

B3 Conference 2025: Haiku / whakatauki contest entries

Beetles pierce the bark
Hidden paths beneath the skin
Mauri drained from within

- Waipaina Awarau (haiku winner)

As I push the wave
I channel stripper, Big Bill
John Kean smiles at me

- KiTaurangi Bradford

There's a collaborative group called B3
Guardians of all plants and trees
They bolster the border
Fight pests with strong order
And blend science with mātauranga Māori

- Beccy Ganley

Guardians of the land
Shielding nature's fragile heart
New Zealand stand strong

- Anonymous

A bright hope bursts forth
Like a stripper from a cake:
The samurai wasp

- JK

Whispers through the trees
Silent pests cross unseen lines
We must guard as one

- Brendan Gould

PBRI is
Pleased to visit Wellington
Ngā mihi B3

- Mila Bristow

We map what may come
Warmer winds bring hungry pests
Forests hold their breath

- Tom C

B3
Please stop climate change
I don't want *Cordyceps*

- Murray Fea

Science and wairua
Walk the ridgeline together
The future listens

- Oriwa Tamahou

Threats are always near
Still, we live and carry on
Great work lights the path

- Luna Hasna

Teddy bear danger
Will the bomb go off?
Just hold back the wave

- Sarah Tallon

No fanfare, no sound
Just nets, wages, trap, quiet care
Disaster undone

- Mel Mark-Shadbolt

B3 protects NZ
1 to 4 in return
May you multiply

- Ursula Torres

Be memorable
Reveal the invisible
Protect Aotearoa!

- Nicolas

The earth is warming
Fungi are adapting too
Cordyceps zombies?

- Sarah Tallon

Now you'll never see
The B3 logo the same:
Hidden teddy bear

- JK

Sometimes you need to
Look at the ecology
#Bioprotection

- Sarah Tallon

If you x-ray fruit
You find insects and microbes
But not vertebrates

- Sarah Tallon

B3 whānau together
Celebrating excellence undertaken
Focussed on value obtained

- DN

Twenty years ago
Poor biosecurity
So B3 was born

- Sarah Tallon

Did she say
Biosec not sexy?
See: Hyper-inference

- Murray Fea

Building block of science –
“Collaboration”

- Tanu

Bayesian networks
Predicting incursion risk
Stops border entry

- Kerry Everett

Keep pathogens out
By predicting arrivals
IBRAM delivers

- Kerry Everett

Brown marmorated
A stinky bug we despise
We can keep it out!

- Toni Withers

Say yes-way
To JK's dance craze
Hold back waves 7304 more days

- Murray Fea

Borders are not lines
They are promises to keep
Are our hands ready?

- Oriwa Tamahou

Innocent insects
Transformed by bacteria
Into big problems

- Sarah Tallon

BSI logo
Will it be a green circle?
The CEO laughs

- Anonymous

In an old car shed
Imported vehicles parked
How could this go wrong?

- Sarah Tallon

Beetles in the wind
Burrow through Pohutukawa
Ngahere grows still

- Waipaina Awarau

Declaration signed
Fruit surrendered at the border
Islands kept live

- Axel Heiser

Berries ripen slow
Carefree days of harvest pass
Unsung hero guards

- Ivy Gan

Eyes in the sky scan
For threats to New Zealand's plants
Borders safe and sound

- Federico Tomasetto

Cryptical insect?
Mass spectrometer to dissect
Knowledge in smoke

- Alastair Ross

A generous overlap of interests
Brings you and me together
Protecting our way of life

- Pete Thomson

AI at the gates
Mistakes gumboots for weevils
False alarm, again

- Axel Heiser

Securing our lands
Years of research cultivate
B3 thrives, life blooms

- Nari Williams

Hands joined, paths aligned
Threads of many woven tight
Together we stand

- Louise Hennessy

Young mind with lots of energy
Thanks for the trust placed in us
B3 we will win together

- Luna Hasna

Lab coats unite, sigh
Models say it's all likely
Reviewer nods, "Nice"

- Axel Heiser

Protecting our lands
From pests, pathogens and weeds
Plants grow and be (three)

- Sarah Adams

Want methane research
Or irritated cow bowels?
BS Institute

- Anonymous

We work together
Hold the wave of risks away
Protect Aotearoa forever

- Sandeep

Holding back the wave
Our invisible mahi
(Till disaster strikes)

- Sophie Badland

Pushing back the wave
Keeping kai and mana safe
Stand together, brave

- Alexander Bisson

Risk readiness theme
Collaboration is key
Twenty years be three!

- Rachel Masters

Coffee fuels the night
Spreadsheets spawn a thousand lines
Pest risk calculated

- Axel Heiser

Plants stand tall and strong
Hands of many guard their growth
Life's balance maintained

- Ken Young

Mā te kaitiakitanga o nāianeī,
ka ora ai ngā kakano mo apōpo

Through the active guardianship of today,
tomorrow's seeds shall thrive

- Oriwa Tamahou (whakatauki winner)

Mā te kotahitanga e ora ai te taiao

Through unity the environment will thrive

- Mel Mark-Shadbolt

Ko te ora o te taiao,
ko te ora o ngā mokopuna

The wellbeing of the environment is the
wellbeing of future generations

- Oriwa Tamahou

Nga kaitiaki o te whenua
Manaakitia te manawa o te ao tūroa
Aotearoa, tū kaha tonu!

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New Zealand, stand strong!

- Anonymous

Me haere whakamua mā runga waka hourua
kia tutuki ai te mahi biosecurity a Aotearoa

We must move forward in a two-hulled canoe
to achieve New Zealand's biosecurity mission

- Sophie Badland