

PROGRAMME

TMBC BIOSECURITY EXCELLENCE SYMPOSIUM 2025



Leading locally, impacting nationally.

Thursday 28th August 2025

**Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club – 561 Papamoa Beach Road, Papamoa 3118
8.15 – 14.45**

This year's symposium celebrates bold leadership at the grassroots and regional level that is influencing national biosecurity outcomes. TMBC champions local innovation, collaborative action, and proactive responses that ripple across Aotearoa.

Join us for an informative and interactive day designed for everyone passionate about biosecurity and protecting what we love about our region.

We'll be joined by dedicated biosecurity doers and thinkers who are driving action through fresh approaches, new technologies, and cross-sector collaboration – from ports and primary industries to restoration teams and rangatahi educators.

Biosecurity begins at home, and what we do locally has the power to influence national strategies and systems. This symposium is a valuable platform to connect across the network, engage in vibrant discussion, share practical insights, and explore new opportunities for collaboration.

Together, let's lead locally to create a future of biosecurity excellence for all of Aotearoa.

Please note the programme may be subject to change.

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8:15 – 8:45	Arrival and registration
8:45 – 8:55	Mihi Whakatau & Karakia: Reon Tuanau
8:55 – 9:05	Welcome & Housekeeping: Facilitator: Will Johnston
9:05 – 9:10	In memory: Hayden Henry Speaker: Carlton Bidois (Ngāi te Rangi, Ngati Ranginui) <i>Moment of silence</i> <i>Recognition of commitment to biosecurity outcomes</i>
9.10 – 9.22	Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital – Sharing the biosecurity responsibility is up to all of us: Presenters: Carlton Bidois (Ngāi te Rangi, Ngati Ranginui) and Dr Beccy Ganley – Co-Chairs, TMBC
9.22 – 9.25	Ministerial address: Hon. Andrew Hoggard – Minister for Biosecurity

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9.25 - 10.15	Session One
9.25 - 9.40	Biosecurity – Engaging for Impact Presenter: Mike Inglis, Commissioner North, Biosecurity New Zealand 10 minute presentation followed by 5 minute Q&A
9.40 - 9.50	Preventing the Spread of Caulerpa: Early Intervention and Retrofitting in Affected Zones Presenter: Chris Battershill, UoW
9.50 - 10.00	Biosecurity at the Port of Tauranga - New Developments and Changing with the Times Presenter: Blair Hamill, GM Commercial, Port of Tauranga
10.00 - 10.15	Panel discussion and moderated Q&A
10:15 - 10:55	Morning Tea

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10.55am - 11.40am	Session Two
10.55 - 11.05	Biosecurity Surveillance - Using Aerial eDNA for Detection of Invasive Species Presenter: Andrew Cridge, Molecular Entomologist, Ecology & Environment Scion
11.05 - 11.15	Biosecurity Surveillance, Innovation & Restoration from Port to River Presenter: Tua Karalus, Deep Dive Division
11.15 - 11.25	Asian Paddle Crab, rangatahi perspective of working in biosecurity with a Te Ao Māori approach Presenter: Jasmine Apaapa
11.25 - 11.40	Panel discussion and moderated Q&A

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11.40 - 12.30	Session Three
11.40 - 11.55	Biosecurity Incursion - PSA in Kiwifruit: The Devastation & Emotional Toll Presenter: Ian Greaves, local kiwifruit grower
11.55 - 12.05	Tia Kina Taio - Connecting tamariki with the natural environment Presenter: Matire Duncan and Riki Nelson, Māori Caucus, Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital
12:05 - 12:15	PiPs - Educating Rangatahi Presenter: Clare Rodgers, PiPs
12.15 - 12.30	Panel discussion and moderated Q&A
12.30 - 12.40	Biosecurity Quiz & Spotprize reminder Facilitator: Lisa Gibbison
12.40 - 13.40	Networking lunch

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13.40 - 14.40	Session Four
1.40 - 1.55	Stepping Forward Together – Implementing The Biosecurity System Action Plan Presenter: Pete Thomson, CBO, Biosecurity New Zealand
13.55 - 14.05	Beetle trapping for early detection of invasive forestry pests and developing DNA metabarcoding for identification Presenter: Dominic Hartnett, Surveillance Coordinator, SPS Biota
14.05 - 14.25	Forest Shield – Exploring New Approaches to Primary Sector Biosecurity Presenter: Phil Taylor – Managing Director, Port Blakely
14.25 - 14.40	Panel discussion and moderated Q&A
14.40pm - 14.43pm	Spot prize: ‘Topic suggestion’ winner announcement
14.43pm - 14.50pm	Closing comments Will Johnston
14.50pm - 14.55pm	Closing Karakia Reon Tuanau