

# Rotorua Lakes Symposium 2015

## Lake Weed and Wallabies

- their role and control in the ecology of the Rotorua Lakes

Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre (Rotorua Convention Centre)  
1170 Fenton Street, Rotorua, New Zealand

Thursday 12 March		Friday 13 March	
8.00	Registration	8.00	Registration
	<b>Session 1: Scene Setting</b> Chair: John Green, LWQS		<b>Session 5: Ecological Health of the Catchments</b> Chair, Mayor Steve Chadwick, RLC
8.15	Karakia and Opening	8.30	The Importance of Restoring the Rotorua Lakes Mayor Steve Chadwick, Rotorua Lakes Council
8.20	Te Arawa - Kaitiaki of Te Arawa Lakes Dr Sir Toby Curtis, Chair, Te Arawa Lakes Trust	8.40	New Zealand's Indigenous Forests - Their Status and Drivers of Change Dr Rob Allen, Landcare Research, Lincoln
8.30	Current State of the Rotorua Lakes Prof David Hamilton, Waikato University	9.10	Ecological Perspectives Willie Shaw, Wildland Consultants Ltd
9.00	Weed Management - Lessons from the USA Dr John Madsen, Agricultural Research Service US Department of Agriculture and UC Davis	9.35	Okataina Phosphorus Study Theodore Kpodonu, Waikato University
9.50	10 min Discussion	9.40	The Link Between Erosion, Phosphorus and Water Quality Dr Max Gibbs, NIWA
10.00	Morning Break	9.50	10 min Discussion
	<b>Session 2: The Issues</b> Chair, Cr Lyall Thurston, BOPRC	10.00	Morning Break
10.30	Weeds and the Rotorua Lakes Dr John Clayton, NIWA	10.30	Control of Pests in Lake Catchments Dr Alastair Fairweather, Department of Conservation
10.55	Crown Perspective Hon Dr Nick Smith, Minister for the Environment	11.00	BoPRC Experiences with Animal Pests Dale Williams
11.15	Busting Myths on Water Weeds Mary de Winton, NIWA	11.20	Perspective of a Consultant and Contractor Cam Speedy, Wildlife Management Associates
11.35	Speaker Panel & Discussion	11.50	20 min Discussion
12.00	Luncheon Break	12.00	Luncheon Break
	<b>Session 3: The Toolbox</b> Chair, Clive Howard-Williams, Freshwater and Estuaries, NIWA		<b>Session 7: Responsibilities and Funding</b> Chair, Willie Emery, Te Arawa Lakes Trust
1.00	Purpose of Weed Harvesting Dr Fleur Matheson, NIWA	1.00	Watching for Invasive Species - Public Engagement Tracey Burton, Freshwater Ecologist NIWA
1.20	Rotoehu Weed Harvest Programme Richard Mallinson, BOPRC	1.20	Statutory Responsibilities and Barriers to Action Guy Salmon, Ecologic Foundation
1.40	Bio-control of Aquatic Weeds Dr Quentin Paynter, Landcare Research	1.40	Weed Management Agency role David Mole, LINZ
2.00	Spraying as a Solution Dr Deborah Hofstra, NIWA	2.00	Consenting Road-blocks Angus McKenzie, Latitude Planning Services
2.20	10 min Discussion	2.20	Speaker Panel & Discussion
2.30	Afternoon Break		
	<b>Session 4: Lake Weeds - The Way Forward</b> Chair, Prof Chad Hewitt, Head, School of Science, Waikato University	2.50	Closing Comments John Green, LWQS
3.00	Potential Lake Rotorua Scenarios Dr Max Gibbs, NIWA	3.00	Symposium Concludes
3.20	Okawa Bay - Case Study Paul Scholes, BoPRC	<p>For previous Symposia Proceedings, Newsletters and Water Quality Information please refer to the Lakeswater Quality website</p> <p><a href="http://www.lakeswaterquality.co.nz">http://www.lakeswaterquality.co.nz</a></p>    	
3.40	Case Studies Rohan Wells, NIWA		
4.05	Biosecurity Management Overview Paul Champion, NIWA		
4.25	10 min Discussion		
4.35	Wrap up summary of day Dr John Madsen		
5.00	Free-time		
6.00	Pre-Dinner Drinks 7.00pm Symposium Dinner		