

NOTES FOR CONVENTION

As we wish to keep the registration fee as low as possible, this year's Convention is being run along similar lines to our Safaris in that members will be required to provide their own transport and some meals.

It is suggested that if members are flying in, it would be a good idea to carpool with others where possible to reduce the cost of rental vehicles.

Registrations on Friday 12th November will begin at 4.30 pm – 6p.m. in the Oak Room at the Greerton RSA.

This room is adjacent to the Restaurant where a smorgasbord is available for those wishing to dine there. The cost is \$32 per person but may be subject to a small increase during the year. Other options include several different takeaways in Greerton, a Countdown Supermarket or other restaurants in the area ie The Tauranga Crossing (at the Lakes development)

Saturday is our garden day with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. These gardens will be in and around Tauranga and there will be garden judging for those wishing to participate at Keith & Christina's garden.

Saturday night's dinner is at members' own cost.

Sunday is our in-house day starting at 9 a.m. with everything scheduled to take place in the Oak Room. The Judging School and Judges meeting will be held in an adjacent room.

All meals are provided on Sunday including a smorgasbord dinner that night.

There will be slides, guest speakers, our normal presentations and our AGM all held during the day.

Monday will include more garden visits. Morning tea will be at Palmers Bethlehem (at member's own cost) but lunch will be provided at the last garden.

We are estimating at this stage Monday will finish at around 1.30pm allowing time for those who wish to travel home or visit other gardens in the Katikati area.

There is no accommodation available at the RSA this year but the Cameron Thermal Motel is very close and they have a gate which will be unlocked to allow guests to walk through to the RSA making for easy access between the two venues.

There will be raffles, an auction (including seed donated by Jim Geditz and Chad Harris) on Sunday and plant sales at various gardens during visits.