



PROGRAMME*

Nature & Business Symposium 2026

Tuesday 4 August

FIELD TRIP

12.00pm - 4.30pm

Hosted by Te Pu-a-Nga Maara at the Puhinui Regeneration Project, Wiri. Includes partner insights from L'Oréal's Lucy Graham

Buses depart and return from SBN office, 48 Emily Place, Auckland Central

SYMPOSIUM WELCOME DRINKS

4.30pm - 6.30pm

At SBN office (open to all attendees) Connect with other attendees ahead of the Symposium

Wednesday 5 August

SYMPOSIUM

8.30am - 5.00pm

Followed by networking and drinks to 6pm

Hyundai Akarana Marine Centre, 8/10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland

8.30am
Arrival

9.00am
Mihi whakatau
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

9.10am
Welcome

Kimberley Savill
Sustainable Business Network
Head of Nature

9.30am
Understanding nature and business

Isabella Penrose
Friends of te Wairoa
Regeneration Ecologist

Kate Meyer
Planetary Accounting Network
Founder/CEO

10.00am

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

The business case for nature

Kate Wilson Butler (Host)
Chapman Tripp
Director – Climate, Sustainability & ESG

Tua Karalus
Deep Dive Division
Managing Director

Paul Button
Rotorua Canopy Tours
CEO

Laura Barroso
L'Oréal
Sustainability Lead

More to be announced

TABLE DISCUSSION

Q & A WITH AUDIENCE

11.00am

Morning break

11.30am

Reflect and connect

11.45am

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Growing business resilience with nature

Sarah Bogle (Host)
Aotearoa Society of Adaptation Professionals
Co-Convenor

James Roper
Zespri International
Sustainability Programmes Manager

Claire Webb
Beca
Principal Ecologist

Lisette Rawson
Kaipara Moana Remediation
Amo - Rauora Kōawa/
Catchment Remediation Manager

More to be announced

TABLE DISCUSSION

Q & A WITH AUDIENCE

12.45pm

Lunch

1.45pm

Reflect and connect

2.00pm

PANEL DISCUSSION 3

Financing nature action

Dr Robin Mitchell (Host)
Nature Positive
CEO and Co-founder

Julia de Blaauw
Westpac
Director - ESG Advisory

Louise Saunders
Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust
CEO

Sam Hill
Auckland Council
General Manager
Environmental Services

Cat Rowe
Silver Fern Farms
Head of Nature Impact and Policy

TABLE DISCUSSION

Q & A WITH AUDIENCE

3.00pm

Afternoon break



3.15pm

BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

Planning for nature and climate action

Sarah Holden

Oxygen Consulting
Founder/Director

Abbie Bull

Z Energy
Head of Sustainability and Community

Harnessing nature tech and innovation

Dr Kiri Joy Wallace

University of Waikato
Research Fellow Te Tumu Whakaora Taiao - Environmental Research Institute

Makere Jenner

Tū Mai Taonga | Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea
Project Lead

Unlocking nature market opportunities

Louise Aitken

Deloitte
Partner, Sustainability, Climate & Nature

Erik van Eyndhoven

The Nature Conservancy
Interim Country Director and Director of Conservation

4.30pm

CLOSING PLENARY

Enabling action: insights from breakout discussions

Presented by breakout facilitators

Call to action: what is your next step for nature?

Kimberley Savill

Sustainable Business Network
Head of Nature

5.00pm-6.00pm

Drinks and networking

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