

09:00-09:10	Check-in / name badges		
09:10-09:20	Greeting, health and safety announcements, run over schedule – Burns 7		
09:20-09:30	Ice breaker – Burns 7		
9:30-10:15 (45 min)	<b>Associate Professor Cilla Wehi</b> – Insects, interdisciplinary research, and where to next – University of Otago in Burns 7		
10:15-11:00	Morning tea – Terrace Lounge, Union Building		
Venue	Burns 7	Burns 5	Burns 4
Session	<b>Plants I</b> Chair: Colan Balkwill	<b>Monitoring</b> Chair: Joseph Altobelli	<b>Invasive species</b> Chair: Anusha Beer
11:00-11:15	<b>Kahurangi Cronin</b> – Epiphytism: Life history of <i>Platyterium bifurcatum</i>	<b>Caitlyn Friedel</b> – Developing a low-impact population monitoring method for goldstripe gecko ( <i>Woodworthia chrysoiretica</i> ) in Bushy Park Tarapuruhi.	<b>Kat Grayston</b> – Tracking hedgehogs in the urban environment of the Wellington suburbs using GPS data loggers
11:15-11:30	<b>Luke Liddell</b> – The Relationship between Polyploidy and Leaf Traits in New Zealand Angiosperms	<b>Zohara Rafi</b> – Temporal subsampling of passive acoustic data for improved detection of Australasian bittern, a crepuscular and cryptic bird	<b>Jean-Louise Roberts</b> – Brushtail Possum ( <i>Trichosurus vulpecula</i> ) Movements and Control in Sea Cliff Habitat, Banks Peninsula
11:30-11:45	<b>Aimee Pritchard</b> – Bryophytes as indicators of exotic plantation forest suitability for native regeneration.	<b>Francesca Cunninghame</b> – Can the future of the Critically Endangered mangrove finch be secured in the wild? Monitoring the effectiveness of thirteen years of intensive field management	<b>Claire Adeline Dowsett</b> – He poaka to matou taonga. "Those pesky swine!"
11:45-12:00	<b>Abigail Cunninghame</b> – Ecological condition and use of greenspaces in primary schools	<b>Caitlin McLeod</b> – Investigating the North Island brown kiwi and the inverse sexual dimorphism	
12:00-13:00	Lunch – Terrace Lounge, Union Building		
13:00-13:45 (45 min)	Career panel with Dr Chris Bycroft – Wildland Consultants, Dr Anne Schlesselmann – Manaaki Whenua, and Richard Ewans – Otago Regional Council in Burns 7		
Session	<b>Plants II</b> Chair: Abigail Cunninghame	<b>Invertebrate ecology</b> Chair: Kat Grayston	
13:45-14:00	<b>Colan Balkwill</b> – Toward restoration genetics of maire tawake - a nationally critically endangered tree species	<b>Tōrea Scott-Fyfe</b> – Introduced predators influence microhabitat use of large-bodied alpine invertebrates in Fiordland and Rakiura.	
14:00-14:15	<b>Annie McElvein</b> – Framework and visualization of linkages between landscape and soil characteristics in diseased kauri forest	<b>Lisa Danuser</b> – The influence of the spatial distribution of microhabitat on invertebrate community composition in a New Zealand tussock grassland	
14:15-14:30	<b>Su Min Yeoh</b> – Combating Phytophthora of kauri dieback: Harnessing plant-microbe interactions through companion planting field trial in Waipoua Forest	<b>René Devenish</b> – Will foraging pollinators take greater risks in a warming world?	
14:30-15:00	Afternoon tea – Terrace Lounge, Union Building		
Session	<b>Biodiversity</b> Chair: Zohara Rafi	<b>Parasitology</b> Chair: René Devenish	
15:00-15:15	<b>James Den Uyl</b> – The impacts of a warming climate and altered plant communities on soil respiration in globally distributed alpine ecosystems	<b>Anusha Beer</b> – Cross-disciplinary collaborations bridge the gap in our knowledge of parasite diversity in New Zealand	
15:15-15:30	<b>Indira Leon</b> – The effect of long-term warming and plant species removal on an New Zealand alpine ecosystem	<b>Cristabel Godoy</b> – Relationship between plasmodium infection and the behaviour response at handling in tieke ( <i>Philesturnus carunculatus rufusater</i> )	
15:30-15:45	<b>Grace Fortune-kelly</b> – Smelt diet composition across salinity gradients in coastal Rēkohu lakes	<b>Katrijn De Bock</b> – Social parasitism in plants	
15:45-16:30	<b>Dr Gaya Gnanalingam</b> – Knowledge and collaboration in ecological research – University of Otago in Burns 7		