

Postgraduate Retreat

Orokonui Ecosanctuary



GENETICS OTAGO

28th June 2019

Overview of Day

Time	Activity
9:00 am	Depart University
9:30 am	Introductions
10:00 am	<i>Session 1:</i> Conferencing
11:00 am	Morning Tea
11:15 am	<i>Session 2:</i> Academic Career Pathways
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Explore Orokonui Ecosanctuary
2:30 pm	<i>Session 3:</i> Problem Solving & Afternoon Tea
4:00 pm	Feedback session
4:30 pm	Depart Orokonui Ecosanctuary
5:00 pm	Arrive University

Session One

Conferencing

Tips on choosing the right conference, preparing a great presentation or poster and how to make the most of the networking opportunities.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Tanya Major, Postdoctoral Fellow

Elevator Pitch (1 minute):

- Background of your topic, significance of your project, aim of your project, any results to date.
- Try to use lay terms
- You don't have to explain the whole project, just the hook

Session Two

Academic Career Pathways

We will hear from a panel of academics at different career points. How they got to where they are and advice they have in retrospect. There will be plenty of time for questions.

Panelists:

Dr. Michael Knapp, Senior Lecturer and Rutherford Discovery Fellow

Dr. Paul Gardner, Senior Lecturer;

Dr. Anna Gosling, Postdoctoral Fellow;

Dr. Melanie Laird, Postdoctoral Fellow

Associate Professor Julia Horsfield, Director Genetics Otago and Otago Zebrafish Facility

Session Three

Problem Solving

What are some issues that may arise through the course of your research and what can you do to solve them?
What will you do after you finish your degree?

Guest Speaker:

Yvonne Gaut, Postgraduate Careers Advisor

Group discussion about issues you have had or anticipate having in the future. Don't be shy this is a friendly and supportive environment to gain advice from others who may have experienced the same problems. Remember that GO is always here to help, if you would like to discuss an issue or need help finding the right support please let us know.