

Fungal Network of New Zealand

23rd New Zealand Fungal Foray/Australasian Mycological Society Conference

WAIKANAЕ, KAPITI COAST, NEW ZEALAND
10th – 16th May, 2009

DEADLINES:

Registration and payment of deposit: 31st March 2009

The 23rd New Zealand Fungal Foray, will be held jointly with the **Australasian Mycological Society Conference** from 10th – 16th May at El Rancho Christian Holiday Camp, close to Waikanae on the Kapiti Coast. The foray will begin Sunday evening 10th May, and end on Saturday morning 16th May. Arrival time is after 6pm this year to avoid an overlap with the previous group. There will be dinner provided on arrival. More information about El Rancho can be found at:

<http://www.elrancho.co.nz/ERconference.htm#elmconf>.

The camp is beside the Waikanae River, near the coastal end of the township of Waikanae..

There is a wide variety of collecting sites in this area. A few kms away are sand dunes, and the Nga Manu Bird Sanctuary which is lowland/dune slack podocarp forest. There are several points of access into the Tararua Ranges with montane podocarp-broadleaf forest. About 1.5 hours away is Rimutaka Forest Park with beech forest.

There are also longer trips such as a visit to the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and Kapiti Island that we will be investigating and will send out information for.

The foray programme will involve daily collecting, identification, and provision of display tables of the day's finds, followed in the evening by informal talks.

Wednesday 13th May will be set aside for the joint *Mycology Colloquium* and *Australasian Mycological Society Conference* where participants can present talks or posters on any aspect of mycology. Length of presentations will generally be 15-20 minutes including questions, but this will be confirmed closer to the time when we know how many speakers there are. The Colloquium/Conference will be held in the Elm Hall (seats 120) at the camp, and lunch will be provided. Interested participants are invited to submit a **title and abstract** with their registration form or email it to David Orlovich (david.orlovich@botany.otago.ac.nz) by **31st March 2009**.

Accommodation:

El Rancho is a well-equipped, comfortable camp but towels and linen (sheets, blankets, and pillow cases), are **not** supplied, so you will need to bring your own. There is heating in each room.

We have booked accommodation in 3 blocks – Elm Hall Units 8, 9, and 10. This includes 42 beds in twin share rooms.

Please enrol early so that you do not miss out. Additional accommodation may be made available at the camp if required, but may be at a different cost and comfort level.

If you wish to book alternative accommodation such as motels, or bed and breakfast instead of the regular accommodation, please arrange this privately. The camp is c.4kms from the commercial centre of the Waikanae township which is beside SH 1. There are three motels in Waikanae, two near SH 1, and another by the golf course, not far from El Rancho. For more information see the following website:

<http://www.tourism.net.nz/region/wellington/wellington---kapiti-coast/accommodation/>

Meals:

All meals will be catered by staff at the camp.

Breakfast 7.45am

Packed lunches will be provided to all participants each morning.

Dinner 5.45pm

Morning and afternoon teas and supper will be available.

Please indicate if you have any special dietary needs (vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free etc). The caterer will endeavour to fulfil special meal requirements but these should be advised in advance.

Transportation:

For overseas participants, please correspond with us so that we can advise internal travel options.

The nearest airport is Wellington International airport which has flights to and from all major NZ cities and international flights to Australia and the Pacific. Waikanae is about 60km from Wellington.

Costs:

For the full week of 6 nights the cost per person is \$500.00 which includes accommodation, all meals, and a daily foray fee of \$10.00 per person per day.

El Rancho charges slightly more for people staying less than the full week and so costs for stays less than 6 nights are:

1 night includes meals and foray fee	= \$88.00
2 nights	= \$176.00
3 nights	= \$263.00
4 nights	= \$351.00
5 nights	= \$440.00

Meals - if staying elsewhere:

Breakfast:	\$8.40
Lunch:	\$14.40
Dinner:	\$19.20
All 3 meals:	\$42.00

When filling in your registration form, please be exact about the number of meals you will be having at the camp. We order the numbers we have registered, and have to pay for all of these, so if you don't turn up for one of the meals you ordered – you will still have to pay for it.

Costs do not include transport to the venue, or privately organised accommodation upgrades.

Colloquium day: For fungal foray participants, the cost of the Colloquium day is covered in the fees. If attending the Colloquium day only, a charge of \$35 will be levied to cover costs including lunch.

Student Subsidies:

We are happy to subsidise students wishing to attend the foray. The subsidy will be for the accommodation cost. It does not include transportation or meals. Please apply early.

Registration:

Please register for the foray by completing the registration form and return it by 31 March 2009.

All participants, please send the registration form to: Paula Wilkie, Landcare Research, Private Bag 92170, Auckland Mail Centre, Auckland 1142, New Zealand. New Zealand participants should also include a deposit of NZ\$85 (cheques payable to 'Fungal Network of New Zealand'). To avoid currency conversion difficulties, international participants (incl. Australian) need not send a deposit with the registration form.

Receipts will be written out but they will not be posted to you unless you specifically request it. An email will give you confirmation of your registration.

You will receive a receipt when you pay at the foray.

Paula Wilkie
Landcare Research
Phone: (09 574 4156)
e-mail: wilkiep@landcareresearch.co.nz

**Registration for membership of the Fungal Network of New Zealand.
(FUNNZ)**

Membership of this organisation is now due. It provides a 10% discount on the cost of the Fungal Foray. The cost of membership is \$15 for waged and \$10 for unwaged.

The FUNNZ website is now up and running and will carry information about upcoming and previous mycological events (<http://www.funnz.org.nz/>).

We encourage anyone who has interesting comments – reports – “fungi finds” to contribute to this website to send it to Petra White (white.p@xtra.co.nz). Contributions to the FUNNZ website will be accepted throughout the year.



Registration Form: 23rd New Zealand Fungal Foray

Waikanae, New Zealand, Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th May 2009

Name

Address

Tel: Fax:

Email:

Number attending:

Please indicate **which** of the following statements is applicable, and complete details:

- I will be attending the full Foray (10 - 16 May) and require regular accommodation and all meals.
 - I will be attending part of the Foray only and require regular accommodation and meals for the following days:
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 - Number of nights accommodation
 - I will make alternative accommodation arrangements but require meals for the following days: (Please indicate relevant days and meals required).
 - I have particular food requirements (vegetarian, lactose-free, gluten-free, etc):
 - I will be attending the *Mycology Colloquium Day* Yes / No
 - I would like to present a talk/slide show/poster at the *Mycology Colloquium* Yes / No
 - If yes, title:
- Please send your abstract electronically to david.orlovich@botany.otago.ac.nz
- I will join the Fungal Network of New Zealand (\$15 waged, \$10 unwaged) and receive a 10% discount on the cost of the fungal foray

Student assistance: A small number of grants towards accommodation costs are available for students. More information is available from Paula Wilkie (address below).

Please send the completed form (and New Zealand participants please send a deposit of NZ\$85, cheques payable to 'Fungal Network of New Zealand') by 31st March 2009 to: Paula Wilkie, Landcare Research, Private Bag 92170, Auckland Mail Centre, Auckland 1142, New Zealand.

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE
TO ANYONE YOU THINK MAY BE INTERESTED
Copies of this form are available from <http://www.funnz.org.nz/forays.htm>**