

ABC Programme 2026

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Science
Te Rāngai Pūtaiao

Thursday 22 October 2026 in the UC Engineering Core (Rata)

School of Biological Sciences

Morning

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9.00 Welcome and Event Opening. Lecture Theatre E8.

	E5	E6	E7
Theme	Structure and function	Biodiversity	Small interactions with large impacts
Chair	Abigail Schwartzfeger	George Cox	Chanusha Weralupitiya

9.30	Francesco Cannone PhD, Nelson	Jane Gosden PhD, McIntosh	Amy Dellow MSc, Herbold
9.45	Jiawang Ma PhD, Gieseg	Rich Iyagbaye PhD, Thomsen	Gavril Chong MSc, Dobson
10.00	Kyla Brown BSc(Hons), Garrill	Mick Adriaansens PhD, Herbold	Chiara Mercer PhD, Meisrimler
10.15	Mackenzie Aitken PhD, Dobson	Claire Wang MSc, Thomsen	Kiara Reddy MSc, Osborne
10.30	Katelyn (Lyn) Young BSc(Hons), Meisrimler	Prakriti Mishra MSc, Dickie	Hazel Clemens PhD, Stott
10.45	Coffee Break - sponsored by DKSH 		

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Theme	Conservation	Networks and interactions	Structure and function
Chair	Sarah Hovell	Zach Marion	Sean Davis
11.15	Emma Godfrey PhD, Cameron	Xinjue Cui PhD, Chapman	Ashleigh Johns PhD, Dobson
11.30	Melvin Cubian PhD, Dickie	Ocean Price MSc, Nelson	Jeslin Sabatini PhD, Osborne
11.45	Madeleine Jorgensen BSc(Hons), Hetem	Daniya Shahid PhD, Herbold	Hamish Lindsay MSc, Stott
12.00	Jessie Sims-Johns, Kross	William Taylor PhD, Herbold	Megan Rawlins MSc Morris



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	E5	E6	E7
12.15	Lunch break - not catered		
Theme	Small interactions with large impacts	Structure and function	A changing world
Chair	Stevie Florent	Asma Nawaz	Noori Choi
1.00	Lisa Chahine MSc, Cameron	Holly Bates BSc(Hons), Osborne	AG Camara PhD, Prebble
1.15	Maddie Barrett MSc, Garrill	Anisiia Prokshina PhD, Nelson	Brooke Smith MSc, Chapman
1.30	Malaika D’Souza PhD, Kross	Charlotte Kemp-Dale MSc, Morris	George Cox PhD, Dickie
1.45	Sophie Jamieson BSc(Hons), Meisrimler	Ethan Williams BSc(Hons), Dobson	
2.00	Coffee Break		
Theme	A changing world	Structure and function	Conservation
Chair	Izzy Busby	Alex Cox	Meghan Marshall
2.15	Aaron Millar PhD, Chapman	Aleshya Grant BSc(Hons), Morris	Mary Buford Turnage PhD, Kross
2.30	Leila Nolan PhD, Dobson	S. Philip Stewart MSc, Yewdall	Nicolette Edmunds PhD, Cameron
2.45	Isabel Lee-Park PhD, Tyljanakis	Nathaniel Hearfield PhD, Turnbull	Ashlin Donaldson MSc, Hetem
3.00	Deborah Anne Dimayacyac PhD, Dickie	Jiayi Chen PhD, Osborne	Olivia Janes PhD, Steeves
3.30	Closing remarks in E8		
Prize giving and social gathering to follow			

