

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Lindsay Chadderton

Lindsay Chadderton is both a kiwi and the Aquatic Invasive Species Director for The Nature Conservancy's Great Lakes Project. He joined the Conservancy in 2007, where he was tasked with establishing the conservancy's aquatic invasive species program for the Great Lakes region.

Lindsay is part of the team that developed the environmental DNA surveillance method used to track the invasion of Asian carp in the Chicago Area Waterway System that artificially connects the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River basin. He is currently focused on developing new methods for controlling invasive species in the Great Lakes and improving surveillance and response capacity across the Great Lakes region.



Dave Hansford

Dave Hansford is an award-winning writer and photographer based in Nelson, specialising in science and environment issues. He spent 14 years as a press photographer before turning to freelance writing in 2002.

He has worked as a science reporter for National Geographic News and environment writer and columnist on The Listener, and in 2012, had a regular

environment slot on TVNZ's Good Morning show. His writing and photography has also appeared in North and South, Good, NZ Business, BBC Wildlife, Australia Nature, Action Asia, Destinations, Wilderness, Forest & Bird and Seafood magazines, as well as newspapers around the world.



Prof. Brendan Hicks

Brendan Hicks is a Professor in freshwater ecology based at the University of Waikato in Hamilton.

Brendan's research is in freshwater fish ecology, quantification of fish abundance, and responses of native fish communities to invasive fish. Brendan uses stable isotopes to investigate aquatic food webs, and otolith microchemistry to examine fish life histories.



Prof. David Hamilton

David Hamilton is currently Deputy Director of the Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, Brisbane.

He served as the inaugural Bay of Plenty Regional Council Chair in Lake Restoration, University of Waikato, for 15 years (2002-2017) following 12 years at the Centre for Water Research, University of Western Australia.

His Ph.D. research at the University of Otago initiated a career in which he has linked research in lake water quality modelling with practical solutions for lake restoration.



Rod Oram

Rod Oram has 40 years' experience as an international business journalist. He has worked for various publications in Europe and North America, including the Financial Times of London.

He contributes weekly to Nine to Noon on RNZ, Newsroom.co.nz and the Larry Williams programme on Newstalk ZB. Rod is also a frequent public speaker on business, economics, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship, in both NZ and global contexts.

For more than a decade, Rod has been helping fast-growing New Zealand companies through his involvement with The ICEHOUSE, the entrepreneurship centre at the University of Auckland's Business School.



Sir Rob Fenwick

Sir Rob is a conservationist and businessman with a diverse background in resource recovery, biodiversity, heritage conservation, science and iwi governance.

He co-founded Living Earth and led the passage of waste minimisation legislation in New Zealand. He established the NZ Antarctic Research Institute for climate change research and led the restoration of heritage buildings in Antarctica. He is a key figure in Predator Free NZ and the campaign to save the kiwi from extinction. For Ngati Whatua he helped establish the successful broadcasting venture Mai FM. He is a director of Ngati Whatua Orakie, Te Papa, two national science challenges and chairs the panel reviewing the New Zealand fishery system.

Knighted for services to business and the environment, he is an inductee of the NZ Business Hall of Fame; the Sir Peter Blake Medallist 2015; has an honorary doctorate in Natural Resources from Lincoln University, and the Fenwick Ice Piedmont in Antarctica is named for him.



Mace Ward

Mace Ward is General Manager Parks, Sports and Recreation, Auckland Council

The Parks Sport and Recreation department of Auckland Council is responsible for 4000 parks (45,000 hectares), 42 pools and leisure centres, sport and recreation management, and the administration of co-governed land, including the Tupuna Maunga.

The department seeks to the inspire Aucklanders to be more active, connect to nature, provide outstanding park destinations, conserve natural and cultural heritage and increase Auckland's Maori identity.