

Healthy Environment, Healthy People and Tuatara for Future Generations

What do we stand to gain from a healthy environment? Could restoration efforts include having special species like tuatara in your backyard? And what does sex determination have to do with conservation?



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Nicky Nelson, a Principal Investigator with the Allan Wilson Centre based at Victoria University of Wellington will challenge you to think about the implications of having a sex determining system influenced by temperature and how that might affect conservation efforts in a warming climate. Her case study on tuatara will demonstrate why efforts to restore the mainland allow us to improve the long-term outlook for populations of treasured species like tuatara, as part of functioning ecosystems in healthy landscapes where people thrive because they are connected to their environment and culture.



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**Free public talk: Lawson Field Lecture Theatre,
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