



## PROGRAMME\*

# Nature & Business Symposium 2025

## Tuesday 5 August

### FIELD TRIPS

12.00pm - 4.30pm

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)  
A chance to connect with other attendees ahead of the Symposium.

## Wednesday 6 August

### SYMPOSIUM

8.30am - 5.00pm

Followed by networking and drinks to 6pm

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

\*Please note programme is subject to change.

8.30am  
**Arrival**

9.00am  
**Mihi whakatau**  
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei

9.10am  
**Welcome - It's now for nature**

**Gemma Coate**  
Sustainable Business Network Programme Manager - Regenerating Nature

9.30am  
**Keynote speaker to be announced**

9.50am  
**PANEL DISCUSSION 1**  
**Businesses taking nature positive actions**

**Kate Meyer (Host)**  
Planetary Accounting CEO and Founder

**Erin Swanson**  
Comvita Sustainability Lead

**Josh Barclay**  
Whitehaven Wines Sustainability Manager

**Lucy Butler**  
HealthPost Values Lead

**Q & A WITH AUDIENCE**

10.40am  
**Morning Break**

11.05am  
**A blueprint for mātauranga taiao - Ko Te Pūkākī: 2040**

Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei  
Toi Taiao team

11.25am  
**PANEL DISCUSSION 2**  
**Biodiversity in the concrete jungle**

**Sam Parsons (Host)**  
Boffa Miskell  
Climate Change Specialist

**Sam Hill**  
Auckland Council  
General Manager  
Environmental Services

**Nate Rigler**  
Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne  
Project Lead of Kia Mouriōra te Kaiwharawha

**Tom Slade**  
Goodman Property  
Head of Environmental Sustainability

**Te Puna**  
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei  
Toi Taiao team

**Q & A WITH AUDIENCE**

12.15pm  
**Lunch**

1.30pm  
**PANEL DISCUSSION 3**  
**Measuring nature - data, metrics and latest innovations**

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

**Edwin Massey**  
New Zealand Winegrowers  
General Manager  
Sustainability

**Louise Saunders**  
Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku  
Trust  
CEO

**Robyn Haugh**  
Trees That Count  
CEO

**Sam Bridgman**  
Pāmu  
Head of Sustainability

**Q & A WITH AUDIENCE**



3.10pm

#### PANEL DISCUSSION 4

### Working together to close the nature finance gap

**Dr Kayla Kingdon-Bebb**  
(Host)

WWF NZ  
CEO

**Abbie Bull**

Z Energy  
Head of Sustainability  
and Community

**Eamon Nathan**

Reconnecting Northland  
Pou Manatū/General  
Manager

**Joanna Silver**

Westpac  
Head of Sustainable  
Finance

#### Q & A WITH AUDIENCE

3.05pm

#### WORKSHOPS

(pre-selected)

##### WORKSHOP 1

### Partnership in action: The mutual benefits for business and nature

##### WORKSHOP 2

### Building the business case for nature: Why and how businesses should act

##### WORKSHOP 3

### Planetary Accounting 101: Measuring your business's impacts on nature

4.20pm

### Whakarongo mai: a voice for rangatahi

**Rosie Sommerville**

Sustainable Business  
Network  
Project & Partnership  
Manager

4.30pm

### Call to action - What is your 'now for nature'?

**Gemma Coate**

Sustainable Business  
Network  
Programme Manager -  
Regenerating Nature

5.00pm-6.00pm

### Drinks and networking

Scan the QR code for more info about the event and speakers



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