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference material and bag</li> <li>• Wednesday – Action Group meetings and lunch</li> <li>• Thursday – all meetings, teas, lunch and opening dinner</li> <li>• Friday – meetings, teas, lunch, field trips and awards dinner</li> <li>• Saturday – field trip, teas and lunch</li> <li>• Sunday – field trip, teas, lunch and farewell social meal</li> </ul>	
<b>TOTAL FOR CONFERENCE</b>	<b>\$</b>

For day registration per person complete the relevant boxes		
Wednesday – meetings and lunch	\$100	
Thursday – All day meetings, conference sessions and lunch	\$110	
Welcome dinner	\$120	
Friday – Morning meetings and lunch	\$100	
Field trip	\$60	
Awards dinner	\$120	
Saturday - Field trip	\$130	
Sunday – Field trip	\$130	
Evening social and meal	\$120	
Conference material and bag	\$20	
Late payment fee after 24 February	\$50	
<b>TOTAL FOR DAY REGISTRATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	

The registration does not include accommodation

Options for payment	
This payment is for:	
Please circle one option	
A) Direct credit to NZFFA Conference Account number 06-0501-00145507-00 Please make sure your surname is shown as a reference for payment identification	
B) Credit card: Visa / Mastercard are the only ones acceptable	
Card number:	Expiry date:
Name on the card:	Signature:
C) Cheque made payable to the NZ Farm Forestry Association Conference 2021	