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NEW ZEALAND FRESHWATER SCIENCES SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2026

At the Confluence: Communities, Catchments, and our Freshwater Futures
Ngā Rerenga E Tūtaki Ana

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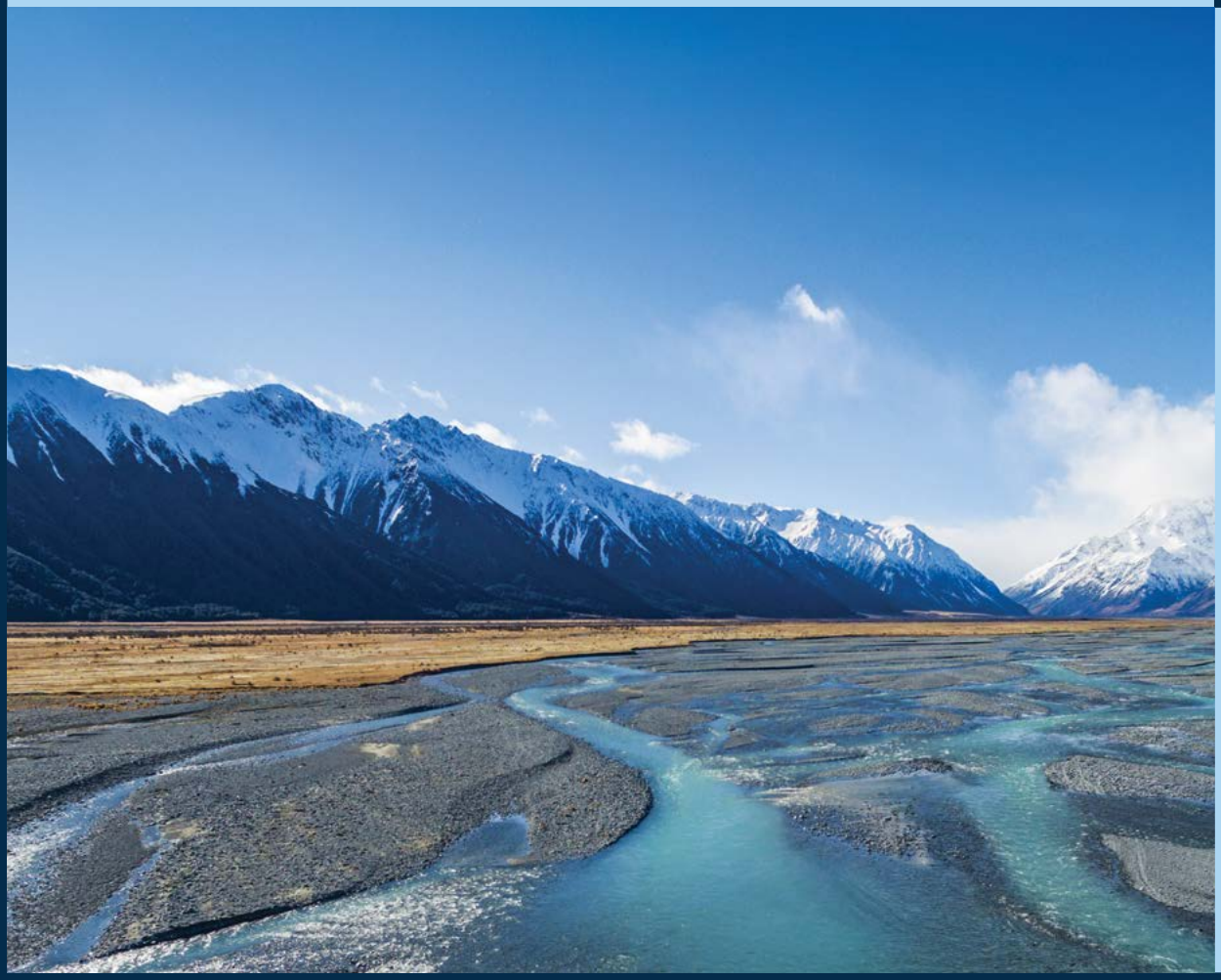

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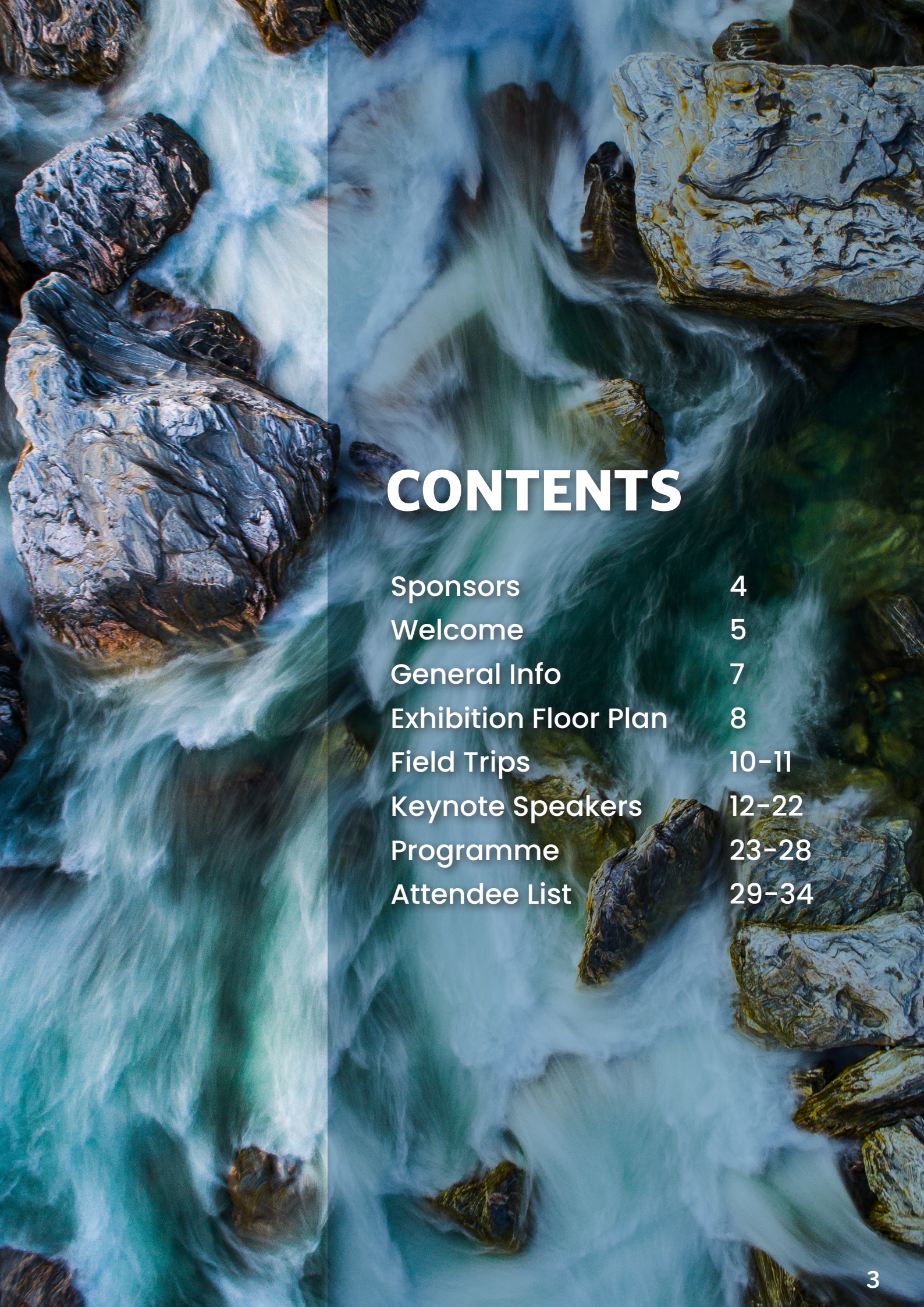

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Welcome to the New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society Conference 2026 in Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington.

Our 2026 conference explores the confluence: the place where flows meet, merge, and reshape one another. In freshwater science, confluences create unique habitats and environments. For this conference, they represent the meeting of people, knowledge systems, innovations, and aspirations that shape the future of wai in Aotearoa.

Hosting the conference in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, where streams such as Waimapihi and Kumutoto flow into the harbour, provides a fitting backdrop for this year's theme. As Aotearoa navigates changing climate pressures, evolving policy settings, new technologies, and growing community involvement in freshwater management, bringing people together has never been more important.

Our theme, Ngā Rerenga E Tūtaki Ana - *At the Confluence: Communities, Catchments, and our Freshwater Futures*, is about how we come together to meet these challenges and opportunities. It asks:

How do we meet?

How do we weave our knowledge?

How do we navigate change?

How do we care for wai together?

The future of freshwater will be shaped by the connections we build over the coming days as we share research, challenge ideas, learn from one another, and explore how we can better work together to ensure the wai we pass on is healthier than the wai we inherited.

We look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the NZFSS Conference Committee

Dr Evan Harrison

Conference Chair

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James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel
147 The Terrace, Wellington Terrace
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Location Map.

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There is a Wilsons Parking building located at 147 The Terrace, Parking charges apply

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The venue is a nonsmoking facility, smoking is also not permitted in direct vicinity of the building.

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For assistance during the conference please call Shelley from On-Cue Conferences on 021 403 316

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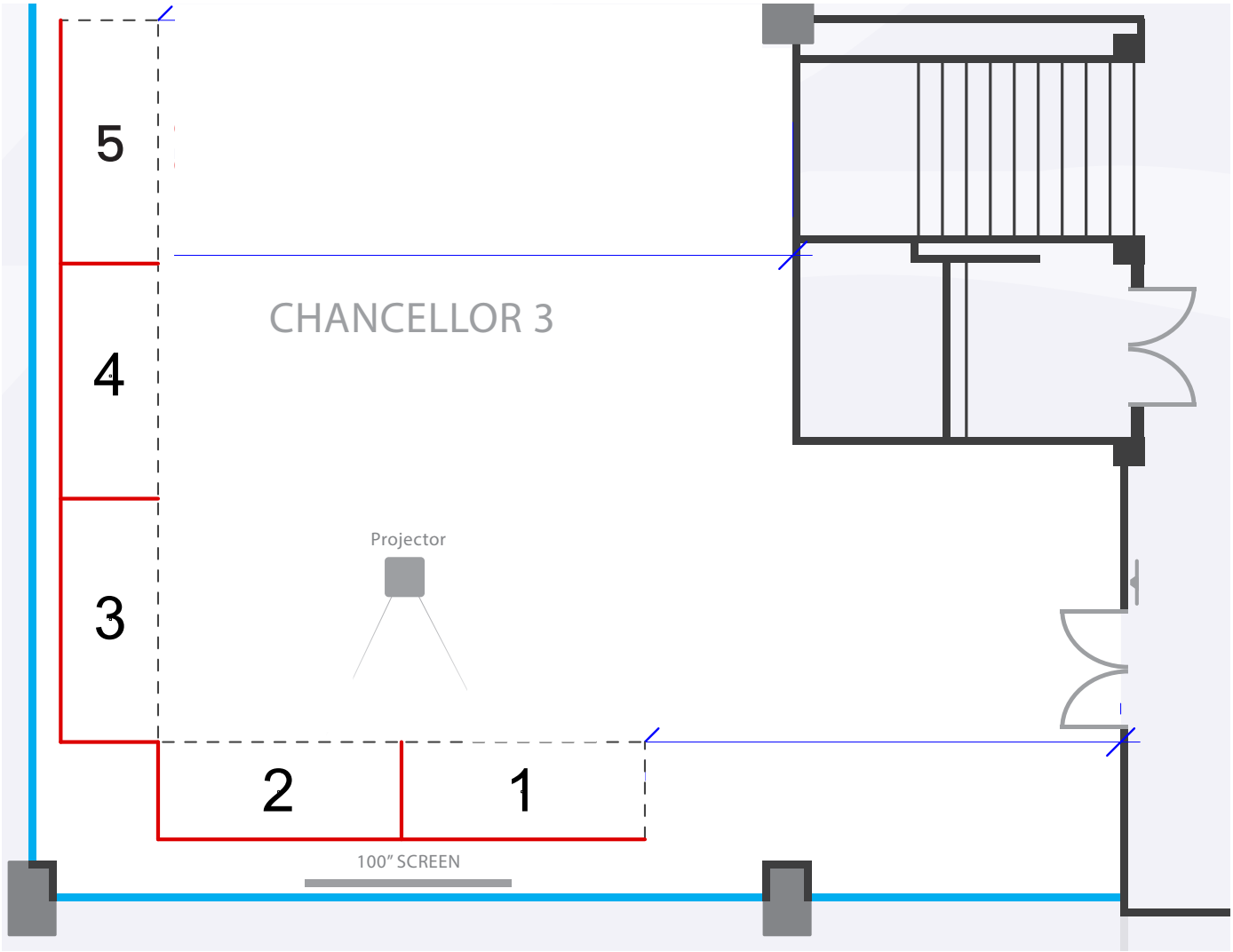

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FIELD TRIPS

All Field Trips are on Friday 4th December





Kumutoto Urban Water Walk

All proceeds from this field trip will go to the Kumutoto Restoration Project

Price: $50 + gst
Departs: 9.30am Friday 4th December from Ngā Kina, Te Whanganui-a-Tara waterfront (Queens Wharf)
Approximate walk time: 2 hrs from waterfront to Nga Mokopuna. Then 10-15 mins to walk back down the hill to VIC.
Approximate return time: 2.00pm, this trip will finish at Ngā Mokopuna, Victoria University of Wellington

Lunch will be provided at Ngā Mokopuna.
Bring: Clothing suitable for all weather conditions, sturdy footwear.

Please bring any additional food/snacks you would like & a water bottle

In the 1860's Kumutoto was the first of the once thriving streams flowing through Pōneke to Te Whanganui-a-Tara to be incarcerated in pipes as the city grew. Where once Kumutoto kāinga and pā celebrated her waters, the bustling CBD and motorway now hide all but 40 meters of stream below concrete and steel.

Yet, the essence of Kumutoto remains. Join us for an informative and enlightening water walk to explore the past, present and future of Kumutoto and indeed, all our precious urban awa.

Since late 2024, the Kumutoto Restoration Project has been focussed on connecting our urban community with the cultural, ecological and social richness of Kumutoto to revitalise connection with our catchments and empower participation in urban freshwater enhancement.

Linked is a beautiful piece on the awa that speaks to the essence of the hīkoi.

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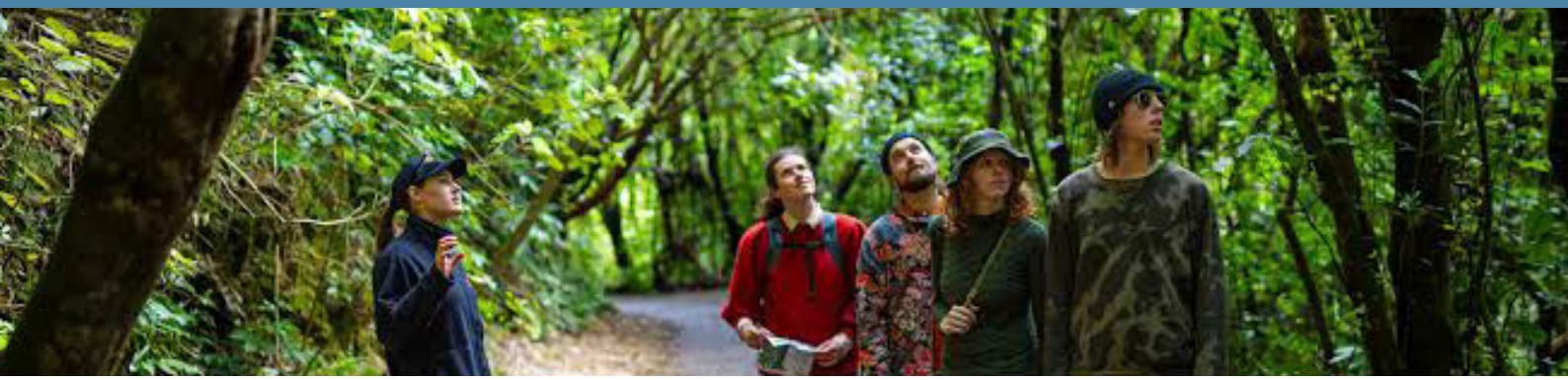

Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Water Walk

All proceeds from this field trip will go to Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne

Price: $80 + gst
Departs: 9.30am Friday 4th December from James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor (Conference Venue)
Approximate walk time: 3 hrs return trip from Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne Visitor Centre to top dam.
Approximate return time: 3.15pm, this trip will finish back at James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

A packed Lunch will be provided, this will be collected before you board the bus
Bring: Clothing suitable for all weather conditions, sturdy footwear.
Please bring any additional food/snacks you would like & a water bottle

Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea is an interorganisational collaboration that works to restore the mouri/lifeforce of Te Kaiwharawhara, the largest water catchment in Wellington city. Its stream system extends from Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne to the highest summit of Tarikākā/Mt Kaukau, and flows out to sea via Wellington's last semi-natural estuary connected to Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington Harbour.

Te Kaiwharawhara is subject to similar pressures as other urban catchments. Large sections of its stream are piped underground and over one kilometre flows beneath two buried landfills. Stormwater runoff and ageing sewerage infrastructure further contaminate its waters. Over 100 barriers prevent the free movement of diadromous fish species and constrict the arteries of the wider stream system. Still Te Kaiwharawhara holds onto its mouri and its resilience allows us to hope for a better future.

In a coordinated approach to restore Te Kaiwharawhara, Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara works to prevent and gradually reverse this historic degradation. Our collective work approach is structured primarily by te ao Māori ontology and Western knowledge systems. Through this framework, we respect Te Kaiwharawhara as a personified entity. Our 100-year multigenerational strategy therefore focuses on projects that enhance the wellbeing of her body made up of te awa/the stream, te ngahere/the forest, and te tangata/the community.

We invite you to Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne to learn more about recent and ongoing collaborative projects that enhance the mouri of this beautiful catchment.

Learn more about Kia Mouriora Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea here.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ross Thompson

Freshwater Ecologist

Professor Ross Thompson is a freshwater ecologist with wide-ranging interests in community and ecosystem ecology and since 2025 has held the Dame Carolyn Burns Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology at the University of Otago. The fundamental part of Ross' research program is in food-web ecology; seeking the rules that determine how natural communities assemble and persist. His applied research addresses the ways in which food webs can be influenced by anthropogenic factors including urbanisation, land clearance, pharmaceutical contamination, invasion and river flow management. Ross' work has strong links to government, industry and Indigenous groups. He has published more than 150 peer-reviewed publications and supervised more than 20 PhD students and 15 post-doctoral fellows. His work has been recognised by the Hilary Jolly medal from the Australian Freshwater Sciences Society, the GN Alexander Medal from Engineers Australia and the Elton Prize from the British Ecological Society. He was President of the Australian Freshwater Sciences Society from 2015-2018 and has been a member of the Science and Technology Australia Board, the Australian Research Council College of Experts and the NZ Marsden Grant review panel. He holds an Honorary Professorship at the University of Jordan.

Don’t mention the rugby: trans-Tasman perspectives on freshwater ecology

Despite geographic proximity, freshwater science in Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa have diverged both in terms of the focus of research and how that research is executed. In Australia, the existence of large ‘mission oriented’ funding programs (Cooperative Research Centres, government monitoring programs) has generated a generally collaborative approach which is highly applied. In New Zealand smaller pools of funding and division and debate over drivers of environmental degradation have resulted in a more fragmented research landscape which is much more clearly divided between ‘fundamental’ and ‘applied’ research interests. Compared to Australian settings the science-policy interface in New Zealand has relatively little input from university scientists and is characterised by strong research capacity in regional councils. As a scientist moving back to New Zealand after 20-odd years in Australia I will reflect on a major research program that I was involved with over my last decade in Australia. I will comment on similarities and differences between the two research environments and try and plot a way forward for NZ freshwater ecology to be an even more significant contributor to dealing with freshwater management challenges in Aotearoa over the next decade.

Simon Upton

New Zealand Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment



Simon Upton is the New Zealand Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, a post he has held since 2017.

Mr Upton is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and a Rhodes Scholar. As a Member of Parliament (1981-2000) he held a variety of ministerial portfolios including environment, research, biosecurity, health and state services. He has also chaired the Round Table on Sustainable Development at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), worked as Environment Director at the OECD for seven years, and pursued a number of private sector roles in New Zealand.

The Commissioner provides independent reports and advice to support the maintenance or improvement of the quality of New Zealand's environment. Mr Upton has focussed on investigating emerging environmental issues that are not yet in the spotlight, or issues that may be neglected or unaddressed. He engages with parliamentarians and agencies to improve environmental management systems, providing evidence-based reports on a wide range of topics.



Judy Lawrence

Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington

Dr Judy Lawrence is Adjunct professor at the Climate Change Research Institute based at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington and the Antarctic Research Centre. She is also Director of PS Consulting. Judy has had a long career in the public service in senior policy roles across environment and social policy. For the last 20 years her research and consultancy has focused on usable science and tools for decision making including on sea-level rise, coastal hazards, flooding and water infrastructure with local, regional and national governments and global networks. Judy has developed the uptake and use in New Zealand of Dynamic Adaptive Pathways Planning for decision making under uncertainty and mentors post graduate students and strategy advisors in electricity and water utilities and local government. She was co-author of the Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance 2017 and 2024. Judy was a Coordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report 2022. She was a co recipient of the Prime Minister's 2019 Science Prize with the Ice and Rising Seas team and was a finalist in the 2019 Welly Awards and the 2020 Westpac Women of Influence Awards. Judy is also a Climate Change Commissioner.

Public Lecture | Climate change: the circuit breaker in a rapidly changing world

Judy will discuss the role that climate change can play as a catalyst for changing the way we operate in a rapidly changing world. She will outline how we have got to inertia in responding to climate change adaptation and how a new framing of our relationship to water and land can lead us to different pathways that anticipate change. The presentation will draw from Judy's collective body of practice and scholarship informed by relationships with New Zealand and international colleagues.



Ashleigh Sagar

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira

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Jimmy Young

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Jimmy Young works at Greater Wellington as the Catchment Manager for Te Awarua o Porirua. Jimmy represents Greater Wellington on the Te Wai Ora o Parirua (Porirua Harbour Accord) Steering Committee and was part of the wider team that development the Action Plan. Jimmy has been with Greater Wellington for 13 years, primarily managing the Regional Parks, before moving into the new Catchment team in 2023.

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Kedron Parker

Kedron Parker is a Wellington-based multimedia artist whose collaborative practice explores place, nature, and people's relationships with their environments. Since 2012, her site-specific public and environmental art has brought artistic inquiry together with ecological research and community engagement.

Her freshwater-related works include Kumutoto Stream, a permanent sound installation in a Wellington pedestrian tunnel that evokes the area before the stream was culverted in 1860.

Parker and Bruce McNaught later created The Wet Index, a water curtain that brought the waters of the Kumutoto Stream above ground on Woodward Street.

In 2017, Parker co-created Inanga Love Park with artist and ecologist Paula Warren and environmental engineer Stu Farrant. The ongoing art and restoration project supports inanga spawning habitat along the lower Korokoro Stream in Petone and explores connections between urban infrastructure and the natural world.

Urban Stream Panel | The hidden waters of Te-Whanganui-a-Tara

As with towns and cities across Aotearoa, Te Whanganui a Tara retains a dendritic network of urban streams that continue to provide a path for water from Ki uta ki tai (from the hilltops to the sea). Depending on where you are across the city these streams may be fresh flowing headwater streams in regenerating forest reserves or forced to flow through darkened pipe networks that remain beneath our city streets. In other places they remain open but with uncontrolled stormwater pulsing in every time it rains. The flow in these streams persist regardless of the human induced conditions and these waterways continues to provide ecological connectivity for a range of indigenous and endemic species. Community connection, awareness and sense of kaitiaki is however challenged by the degraded condition that we now find these stream in. Similarly, the agencies tasked with 'managing' the stormwater networks to primarily provide urban drainage and flood resilience have become disconnected from the natural system in which they work. But times are changing and once again these cherished urban waterways are again becoming a focus of urban regeneration and renewal.



Liz Mellish

Liz Mellish (Te Ātiawa, Taranaki, Ngāti Ruanui) is the chair of Te Wharewaka ō Pōneke Charitable Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust alongside being a member of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Māori Heritage Council and appointments on numerous other business and not for profit directorships. Whilst Liz has been a long term resident of Wairarapa, she has been a long-term advocate for Māori and Wellington heritage and storytelling, with a strong emphasis on Pā sites and awa of Pōneke, ensuring stories are documented and passed on for generations to come. She still considers the central city her home, with a close connection to her tīpuna (ancestors) and has been a long term voice for the many neglected, forgotten and still cherished awa that thread beneath and through the city. Her energy and drive has been recognised with the Wellingtonian of the year Heritage award in 2023 and she was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Māori and governance in 2018.

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Stu Farrant

Morphum Environmental

Stu is an Ecological Engineer with a passion for improving how we use water as the catalyst to drive regenerative urban development. Through understanding the relic stream networks of the city and the unfortunate legacy of land reclamation, piping and uncontrolled urbanisation there is a basis to recognise how we need transformative change in how our towns and cities respond to rainfall and respect the critical ecological connections that must be protected if we want to see urban biodiversity and ecology for future generations. Can we achieve a future where our once cherished freshwater awa are again flowing freely through communities and connecting people with Te Taiao in the face of a changing climate and ongoing urban development.

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Evan Harrison

Greater Wellington Regional Council

Evan is a freshwater ecologist who led the Wellington City Urban Stream Monitoring Programme. He currently leads the Knowledge Unit in the Environment Group at Greater Wellington Regional Council and has previously worked at the Ministry for the Environment and University of Canberra. An understanding of the remnant ecological values in our protected headwater streams highlights both the resilience of many of our freshwater species whilst also highlighting the challenge with severed connections between these headwaters and the coast. But beneath our feet, indigenous ecology hangs on with investigations and anecdotal evidence showing large numbers of tuna, koura and fish living and moving in a subterranean stream network. This remarkable resilience should provide motivation to make the steps needed to protect and enhance the conditions in which these taonga species are subjected too.

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Programme

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2026	
4:30pm	Registration desk & Exhibition Trade stands open
6:30pm	Pōwhiri and 2026 Conference Opening *- Chancellor 1, Level 16, Grand Chancellor*
6:45pm	Welcome Function, *sponsored by Morphum Environmental* *- Exhibition Area, Grand Chancellor*

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026				
7:00-8:30am	Early Careers Breakfast & Speed Networking Event *(ticketed event)* *- Chancellor 6*			
8:45-9:00am	Day 1 Welcome *- Chancellor 1*			
9:00-9:40am	**Keynote | Simon Upton,** New Zealand Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment *- Chancellor 1*			
9:40-10:30am	**Keynote | Robert McClean & Ashleigh Sagar,** Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira and **Jimmy Young**, GWRC *- Chancellor 1* *'Te Awarua o Porirua Action Plan - a collaborative plan that gives effect to Te Wai Ora o Parirua – Porirua Harbour Accord'*			
10:30-11:00am	Morning Tea			
Room	**Chancellor 1**	**Chancellor 4**	**Chancellor 5**	**Chancellor 6**
Theme	*Freshwater in a time of change (Fish)*	*Disruptive Technologies*	*ICM*	*Freshwater in a time of change (General)*
Session Chair	Jasmine Dungey	Richard Storey	David Cox	Treffery Barnett
11:00-11:15am	Ciaran Campbell Conservation status of freshwater fishes in Otago	Kelly Hughes CFD Modelling of complex flows using OpenFoam and Claude AI	Ashehad A. Ali Instream sediments contribute to low flow concentrations of E. coli in rivers	Bryony Alden* Microplastics in New Zealand urban ponds and effects on amphibians raised in ponds with microplastics
11:15-11:30am	Isaac Davies Stream order and altitude interact to determine the amount of suitable habitat within a tributary for a threatened endemic galaxiid fish.	Georgia Thomson-Laing Assessing passive environmental DNA sampling for lake biodiversity monitoring	James Blyth Re-wetting techniques for Peatlands affected by lateral drainage	Olivier Ausseil Periphyton Risk Assessment under the new National Wastewater Standards
11:30-11:45am	Ciaran Campbell Restoring Native Fish Refuges Through Trout Eradication: The Boundary Creek Story	Kirill Shchapov An AI-assisted metaweb approach to inferring trophic structure from eDNA in New Zealand lakes	Anna Christensen* Warming the way: does a warmed attractant flow have the potential to enhance the elver trap and transfer program?	Treffery Barnett Do SEV-based riparian offsets deliver the ecological gains predicted at consent? An empirical assessment across Auckland stream restoration sites.
11:45-12:00pm	Jasmine Dungey Standardised fish salvage in a less than standard environment - the challenges of salvaging native fish in an urban setting.		David Cox Ben Youngman Financing Freshwater Futures	Issie Barrett What to do and in what order: practical decision frameworks for on-the-ground restoration practice
12:00-12:15pm	Brendan Hicks Torrent fish decline in a Waikato stream: a local event or evidence of a broader pattern?		Neil Deans Lynn Cadenhead Urban catchment community restoration: Tyers Stream Restoration Group, Wellington	Joanna Blaszczak What is an algal bloom in a river? Diverse algal bloom types necessitate diverse research and management needs in flowing waters
12:15-12:30pm			Markus Dengg Integrated Catchment Management in Practice: Braiding Knowledge Systems	Frank Burdon Does diversity beget diversity? Testing cross-boundary biodiversity cascades with replicated virtual river networks

(* = Student Presentation)

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026

12:30-1:30pm	Lunch **Rōpū Māori AGM** | *Chancellor 4*

Room	**Chancellor 1**	**Chancellor 4**	**Chancellor 5**	**Chancellor 6**
Theme	*Freshwater in a time of change (Lakes)*	*Freshwater in Practice: Lessons, Challenges and Better Outcome*	*ICM*	*Understanding Our Freshwaters: Ecology, Evidence and Change*
Session Chair	Tina Bayer	Ashley Webby	Rebecca Eivers	Joanne Clapcott
1:30-1:45pm	Emily Carr* Short term biological reorganisation in Lake Tūtira following Cyclone Gabrielle	Ashley Webby From barriers to better outcomes: Outcomes and lessons learnt from Greater Wellington's five-year fish passage project	Ashimi Dilhara* Wetland Plant Communities Influence the Amounts and Characteristics of Dissolved Organic Matter Leached into Estuaries	Harrison Taylor* Mechanisms Enabling Coexistence Between a Nationally Endangered Alpine Galaxiid and Introduced Salmonids in the Upper Manuherikia River
1:45-2:00pm	Susie Wood Did perch eradication reduce cyanobacterial blooms in Roto Kawau (Lower Karori Reservoir)?	Duncan Law Functional Fish Passage: Moving Beyond Design Guidelines to Ecological and Cultural Outcomes, Lessons from Ōtaki to North of Levin Te Pae o Tararua Project.	Faline Drummond Finding The Right Flow. Use of two Instream Flow Models to inform river management for species of conservation concern.	Kayla Valentine* Drifting through an urban world: macroinvertebrate diversity and drift along the Pūharakekenui | Styx River in Christchurch
2:00-2:15pm	Tina Bayer Why are our lakes getting greener? The hidden clues in plankton communities and nutrient fractions	Brett Stansfield Transmission Gully Fish Passage Remediations	Rebecca Eivers Rewetting and reconnecting riparian wetlands on intensive Waikato dairy farms to improve nutrient attenuation, flood detention, and restore indigenous biodiversity.	Joanne Clapcott Evaluating freshwater expert panels: good science, good advice, good decisions?
2:15-2:30pm	Shreesha Bhattarai* Why is Lake Hood blooming? Unravelling cyanobacterial dynamics and their drivers	Kelly Hughes Reframing Fish Passage from Single Metrics to Structured Complexity	Josette Kahotea* A novel refuge for kōaro (Galaxias brevipinnis): population demography, movement, and trophic structure in a lake-margin wetland periodically invaded by trout	Zachary Clark* Investigating the relationship between land cover and periphyton across Aotearoa New Zealand rivers
2:30-2:45pm	Kaylee M. Campbell* Declining sediment nutrient release rates and long-term water quality recovery in Lake Rotorua	Greg Burrell Protecting lamprey during river works: lessons learnt from Canal Reserve Drain	Rebecca Eivers Prioritising wetland and riparian interventions at subcatchment scales to maximise restoration outcomes, resilience, and success across intricately connected aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.	Dannie Cullen Rombout Ruiterkamp Monitoring in Motion: Adapting Freshwater Monitoring for Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi
2:45-3:00pm	Gretchen Hansen Finding a safe operating space: Managing for resilience in temperate North American lakes	Danielle Cairns Beyond Business as Usual: Delivering Freshwater Ecology Under Emergency Works and Recovery Legislation	Lovisa Ekelund* Effects of dispersal and habitat characteristics on headwater macroinvertebrate distinctiveness: an in-stream experiment	
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon Tea			

Room	**Chancellor 1**	**Chancellor 4**	**Chancellor 5**	**Chancellor 6**
Theme	*Lakes in Flux: Timing, Drivers and Responses to Change*	*Intergenerational Futures (Mō ngā uri whakatipu)*	*ICM*	*Freshwater Management in Action: Lessons from Restoration to Regulation*
Session Chair	Brendan Hicks	Juliet Clague	Christoph Matthaei	Ashley Webby
3:30-3:45pm	Edevardt Johan Danielsen* High-frequency greenhouse gas dynamics along a within-lake depth gradient. Physical structure versus ecological production in a small stratifying lake	Matika Kohu Kākahu Peke Peke Daylighting: More Than Just a Project	Scott Kusabs A shared responsibility model for looking after Lake Rotorua water quality	Melanie Dixon Global consent for wetland restoration: Queen Elizabeth Park, Kāpiti Coast.
3:45-4:00pm	Rose Gregersen Where is the management window? Quantifying leads and lags in lake eutrophication	Kelsi Hayes* Kākahi in our awa: The search for a taonga species in the rivers of Murihiku.	Christoph Matthaei Evaluation of the likely ecological impacts of aluminium, copper and zinc in Southland rivers	Alice Gilbert* Investigating the extent and impact of Didymo across Fiordland National Park.

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TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2026				
4:00-4:15pm	Megan Hamersky* Out of sync: How extreme weather events reshape temporal coherence between lakes		Mark Yungnickel You Can't Treat a Frog Like a Fish: What Freshwater Ecologists Should Know About Hochstetter's Frogs	Kimberley Dynes Applying freshwater science to farming land use consents: lessons from the Waikākahi catchment
4.30-6.00pm		Lakes Focus Group Meeting	SWIM Fish Passage Group Meeting	
6:30-7:45pm	**Public Lecture Event | *Kindly sponsored by SCANZ*** - *Chancellor 1* *'Climate change: the circuit breaker in a rapidly changing world'*			

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026	
7:30-8:30am	NZFSS Executive Committee breakfast *Venue: Pravda Café*
8:50-9:00am	Welcome – Day 2
9:00-10:15am	**Pascale Otis -** Media Elves *Kanakana/Piharau - the little living fossil* - Film Premiere View Film Trailer HERE
10:15-10:45am	Morning Tea

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Theme	*Lake Science in Action: Processes, Predictions and Restoration*	*Many Knowledge Systems*	*ICM* *Special Session* *Moving the Middle*	*Special Session* *Emerging Climatic Pressures programme*
Session Chair	Jamie Howarth	Neil Deans	Graham Sevicke-Jones	Juliet Clague
10:45-11:00	Sepideh Heydari* Forecasting thermal stratification in a polymictic lake	Neil Deans Eel fishery restoration at Lake Moawhitu, D'Urville Island	Graham Sevicke-Jones Moving the Middle - towards greater environmental performance	Juliet Clague Capturing transect data of Te Awa o Waikato
11:00-11:15am	Tadhg Moore From dose to decision: a process-based model for continuous alum treatment in lakes	Miranda Donovan* Learning from Lake Restoration: Towards a Relational Approach	Virginia Baker New Zealand agriculture – reframing dominant narratives and myths to reorient sustainable freshwater management	Adam Hartland Emerging Climatic Pressures on the Waikato River: acidification, deoxygenation, and an invasive filter feeder
11:15-11:30am	Brendan Hicks Fish biomass and lake ecosystem function	Linh Hoang Effects of dynamic stream shading on stream temperature across seasons and land use settings	Geoff Kaine Adopting farm practices to improve water quality: how hard can it be?	Victoria Cantalapiedra Mateo* The Effects of Freshwater Acidification on Microalgal Ecophysiology and Community Composition: A Systematic Review
11:30-11:45am	Jamie Howarth Do extreme storms provide a natural sediment capping mechanism improving the state of eutrophic lakes?	Mereana Wilson-Rooy* Kōura, Culture and Lake Health: Implementing Te Mana o te Wai through Māori-led Cultural Valuation in the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes.	Melissa Robson-Williams Looking beyond the usual suspects: Non-conventional agents of change of positive environmental action on land	Linda Robb* Beyond nutrients: exploring the role of trace metal bioavailability in algal bloom dynamics in Lake Karāpiro
11:45-12:00pm	Ebi (Ebrahim) Hussain Trophic manipulation as an in-lake restoration tool for a shallow, dystrophic dune lake: coupled zooplankton, macrophyte and coarse fish responses at Lake Tomorata	Facilitated discussion: What does the future look like for New Zealand's significant freshwater databases? Facilitated by Megha Sethi	Geoff Kaine The influence of catchment groups: peer pressure or social learning?	Farzaneh Taheri* Mixing-regime shifts in phytoplankton–pCO2 causal relationships revealed by convergent cross mapping in Lake Karāpiro
12:00-12:15pm	Roe Stuart The mystery of the deep: Uncovering the diversity of the South Islands deep lakes		Pike Stalhmann-Brown Serious play: Tabletop games and simulations as tools for freshwater management	Emerging Climatic Pressures programme Discussion and Q&A
12:15-12:30pm	David Plew Historical warming and deoxygenation of Lake Taupō revealed by observations and three-dimensional modelling		Peter Edwards Serious games at the nexus of agriculture and sustainable freshwater management	

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12:30-2:00pm	Lunch **NZFSS AGM** | *Chancellor 4*
2:00-3:00pm	**Keynote | Stu Farrant** - Morphum Environmental, **Evan Harrison** - Greater Wellington, **Kedron Parker** and **Liz Mellish** - *Chancellor 1* *'The hidden waters of Te-Whanganui-a-Tara – understanding our past to rekindle connection and care, for future generations'*
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30-5:00pm	**NZFSS 2026 Poster Session** | *sponsored by Wilderlab. See poster presenter list below* *Also running at this time* - Endeavour Programme – Moving the Middle – Serious Games Session
6:30pm	**Student Social Event** The Arborist Rooftop Bar, 166 Willis Street, Wellington

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS *= Student Presentation			
Poster #	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Poster Title**
1	Darien	Kissick	Following the Tide: Exploring Potential Effects of Sea Level Rise on Īnanga Spawning Habitat in the Wellington Region
2	Belinda	Margetts	Build it and they may not come: linking macroinvertebrate dispersal and establishment to freshwater restoration success
3	Ben	Marsh*	Examining macroinvertebrate distributions in the Waikato River: interacting effects of CO2-driven acidification and Gold Clam invasion
4	Joseph	Renwick*	Life History Variation in Landlocked and Diadromous Common Smelt on the Chatham Islands
5	Roe	Stuart	Where are the bullies? Gobiomorphus distribution patterns and co-occurrence dynamics in New Zealand
6	Johanna	von Hunerbein*	Does Trophic State Determine Lake Ecosystem Resilience to Extreme Weather?
7	Greta	Wathen-smith*	The effects of freshwater acidification driven by atmospheric CO_2 on shell strength of the aquatic bladder snail (Physella acuta) under projected future freshwater conditions
8	Susan	Clearwater	Understanding our rivers – a Ngā Awa perspective.
9	Juliet	Milne	From data to understanding: a new national resource to support interpretation of community-based stream monitoring data
10	Lisa	Solly*	The role of catchment groups in wetland restoration
11	Joanne	Clapcott	Fish Futures Working Group: Fifteen recommendations for freshwater fish management
12	Shelby	Defeo*	Waiheke Waterways: Community Science and Engagement for Wai Health in Aotearoa

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THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2026

9:30am	Welcome – Day 3
9:35-10:30am	**Keynote | Ross Thompson**, University of Otago *Room: Chancellor 1* '*Don't mention the rugby: trans-Tasman perspectives on freshwater ecology*'
10:30-11:00am	Morning Tea

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Theme	*Lake Life: Biodiversity, Disturbance and Environmental Change*	*Partnerships*	*ICM*	*Freshwater Connections: Flows, Food Webs and Environmental Change*
Session Chair	Brett Stansfield	Mark Fenwick	Simon Stewart	Ian Duggan
11:00-11:15am		Mark Fenwick Apparent stability masks limited recruitment in a long-lived freshwater mussel: insights from 12 years of citizen science monitoring	Richard Muirhead The influence of river flowrates on E. coli concentrations and contact recreation gradings in NZ rivers	Emma Norman* Simulating Streamflow: GloFAS-ERA5 Performance and Implications for Catchment-scale Forecasting in New Zealand.
11:15-11:30am	Aaron Kolder* Contrasting biological responses to human disturbance across sub-catchments in Lake Wānaka	Natalie Gilligan Christopher Drake Connecting with Awa: Collaborative Monitoring	Alton Perrie Lake productivity and non-native fish influence native fish communities in shallow, lowland lakes	Siobhan Nuri* Otolith diaries: reconstructing early lives of glass eels
11:30-11:45am	Anusha Verma* Genetic structure of Neochanna rekohua across island lakes.	Roseanna Gamlen-Greene Fleur Passau, Ngahuia Herangi, Taituwha King Investigating tuna health and parasite dynamics in a hapū-led research project at Tahaaroa Lakes	Jordan Peters* Assessment of potential global river periphyton growth risk and uncertainty in nutrient concentrations under high flows in a changing climate	
11:45-12:00pm	Joelle Lousberg* Going Global, Losing Local – Are New Zealand's lake zooplankton communities converging?	Nick Kirk Moving the Middle – Catchment groups & environmental performance on farms	Simon Stewart Assessing wetland restoration for enhancing īnanga production	Mael Marguet* Linking riparian diversity to stream food-web structure across forested stream meta-ecosystems
12:00-12:15pm	Ana Zupancic* Identifying seasonal and spatial variation in biodiversity in the littoral communities of Lake Rotoiti, Nelson Lakes National Park		Martin Sarkezi* Cross-ecosystem effects of leaf litter diversity on stream invertebrates and decomposition	Ian Duggan The effects of the Corbicula fluminea invasion on zooplankton in the Waikato River
12:15-1:30pm	Lunch			

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Theme	*Lakes: Climate Signals, Ecosystem Change and Future Risks*	*Freshwater in a time of change (general)*	*ICM*	*Freshwater: From Regulation to Relationships*
Session Chair	Deniz Özkundakci	Bram Mulling	Susan Clearwater	Andrew Roassaak
1:30-1:45pm	Deniz Özkundakci New Zealand lakes are warming, but annual trends hide contrasting seasonal climate responses	Chris Meijer 25 years of macroinvertebrate monitoring: What changes have we captured across Waitaha – Canterbury?	Channell Thoms Gorge-ous attributes, ecological sampling trial to inform parameters for monitoring gorge environments	Justine Quinn When did 'best practice' become 'negligible effect'?
1:45-2:00pm	John Pearman Stressed Lakes: A Shiny dashboard to investigate multiple stressors of lake ecosystems.	Jenni Gadd Different Laboratories, Different Answers: Implications for Environmental Monitoring and Decision-Making	Richard Storey Permanent, intermittent and ephemeral streams: what are they, why does it matter and how do you know what you've got?	Yanika Reed Closing the Gap: Improving Surveillance of Non-Naturalised Freshwater Pests
2:00-2:15pm	David Plew Modelling weed washup events in Lake Rotorua	Mika Zollner A mending approach to urban freshwater	Mark Hamer Region-wide assessment of streambed sediment metal concentrations and ecological metrics	Andrew Rossaak Streams as Infrastructure: doing better for freshwater in a time of change
2:15-2:30pm	Matthew Prentice Forecasting Lake Ecosystem Responses to Extreme Weather Events: A Novel Integrated Modelling Approach	Bram Mulling From Records to Monitoring: Developing a Monitoring Framework for Lamprey and Shortjaw Kōkopu under the NPS-FM	Richard White Prioritising management action in multi-stressor catchments	Ton Snelder Linking Changes in Agriculture to Water Quality Trends in New Zealand Rivers

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2:30-2:45pm	Andrew Rees Warmth, wind, and wanderers: a millennium of climate from Aotearoa's lakes	Maddison Jones Observations of Juvenile Kākahi Habitat	Susan Clearwater Ngā Awa and river restoration for climate resilience	Jason Smith Ka mua, ka muri. Looking Back on 500 Consents: Recurring Lessons for Freshwater Decision-Making in a Time of Change
2:45-3:00pm	Lena Schallenberg Patterns and potential drivers of fungal diversity across Aotearoa New Zealand lakes	Chris Meijer Balancing coverage and data quality: using summer students in state-of-the-environment monitoring	Mark Yungnickel Alex Reid Finding Gold: How Freshwater Ecologists Discovered Gold Clam in New Zealand and What Have We Learned Three Years On	Vicki Smith Toi Taiao ~ the confluence of Art, Ecology & Mātauranga Māori
3:00-3:15pm	Marcus Vandergoes Iconic clear-water lakes are changing: evidence from Lakes Wānaka and Wakatipu	Kiel Hards How open-source tools can augment eDNA data to drive practical impact for freshwater science	Anika Kuczynski *virtual presentation* Modelling Potential Dispersal Pathways of the Invasive Freshwater Gold Clam (Corbicula fluminea) in Lake Karāpiro Using Three-Dimensional Hydrodynamic Particle Tracking	
3:15-3:45pm	Afternoon Tea			

Room	Chancellor 1		Chancellor 5	Chancellor 6
Theme	*Freshwater Futures: Emerging Threats and Ecosystem Health*		*He Tangata*	*Freshwater Insights: Connecting Water Quality, Climate and Biodiversity*
Session Chair	Juliet Milne		Graham Sevicke-Jones	Lena Schallenberg
3:45-4:00pm	Gesa A. Weyhenmeyer Global Lake Health in the Anthropocene: Lessons for Freshwater Futures		Brendon Blue Following the money: Investments in lake repair in Aotearoa New Zealand	Rachel Stubbington Dry times in wet countries: the effects of past, present and future drought on biodiversity in UK river ecosystems
4:00-4:15pm	Megha Sethi Funding the future - Longevity and efficacy of environmental grants in Northland NZ		Ruby Pitiroi & Ocean Mercier Te Huringa Āhuarangi He Waimanawa: Kaupapa Māori Approaches to Groundwater Governance Under a Changing Climate	Megan Devane Informing catchment water quality management through identification of faecal sources and microbial health hazards
4:15-4:30pm	2026 Conference Close – *Chancellor 1*			
6:30pm	**Conference Dinner | *sponsored by Tonkin + Taylor*** Venue – St James Theatre, Courtney Place Theme: 'A Night at the Theatre'			

FRIDAY 4 DEC 2026

CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

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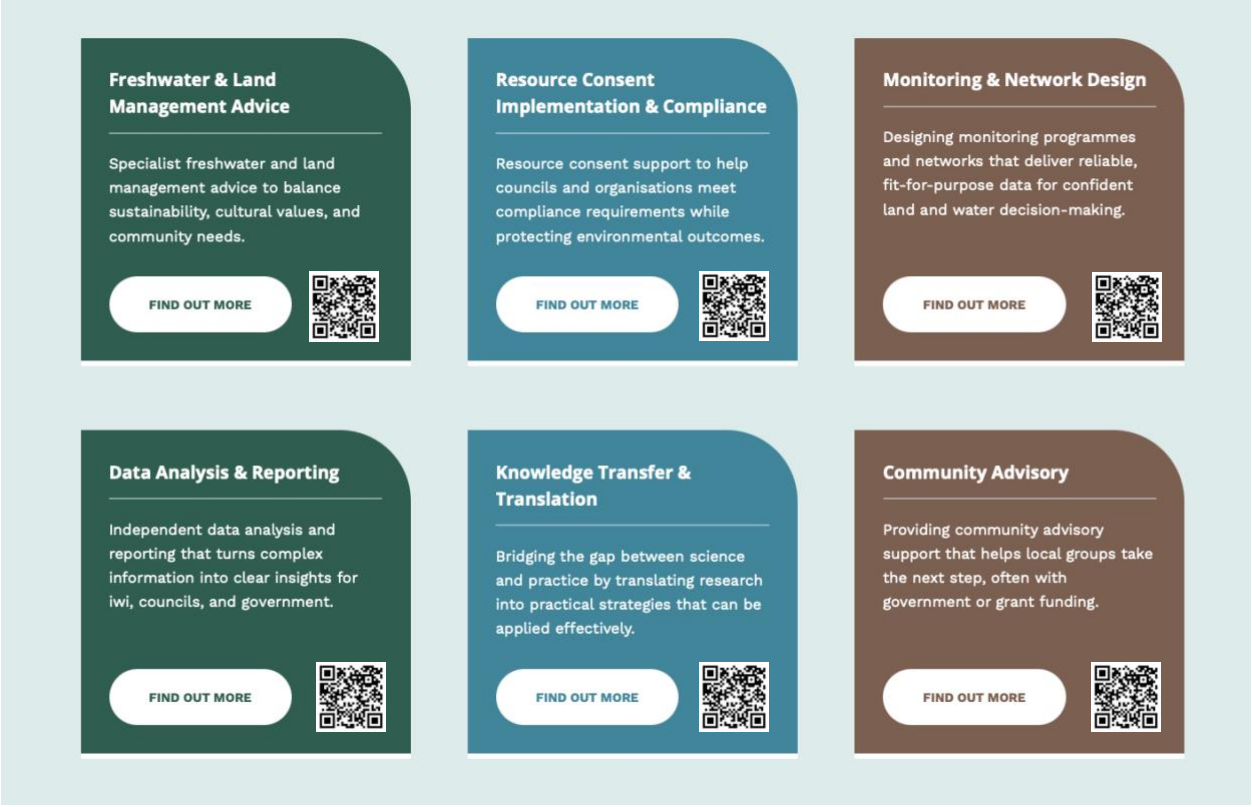

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