

WILDING PINES CONFERENCE 2026

11-13 August
Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill



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Celebrate the collaboration that is the national wilding pine community - Join us at the 2026 Wilding Pine Conference 11-13 August in Invercargill. The Conference co-hosted with the Biosecurity New Zealand/MPI National Wilding Conifer Control Programme is the premier wilding pine event of the year. It attracts an audience from a wide variety of industries and stakeholders, from iwi and community groups/NGOs, the farming and forestry sectors, research providers, and local and regional government. It's an enjoyable event and a celebration of the camaraderie that exists in the wilding conifer management space. Around 130 people attend but our numbers are growing every year. In 2025, 180 people attended the Twizel event.

This year we are in Invercargill. Participants will enjoy the legendary Southland hospitality, wide landscapes and diverse environments. The theme is **Collective Action, Future Impact: Partnering for Resilient, Wilding-Free Landscapes.**

Our sessions will range from farming, forestry and fire, biocontrol, shelter belt removal and reestablishment, control measures -refinements and new technologies and tools, where the national strategy update is at, how to control Douglas fir in beech forest, along with a research panel and how we address the funding challenge (including a national fundraising strategy proposed by WPN).

A community group session will also be reintroduced so we can share experiences from the North and the South Island, and we will repeat the contractors panel to showcase those who work in this field.

Our ever-popular field trips will also be available on the 12th of August. Be prepared for early starts as it takes a bit to get to and from where we would like to take you. Also be prepared for stunning landscapes and some big challenges and debates. We will also have a dinner afterwards and celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Mid Dome Trust.

We see this an excellent opportunity for you to sponsor this conference and profile your organisation to a diverse group of stakeholders. Sponsoring the conference will give you national exposure of your organisation. Please find below three options for sponsorship at the conference - gold, silver and bronze. Additionally, the option of just having an exhibition space is also available. If your organisation would like to sponsor a particular part of the conference (morning or afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks), we can make that work too.

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Sponsorship Tier	Benefits
GOLD (\$10K)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking/ presentation slot in the programme • Full table in exhibition area • 4 full conference registrations and dinner • Recognised gold sponsor on the conference programme and WPN website conference page • Ability to include promotional material in the conference pack • 5-minute soap box chat Day 3 of conference
SILVER (\$5K)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking/ presentation slot in the programme • Table in exhibition area • 2 full conference registrations including dinner • Recognised silver sponsor on the conference programme and WPN website conference page • 5-minute soap box chat Day 3 of conference • Ability to include promotional material in the conference pack
BRONZE (\$3K)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table in exhibition area • 1 full conference registration including and dinner • Recognised bronze sponsor on conference programme and WPN website conference page • Ability to include promotional material in the conference pack
EXHIBITION SPACE (\$2K)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table in the exhibition area • Company Logo on conference programme • Ability to include promotional material in the conference pack • Quick 5-minute soap box chat Day 3 of conference
<p>Any material to be included in delegate packs needs to be at the conference venue by 7am on the 11th of August so our packs can be put together ahead of registration. After this date you will be responsible for placing material on chairs in the conference room.</p>	

Please send any questions and sponsorship offers to:

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