



# FESTIVAL FOR SUSTAINABILITY 2022

**OCT 25-30  
SOUTHERN LAKES**

Celebrating five years of action and education, this six day event is a 360 degree approach to creating and fostering tangible, social and environmental change at every level. Whether you're new here or have been on this ride for a while, we have kōrero, workshops, films and tours - all designed to help you, help the planet. From food resilience, to changing the way we get around, to developing stronger community connection - we'll look at every facet of what it truly means to live in harmony with the planet. Tickets on sale at: [wao.co.nz/summit2022](https://wao.co.nz/summit2022)



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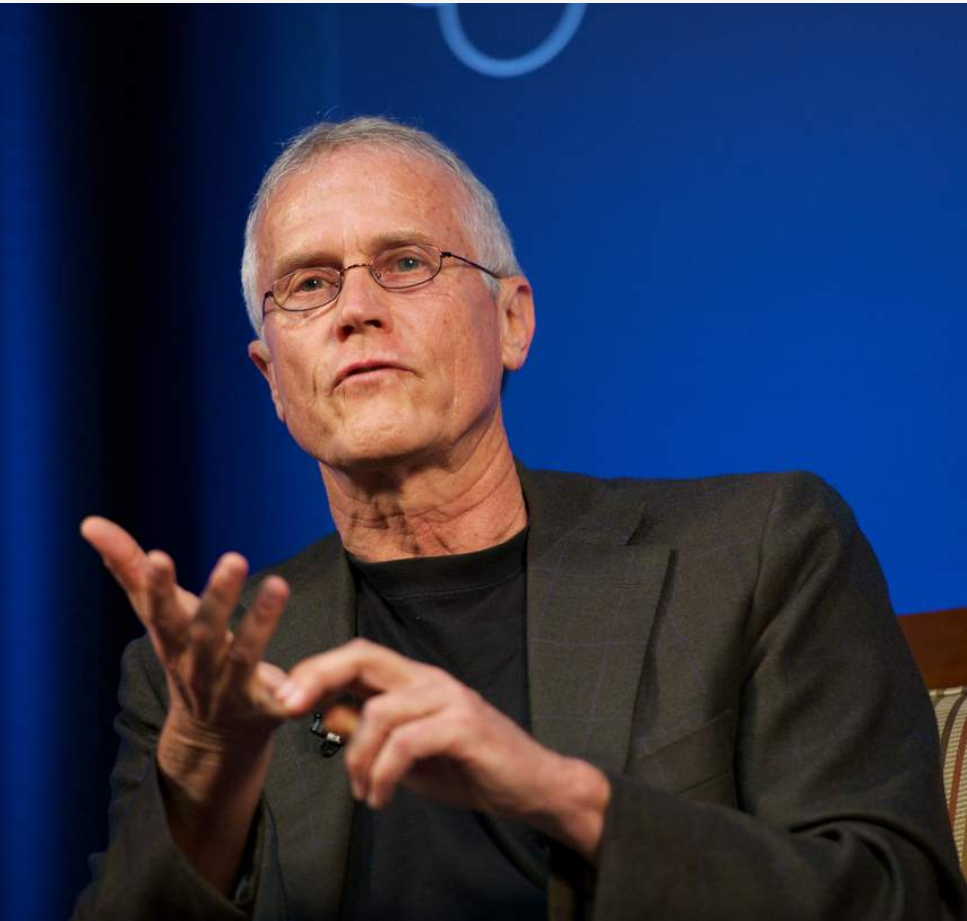
## + event types

- Rethink Kōrero / Conversation** Big ideas, compelling conversations. Networking optional, nibbles included.
- Impact Session** Bite-sized open lectures designed to make you think.
- Film Festival** Engrossing and educational films with a sustainable twist.
- Tour** Place based educational field visits to immerse yourself.
- Workshop** hands-on workshops for those looking to expand their practical knowledge
- Free Community** The art of connection.





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FEATURING IN BOTH WĀNAKA & QUEENSTOWN

## Drawdown: Solving the Climate Crisis with Paul Hawken

Paul Hawken, best-selling author and international figure in the climate action space, is the founder of Project Drawdown and the Regeneration Project, a global resource for substantive solutions to reverse global warming, culminating in a collaborative series of books of the same name. Hawken will speak to the challenges we as humanity face through biodiversity loss and climate change, as well as unpacking the key messages behind Drawdown - going beyond net zero, giving back more than we take, and putting life at the centre of every action and decision.

Paul will be joining us on screen from the US to keep our greenhouse gas footprint down.

**Rippon Hall, Wānaka**  
Wednesday 19 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35

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## Regenerate 2030 with Damon Gameau

Damon Gameau, award winning documentary filmmaker and director of That Sugar Film, 2040 and Regenerating Australia will present a discussion that explores how we can unlock creative solutions to our current climate crisis from the ground up, and then implement those ideas within our own communities. Gameau's innovative feature documentary 2040 took a deep into what the future would look like if we embraced the best solutions already available to us to improve our planet. Regenerating Australia is his most recent project - a film and accompanying impact campaign that includes a significant financial fund to develop and scale community solutions seeking to accelerate the transition to a regenerative future. Gameau will present as part of a series of Regenerative Tourism discussions led by Lake Wānaka Tourism.

Damon will be joining us on screen from Australia to keep our greenhouse gas footprint down.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Tuesday 25 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35

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## Food For Thought: Creating Resilient Food Systems

Gain insight into the real issues facing our global food system with this conversation facilitated by Julia Blackford, and featuring speakers Jason Bradford, Jade Gray and Ailsa Cain. You'll hear about food resilience through multiple lenses, from the rise of localism, to Aotearoa's place in the global food system, to what we can learn from matauranga Māori. Globalisation, climate change, biodiversity loss and political tensions are placing increased pressure on our food system. We are a land of producers, we see ourselves living in a world of plenty, however we have one of the highest food costs in the world, and it is on the increase. Revenue from our exports help fund the schools, roads and hospitals. However malnourishment is rife. A high proportion of our children are living without enough healthy, affordable food and we have one of the highest rates of adult obesity in the OECD. Our waterways are highly polluted from nutrient runoff, our soils are being stripped of the diversity required to produce crops, and a large percentage of our greenhouse gas emissions comes from our agricultural systems. These all point to the fact that our food system is no longer living up to our aspirations as a nation. So how do we cope with this?

**Te Atamira, Queenstown**  
Tuesday 25 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35

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**Rippon Hall, Wānaka**  
Friday 28 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35

## Living Within Our Limits: Green Growth vs Degrowth

How do we learn to live within our planetary limits? How do we combat infinite growth on a planet with finite resources? Featuring guest speakers Jonathan Boston, Kate Meyer and Tim Crownshaw, this robust discussion looks at two schools of thought. On the one hand, the proponents of Green Growth advocate for continued GDP Growth within clearly defined biophysical and social limits that minimise harm to the environment and society. On the other, Degrowth advocates rejecting the use of GDP as an indicator, instead favouring the slowing down and reversal of global resource consumption, production and energy use until we reach genuinely sustainable levels. The crux of the discussion centres around what are our planetary limits and how do we, as a species, create a system which can live within those boundaries.

**Rippon Hall, Wānaka**  
Wednesday 26 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35

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**Te Atamira, Queenstown**  
Friday 28 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$35



Bite-sized open lectures designed to make you think.



## Suss or Sustainable: fisheries in Aotearoa

Kaimoana can be brought, gathered, shared and hunted. It is an integral part of our culture in Aotearoa, inscribed in the DNA of our people, and walls of ancient caves - but things were a bit different back then. Humans fished before the dawn of written history using birds' beaks for hooks and plant stalks for line. We now have industrial ships and nets the size of 10 rugby fields. So can we really consume seafood sustainably? In this seminar, marine scientist Veronica Rotman addresses claims made by the recent film 'Seaspiracy' in a New Zealand context. Rotman explores the state of our own ocean and discusses how to consume kaimoana with care. Thousands of solutions exist to restore the health of our moana, but they require all hands on deck including inland Wānaka. Who is this for? For anyone who wants to understand what sustainably sourced seafood is.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**

Wednesday 26 October 2022

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Tickets: GA \$10

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## Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards

Jacqueline Cheyne, Board Member of the XRB and chair of the Project Steering Group for climate risk reporting will discuss the proposed New Zealand Climate Related Disclosures regime for Climate Reporting Entities (CREs). These standards are due to come into effect in 2023 and are hoped to drive behaviour changes by investors and the companies they invest in, through shining a light on climate related risks and opportunities facing companies, and about how these companies are thinking strategically about transitioning towards a low emissions economy. Who is this for? People interested in the developing reporting requirements in NZ on climate risk, company directors and investors.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**

Friday 28 October 2022

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Tickets: GA \$10

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## Climate Action in the Rural Sector

From the team at Environmental Accounting Services comes an informative, open lecture on how greenhouse gas emissions are accounted for in the agriculture sector, the relevance of New Zealand's emissions trading scheme and the current understanding of the land sector emissions levy and removals payment proposed in the latest He Waka Eke Noa report. There are still many unanswered questions around how landowners will be asked to report on agricultural emissions. One thing we can be sure of is that the sooner we understand greenhouse gas emissions on-farm - what they are, where they are coming from, and how much we are emitting - the better positioned we will be to mitigate these emissions if required. Who is this for? People interested in how Climate Change Policy is going to effect the the rural sector in New Zealand, particularly farmers and interested consumers.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**

Tuesday 25 October 2022

10.00 am - 11.00am

Tickets: GA \$10

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## What does Carbon Neutral Really Mean? Clarifying Terminology in Climate Claims

*Carbon neutral, climate neutral, carbon zero, climate positive, carbon reduce.* What do they even mean and do semantics really matter? In this Impact Session, the team from Environmental Accounting Services will explain the terminology and the current requirements in New Zealand for making climate mitigation related claims. Risks and rewards from the perspective of business, consumers and importantly the climate will be explored. Who is this for? This workshop is aimed at businesses wanting to make climate claims in the market and consumers confused about what it is businesses are saying.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**

Thursday 27 October 2022

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Tickets: GA \$10

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The art of connection.



## Narrative of Place at Hāwea Camp

Join us for the summit finale held in a relaxed campfire style on the shores of Lake Hawea. From the time first footprints touched these islands, this land has shaped who we are as a people. Sit surrounded by our lakes, mountains and bush and soak up stories from the beginning of our local history, led by Ron Bull, Tumuaki Whakaako at Otago Polytechnic.

### Lake Hāwea Camp

Saturday 29 October 2022  
5.00pm - 7.00pm  
Tickets: FREE

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## Eat Wānaka

Join us as we showcase locally produced food from throughout the Southern Lakes region. Eat Wānaka brings together people from across all aspects of food in Wānaka. It's about connecting with each other and celebrating our food and food stories. Come on down to the Lake Wānaka Centre to speak to our local food producers, grab some kai, listen to some music and watch a cooking demonstration using local food.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Sunday 30 October 2022  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
Tickets: FREE

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## Tourism for a Better Future

Tourism for a better future is the regenerative tourism plan that will guide the Queenstown Lakes District toward a future that everyone can be proud of. But this is more than a plan it's a movement! We must all make a shift in the way we do things. Tourism for a better future addresses today's most significant tourism-related challenges with holistic solutions. This hui is an opportunity, to connect, share ideas and offer support. This journey will take time and effort, and it will be worth it. Many people and organisations will begin and lead from different points, but this is a path the district must travel together.

### Rippon Hall, Wānaka

Tuesday 25 October 2022  
1.30pm - 7.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$45

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Place based educational field visits to immerse yourself.



## Sustainable Communities Bus Tour Queenstown

What does a sustainable community look like? We don't need to look into the distant future to see what is already being done right here, and now. This guided day bus tour will visit a number of locations around Tāhuna (Queenstown), visiting people and places who make this town a thriving, sustainable community. Your opportunity to get a first-hand look and experience of what's going on already. Stops include Royal Burn, Whitechapel Reserve Reforestation, a visit to Michael Sly's composting mecca and lunch at Altitude Brewery using locally produced ingredients. Other stops will include food forest initiatives, local growers showing us how productive smaller areas can be when it comes to growing food, community gardens, wetlands and their significance, the climate change effect to our Central Otago environment

### Queenstown

Friday 28 October 2022  
9.00am - 4.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$85

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## Sustainable Communities Bike Tour Wānaka

Get a first hand look at what a sustainable community really looks like with this guided bike tour around Wānaka. You'll visit a number of locations, and gain insight into what is going on already; from transport electrification to pest eradication and native planting. Running alongside the bike tour, this year we will delve into short workshops throughout the tour, focusing on skills for the everyday person to live more sustainably, hosted by our very own Wānaka community groups. Stops include a tour around the Te Kakano nursery to get to know your natives, then take part in a bit of planting and maintenance. Get up close and personal at WAI Wānaka with our smallest freshwater species and exploring how we monitor an urban stream. Or check out our local food resources at Grow Wanaka with a look at composting and local food resilience.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Saturday 29 October 2022  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Tickets: GA \$15

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### Resilient Aotearoa

Have you toyed with the idea of living more sustainably? This session is for you! Join us as we showcase three inspiring stories about communities championing sustainable city living, building resilience, and highlighting individuals pioneering change in their own lives - in order to live in a more sustainable and regenerative way. Brings the possible into the doable and done.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Wednesday 26 October 2022  
5.30pm - 8.00pm  
Tickets: GA \$10

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### Regenerating the Planet

We invite you on a cinematic journey as we shine a global lens on regeneration. From Hugh Wilson, who's spent the last 30 years regenerating farmland into native forest on banks peninsular to a community-led initiative to mitigate forest fire risk using goats in Victoria, to visioning our world in 2030. A session to truly inspire action.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Thursday 27 October 2022  
5.30pm - 6.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$10

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### Kai for Thought

Food for thought? Join us as we showcase a series of films centered around the rise of permaculture and the art of eating sustainably. We look at our own local food heroes, Robert and Robyn Guyton and their journey to creating a permaculture food forest in Riverton, we visit Mangarara, in New Zealand's beautiful Hawke's Bay and finally we hear about Hua Parakore, which provides a framework using Indigenous values – Māori principles – for producing natural food without chemical inputs or GMO.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Thursday 27 October 2022  
7.00pm - 8.30pm  
Tickets: GA \$10

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### 2040

The 2040 journey began with award-winning director Damon Gameau (That Sugar Film). Motivated by concerns about the planet his 4-year-old daughter would inherit, Damon embarked on a global journey to meet innovators and changemakers in the areas of economics, technology, civil society, agriculture, education and sustainability. Drawing on their expertise, he sought to identify the best solutions, available to us now, that would help improve the health of our planet and the societies that operate within it. From marine permaculture to decentralised renewable energy projects, he discovered that people all over the world are taking matters into their own hands.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Friday 28 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.00pm  
Tickets: GA \$10

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### Get SMART, Get Moving

Get on your bike! A mini-bike film festival celebrating everything about peddling our way into the future. This session takes a look at how we move, how we can change the way we get around and hopes to inspire you to shake off the cobwebs and join the get SMART movement.

**Lake Wānaka Centre**  
Saturday 29 October 2022  
5.30pm - 7.15pm  
Tickets: GA \$10

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## Construction Waste Workshops

Nobody likes wasting materials, especially these days! The good news is, a lot of your surplus offcuts can be reused or recycled. Did you know that currently around a third of our district's rubbish being sent out to the dump comes out of our building sites? Join us to learn some practical tips to cut down on your building waste. This workshop is designed to up-skill you on best site C&D waste management and diversion options within the district using available reuse, exchange, take-back and recycling systems. Learn on-site from sector leaders and their journey and techniques to managing and minimising waste. This interactive workshop is split into two sessions, Construction Waste 101: What Is The Problem? and Construction Waste 102: Setting Up A Plan. Who is this for? Targeted to both sole builders or larger construction companies, all tradies are welcome, cheese scones and coffee provided!

### Wānaka Community Workshop

Wednesday 26 October 2022

8.00am - 10.00am

Tickets: GA \$15

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## Waste Reduction and the Circular Economy

A workshop for businesses looking to reduce their waste and use resources more efficiently. Come along to get the lowdown from Wastebusters and local business leaders about how to reduce the amount of waste going into your bin. This is a great chance to get together, learn from the experts and collaborate with others on the transition to a circular economy. Who is this for? Tailored to any business wanting to cut down on their waste, or anyone who is wondering how to take the next step in their waste reduction journey.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Thursday 27 October 2022

9.00am - 10.00am

Tickets: GA \$30

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wastebusters



## Planetary Accounting for Businesses

Planetary accounting is a science-based approach to environmental sustainability that addresses all of the nine critical global environmental limits - called the Planetary Boundaries. Do you know your organization needs to be thinking beyond carbon - considering impacts such as biodiversity, waste, water, and land-use - but don't know where to start? This workshop will introduce you to planetary accounting and help you to start applying it to your organisation.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Wednesday 26 October 2022

9.00am - 11.00am

Tickets: GA \$30

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## B Corp is Better Business

B Corp explained! In this 60 minute interactive and energetic workshop we will look at *the creation myth story of B Corp, what the path to B Corp Certification looks like, the systemic and human drivers leading to the rise of B Corp & the ROI of B Corp*. Certified B Corporations are leaders in the global movement for an inclusive, equitable, and regenerative economy. Unlike other certifications for businesses, B Lab is unique in its ability to measure a company's entire social and environmental impact.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Friday 28 October 2022

9.00am - 11.00am

Tickets: GA \$30

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## Cultivating Connection Series

### Session 1: Lost Connections

The last two years have led to physical distancing in more ways than one. Added to this, it's easy to get drawn into a world of self promotion and individual success and disconnect from others. Learning how this influences society and culture as well as how this mindset affects our emotional health and the health of the next generation, are compelling reasons to attend Part 1 of the Cultivating Connection series. Join Claire Akin-Smith and Sam Rodney-Hudson as they take you on a journey of human connection, industrial disconnection, and draw on discoveries made from combining sciences once studied in isolation to better understand what motivates and drives us.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Wednesday 26 October 2022

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tickets: GA \$15

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### Session 2: Reconnecting

A practical workshop debunking the myth that vulnerability is weak and talking about emotions is unproductive. This session explores how enhancing emotional intelligence enables deeper connection and allows relationships to flourish. This is a unique opportunity for those who want to know more about how we get the best out of ourselves and each other, in any situation. In this workshop Bridget Watson helps connect the dots, backed by research, about how being emotionally vulnerable builds trust, both in yourself and together with others, leading to deeper connections, and a sense of belonging and awareness.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Thursday 27 October 2022

3.00pm - 5.00pm

Tickets: \$15

### Session 3: Connecting our Future

In the third of our series on Cultivating Connection we invite you to experience possibility through the testimony of those who have stepped out to create communities based on connection. Come and be immersed in the first hand experiences of individuals who have bravely agreed to share their insights, successes, challenges and learnings. This session will offer a series of bite sized stories from 4 speakers to spark curiosity and questions on what the future can look like as a shared human experience. The session will conclude with Q&A with refreshments and opportunity to meet and mingle.

### Lake Wānaka Centre

Thursday 27 October 2022

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Tickets: \$15