

## Pre Conference Tours

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May Pre Tour 1. Southern Taranaki Max 20 people

8am Meet at Plymouth International Hotel

8.15am Depart

9am – 10am Stratford Plateau. We drive up to the carpark where we will visit the 100m long Manganui Gorge Suspension Bridge, an impressive structure, in an awe inspiring environment.

10.30am – 12noon Hollard Gardens. Now owned by the Taranaki Regional Council, this garden was established in 1927 by Bernie and Rose Hollard. The four hectare garden is a plantsman's garden with a large collection of native and exotic plantings

12.15 – 1pm Eltham (buy your own lunch)

1.20pm – 3pm Lake Rotokare. This 230ha pest free reserve features a natural lake, wetlands and mature native bush. There is abundant birdlife including kiwi.

4pm Arrive Plymouth International Hotel. Evening free

Tour cost: \$35 includes transport to and from Plymouth International

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May Pre Tour 2 Marae visit and Pukeiti Max 20 people

8am Depart Plymouth International Hotel

8.30am – 10.30am Waitara Marae. We will join with the International tour group for a formal Maori welcome and powhiri

The bus will do a brief stop at the Plymouth International Hotel on the way to Pukeiti

11.45am Arrive Pukeiti. This Garden of International Significance is now run by the Taranaki Regional Council, who have sponsored aspects of our visit. Located on the slopes of Mount Taranaki and set in native bush, it is one of New Zealand's leading rhododendron gardens. Before lunch, we will have a couple of short presentations.

After lunch, there will be a guided tour of the gardens before departing at 3.15pm to travel back to the Plymouth International Hotel in time for conference registration.

Tour cost\$100 including transport, marae visit and lunch