

IPPS New Zealand Region 54th Annual Conference

Plymouth International Hotel

New Plymouth

8th – 11th May 2025

Wednesday 7th May Pre tour 1

- 8am Meet at Plymouth International Hotel
- 8.15am Depart
- 9 - 10am Stratford Plateau
- 10.30am - 12 Hollard Gardens
- 12.15 - 1pm Eltham (buy your own lunch)
- 1.20pm - 3pm Lake Rotokare
- 4pm Arrive Plymouth International Hotel. Evening free

Thursday 8th May Pre tour 2

- 8am Depart Plymouth International Hotel
- 8.30am Arrive Waitara Marae
- 10.30am Depart Waitara Marae

Transport will travel via the Plymouth International Hotel to drop off New Zealand board members and pick up any extras

New Zealand board meeting 12 noon - 4pm

- 11.45am Arrive Pukeiti
- 12 - 12.30pm Talks
- 12.30 - 1.30pm Lunch
- 1.30 - 3pm Tour around gardens
- 3.15pm Depart
- 3.45pm Arrive Plymouth International

4.30pm Registration Desk opens

5 – 6pm Happy Hour

6 – 7pm Light dinner

7pm Six Pack Introduction Sponsored by Horticulture Trust

7.30pm Entertainment

Dinner and Entertainment sponsored by Waimea Group

Friday 9th May

8am Registration Desk opens

8.20 - 8.30am Housekeeping

8.30 - 8.50am Conference Opening: Neil Holdom, Mayor of New Plymouth

9.00 - 9.25am Jim Rumbal (NZ) Dwarf conifers

9.30 - 9.55am Bob Geneve (USA) Geophytes from the ground up

10.00 - 10.20am Morning Tea Sponsored by ICL

10.25 - 10.50am Phil Gould (NZ) Biostimulants

10.55 - 11.25am Vance Hooper (NZ) A lifetime with Magnolias

11.30 - 12 noon Poster session

Paul Fisher (USA) Greenhouse training online to retain, motivate, and upskill your staff

Celina Gómez (USA) Propagate hard-to-root plants with vertical indoor propagation under LEDs

Charlie Smith (USA) Prevent chlorosis and purpling under LED supplemental lighting

Roberto Lopez (USA) Heat your root zone in winter when air temperatures are low

Tom Fernandez (USA) Recycle greenhouse water with bioreactors to remove pesticides and nutrients

John Lea-Cox (USA) New online advanced irrigation management course

12.00 - 12.45pm Lunch at Hotel Plymouth International Sponsored by Paengaroa Pumice

1pm Depart for visits: Acers Unlimited, Lowlands and Michelsens Tree Nursery. Coach transport sponsored by PGG

Afternoon tea at Manukorihi Golf Club near Lowlands Sponsored by Lifetech Laboratories

5pm Return to Plymouth International Hotel

6.30 - 7.30pm Happy Hour Sponsored by TNZ Growing Products

7.30pm Formal dinner and awards, Plymouth International Hotel Sponsored by Daltons

Saturday 10th May

8.15 - 8.55am Charlie Hall (USA) Economic trends and benchmarking

9.00 - 9.25am Erik Runkle (USA) LED Lighting

9.30 - 9.55am Roberto Lopez (USA) Climate control for propagation

10.00 - 10.20am Morning Tea. Sponsored by Pillar Tools

10.25 - 10.55am Christine Coker (USA) Garden trends for the future

11.00 - 12 noon AGM

12.00 - 12.45pm Lunch at Hotel Plymouth International Sponsored by Egmont Commercial

1pm Depart for visits: Magnolia Grove, Woodleigh and Jim Rumbal's garden. Coach transport sponsored by PGG

Afternoon Tea at Clifton Park, Waitara. Sponsored by Canterbury Landscape Supplies

5pm Field trip returns

6.30 - 7.30pm Happy Hour Sponsored by Orion

7.30pm Theme night 'Team Colours' Dress in your team's colours

Dinner followed by entertainment

Sponsored by Ellepot and Advanced Horticulture

Sunday 11th May

8.00 - 8.35am James Robbins (USA) Drone applications for nurseries

8.40 - 8.55am Christian Hanson (NZ) Partnering with an end user to develop a propagation product

9.00 - 9.25am Paul Millen (NZ) Improving eucalypt hardwood genetics to diversify NZ's forestry and timber futures

9.30 - 9.40am Eastern Region presentation for International Tour 2026

9.45 - 10.05am Morning tea Sponsored by Good to Grow

10.10 - 10.30am Emily Joseph (USA) Western Region report

10.35 - 11.15am Panel: Succession planning for nurseries

11.20 - 11.30am Preview of 2026 NZ Region Conference in Dunedin

11.30am Close of conference and lunch. Sponsored by Cowpower