

IPPS CONFERENCE 2012
26TH – 29TH APRIL
GOLDEN GATE LODGE
CROMWELL



‘HIGH N’ DRY’

Registrations are now open for this year’s IPPS Conference to be held in sunny Central Otago from 26 to 29 April. The Cromwell Conference looks to the future, with a strong emphasis on sustainable water use, drought tolerant plants and green roof technology along with practical seed collection, processing and propagation workshops. There will be plenty of time to enjoy Southern hospitality and network with others.

The Pre-Conference tour is organised and led by Mark Brown of Blueskin Nurseries, so is not to be missed! Leaving from Dunedin by the famous Taieri Gorge train, the trip encompasses wonderful experiences including a salt lake, curling at Naseby, the famed Vulcan Hotel (along with its ghost) and nearby Blue Lake. The trip will pass through the scenery that has been the source of so many famed Graham Sydney paintings, and from Cromwell will proceed on to a day trip on Thursday to botanise at high altitude on the Remarkables Mountains and visit Lake Alta.

While places are limited to 30 on this spectacular pre-conference tour, there is an option for the main conference goers to join the Remarkables day trip on Thursday 26 April. Those arriving on early flights into Queenstown can be picked up enroute to the Remarkables at 10am. Please note the organisers will also be running Queenstown airport collections and deliveries at a cost of \$30 return.

After plenty of fun on Thursday evening, the Conference kicks off on Friday 27 April at the Golden Gate Lodge in Cromwell with a great line up of speakers, including Sean Hogan, the obsessed plantsman from the famed Cistus Nursery in Oregon, highlighting architectural plants for dry areas, followed by speakers on nursery irrigation management and seed collection. The afternoon field trip will include an outdoor lunch at Aurum Winery, followed by visits to a water conservation garden, a salt pan, and a winery rush bed.

On Saturday morning Dave Cliffe of Dubbo, Australia will present on water management, and other speakers will cover green roofs in USA and water conservation techniques. After a picnic lunch amongst the autumnal colours, the afternoon will be spent in close encounters with seed threshing equipment and practical seed propagation techniques from southern gurus including Dennis Hughes and Steve Newall. This will be followed by the conference dinner at the spectacular Northburn Winery.

Sunday morning will continue to be interesting with presentations including innovative marketing from Eddie Welsh, embryo dormancy, green roofs in NZ and the gold of the 21st Century water. Lunch will bring this Southern conference to a close.

Below are details of the pre-conference tour, conference programme, a list of speakers and accommodation options, and attached is a REGISTRATION FORM.

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SPEAKERS

Emeritus Professor Sir Alan Mark	The vegetation pattern of Central Otago; past and present; values and threats.
Sean Hogan	Tough Hombres: Wind and drought loving architectural plants
Sean Hogan	Up and Over: Green roofs in the dry American West
Joe Cartman	Collecting and processing seed in the Port Hills
Richard Beaumont	Japanese Exchange Visit
Dave Cliffe	To be confirmed
Jo Wakelin	The Dry Horrors: A Central Otago planting experience
Eddie Welsh	Goodbye Middleman
Zoe Zimmerman	To be confirmed
Robert Appleton	Embryo Dormancy
Dr Jill Stanley	Developing Sumptuous Apricots
Andrew Curtis	To be confirmed

WORKSHOPS

Steve and Mandy Newall	Tussock and Carex seed processing
Denis Hughes	Practical seed propagation techniques
Dave Pomare	Smoke to induce germination
Jo Bonner/Anne Fair	Spinifex and other wetland coastal seed propagation
Eileen Stewart	To be confirmed
Jo Burson	To be confirmed

PROGRAMME

PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

Monday 23 April

8.30am - Meet at Dunedin Historic Railway Station to transfer luggage to vans.

9.30am - Taieri Gorge Train departs from Dunedin across the Taieri Plains then following the Taieri River in Central Otago. This is one of the world's greatest train trips.

11.35am - Train arrives at Pukerangi. Buffet car on train for morning tea. Vans meet train. Visit Sutton Salt Lake, 1.5 hour walk round trip. Introduction to Central Otago rock formations and plants.

Drive through Middlemarch, Otago's own Wild West town and proceed to the Hyde Hotel for lunch at 1.15pm. Depart 2.15pm.

Drive through Kokonga, Waipiata, Patearoa to Clachanbarn, a garden of National significance growing against the odds in a harsh climate and tenderly cared for by a character of local significance. Garden visit and afternoon tea

Travel across the Maniototo Plains to Naseby approximately 6pm, staying at Ancient Briton Hotel.

Tuesday 24 April

8.45am – 11am - Curling. Suggest North versus South.

Drive to and tour Ranfurly Museum etc. 12 – 1pm. Lunch.

1.30pm -2.30pm Falls Dam - D.O.C reserve.

2.50pm – 3.50pm St Bathans Hotel - Ghosts and characters and a tour of St Bathans. Afternoon tea with Mike the publican (own cost).

4pm Head back to Naseby via Wedderburn, arrive Naseby 6.30pm.

Dinner Naseby at the Ancient Briton Hotel

Wednesday 25 April - Anzac Day

8.45am Depart Naseby

10am - Omakau for Anzac service and morning tea.

Then to Blacks Cottage at Ophir, one of the earliest properties settled in the area with an interesting layout and all in a part of New Zealand that has the lowest temperatures ever recorded. Not many visitors get the pleasure to visit this property and meet yet another character of local significance. Lunch here.

2pm Depart and travel over Thompson's Track through old gold mining areas, 22 gates to be opened and closed! Not suitable for the faint hearted.

Onto Golden Gate Hotel

Thursday 26th April

Bus to Remarkables Alpine fields, via Queenstown Airport if necessary.

Remarkables Mountain Range. Once again not a trip for the faint hearted. Some may wish to sit on the left side going up and right coming down. Alpine herb fields with a wide range of plants from *Hectorella caespinosa*, *Aciphylla kirkii* to *Chionochloa macra*. Arne Cleland will be available to describe the challenges of revegetating around the ski field area.

Warm clothing required (essential).

CONFERENCE

Thursday 26 April

4.30pm onwards Conference registration

6.00pm Buffet dinner

7.00pm 'Plant Idol'

Friday 27 April

Conference Day 1

7.15am Conference registration

8.00am Conference opening

8.30am Speakers Session One

10.10am Morning Tea

10.35am Speakers Session Two

12.15pm Field trip – Water Conservation garden, Aurum Winery, Lunch, Mahaka Katia Salt Pan Reserve, Bill Labes native shelter belt visit, Amisfield Winery wetland and rush bed

4.35pm Return to Cromwell

Pre dinner drinks

Buffet Dinner at Golden Gate Lodge

Plant Auction and Music Entertainment

Saturday 28 April.

Conference Day 2

8.00am Speakers Session Three

10.00am Morning Tea

10.20am Speakers Session Three continued

11.00am Annual General Meeting

11.45am	Bus to picnic lunch in Bald Hills Garden
1.00pm	Session Four – Workshops 1-4 plus displays
3.10pm	Afternoon Tea
4.20pm	Return to Golden Gate Lodge
5.40pm	Buses leave for Northburn Winery
6.00pm	Northburn Winery - Dinner and presentations, live music
From 9.30pm – 11.15pm	Buses return to Golden Gate Lodge

Sunday 29 April. Conference Day 3

8.30am	Speakers Session Five
10.00am	Morning Tea
10.20am	Speakers Session Five continued
11.35am	Presentation from 2013 Conference Committee
11.55am	Conference close and lunch

AUCTION ITEMS

The Conference organisers would also like all attendees to consider bringing a plant or other propagation-related item for auctioning. This is the time to bring out those special plants that you would like to share with your fellow propagators. The some items will be auctioned by the normal method, while others will be put in a silent auction. All auction funds are used to support the activities of the Society and the members.

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

People attending the conference need to make their own arrangements for accommodation ASAP.

Options include:

- **Golden Gate Lodge:** Bed and breakfast \$135 (\$150 for two people) www.goldengate.co.nz
This is the conference venue.
- **Carrick Lodge** (really close and nice): Smaller studio sleeps 2, \$125 www.carricklodge.co.nz
- **Colonial Manor** (also close): Studios from \$115 www.colonialmanor.co.nz
- Even cheaper options at **Cromwell Top 10 Holiday Park** www.cromwellholidaypark.co.nz

Remember to quote IPPS when booking to secure the special rates organised for you.