# Myrtle Rust National Symposium – Galvanizing Action!

The Foundation and friends are pleased to announce a Myrtle Rust National Symposium to galvanise action and conserve native plant species threatened by myrtle rust.

Myrtle Rust is a plant disease caused by the introduced fungal pathogen *Austropuccinia psidii* and it poses a serious and urgent threat to Australia’s native biodiversity.

The [**Myrtle Rust in Australia: National Action Plan**](http://www.apbsf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PBSF-Myrtle-Rust-National-Action-Plan-2020.pdf) was finalised after several years of development and consultation (it can be [downloaded here](http://www.apbsf.org.au/myrtle-rust/)).

The symposium will bring key stakeholders together to build a community of interest, share knowledge and build co-ordination and implementation of the National Action Plan. Presenters will share the latest research, response, surveillance and conservation activity, framed against the Action Plan. Workshop sessions and discussion will aim to maximise the effectiveness of the Plan in reducing the risk of new strain entering Australia, reduce the risk of greater spread, understand the impacts on both species and ecologies, and options for conservation of threatened species.

The symposium will be from the 23rd to the 25th of March – a hybrid conference where key stakeholders come together in Ballina (NSW) to work through ways of implementing the National Action Plan, combined with an online event to share the latest research, activities and thinking to a broader audience.

Sessions will follow the structure of the National Action Plan:

* Enabling the Response
* Awareness and engagement
* Impact Assessment
* Towards Recovery
* Biosecurity
* Summary and Galvanising Action

Please register [here](https://consol.eventsair.com/myrtle-rust/rego).

If you are interested in presenting (face-to-face, online or pre-record) please submit an abstract using this template, and then email it to [mractionplan@apbsf.org.au](mailto:mractionplan@apbsf.org.au). DEADLINE: 19 February 2021. You will also need to register for the event.

Please note:

* the Organising Committee will choose the session and the length of each presentation;
* Presentations are preferred in person, but may be done online, either live or as a pre-record; and
* All presentations will be streamed, and kept online for later viewing.

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| **Presentation Title:** | |  |
| **Proposed session** (circle or delete) | | * Enabling the Response * Awareness and engagement * Impact Assessment * Towards Recovery * Biosecurity |
| **Length:** (circle or delete) | | * 15-20 minutes * 10 minutes * 5 minutes * 3 minutes |
| **Presentation style:** (Circle or delete to indicate if you cannot attend in person and would like to present online and if you wish to do a pre-record.) | | * In person * Live online * Pre-record online |
| **Presenter Details** | | |
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**Abstract** (250 word limit):