



Forest & Bird

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

PROGRAMME OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2017 -- FEBURARY 2018

Talks are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Tahunanui School Hall, Muritai Street, Tahunanui at 7.30pm**. Contributions for **sales table and raffle** are most welcome. Gold coin donation towards hall hire please.

There are no meetings scheduled for December & January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
OCTOBER	11	SECRETS of the TAKAKA MARBLE Andrew Yuill
	15	THE BENTLEY EFFECT
	28	CONSERVATION WEEK "Our Place Our Nature" Branford Park
NOVEMBER	5	WEEDBUSTERS Ronga Recreation Reserve
	8	SOUTHERN BULLERS ALBATROSS The Snares Richard Wells
	10- 12	SOUTH ISLAND GATHERING
	18	WILDING PINES DUN MOUNTAIN
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FEBRUARY	14	"MUCK DIVE" Dr Andrew Hamilton

OCTOBER

Wednesday 11 Secrets of the Takaka Marble Aquifer. Andrew Yuill will discuss monitoring at Te Waikoropupu by Friends of Golden Bay, the Water Conservation Order and the unavoidable linkages between: intensity of farming; the amount of profit it generates; and the amount of impact it has on our environment .

Sunday 15 The Bentley Effect 6pm, State Cinema, Nelson.

Come and join other Forest & Bird members at the Supporter's Screening of the acclaimed documentary "The Bentley Effect". Telling the story of communities rallying against fracking across Australia. The documentary is a powerful narrative of what people can do when they join together to fight pollution and climate change in their own communities. This is a special one-off screening, and you can support the movie by being a Solidarity Ticket Holder. Forest & Bird will be present, and Q&A session is planned. Tickets are: \$15 Adults, \$12 Concession. They can be booked through State Cinema. For further details see www.thebentleyeffect.com/screenings

Saturday 28 Conservation Week Conservation Week event from 10am to 2 pm - 'Our Place: Our Nature' Branford Park – Maitai Valley. Forest and Bird along with many other organisations will be having an activities that families can be involved in on the day.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5 Ronga Recreation Reserve, Rai Valley. 10am-3pm

Come and support us at this reserve. We have been awarded \$60,000 over three years to help restore this valley floor forest. We will be undertaking seedling privet and old man's beard control. Meet at the reserve at 10am returning about 3pm. Please contact us for shared rides. Tools provided. Please bring lunch, water, stout footwear and warm clothes. In case of postponement due to weather, phone 5452431 on the morning of the day from 8am onward or for directions to find your own way there. F&B have now planted 6000 trees as part of the long term management of this stunning treeland and forest, and it is home to our native bats. email totara@ts.co.nz

Wednesday 8 Southern Buller's albatross on The Snares -Tini Heke. Since 1969 there have been comparable censuses of these islands holding huge numbers of seabirds as well as other birds, many endemic to this island group. The same can be said for plants and other animals. The Snares has a unique set of biota, geology and ecology unmatched by any of the other sub-Antarctic islands.



Access to the Snares is highly restricted and so this is a unique chance to see and hear first-hand about what is there and how various key populations are monitored. This links to an article that followed the 2014 census <http://www.southernseabirds.org/news-events/news-single/item/trip-to-the-snares-leaves-indelible-mark-on-nz-seabird-and-fisheries-specialist/>

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 South Island Gathering, Murchison Predator Free NZ

– Is it possible, and if so, what does it look like?

Nelson-Tasman is proud to host our gathering this year, focussing on one of the biggest issues for conservation. We have an incredible suite of speakers talking about changing technologies, through to Battle for Our Birds results, and where Forest & Bird's work fits in. Rotoiti Mainland Island Project will give us the benefit of their long experience in battling predators on a large landscape scale. Attendees will have the chance to question, consider and workshop how they can contribute to this bigger picture. Craig Potton will deliver a slideshow presentation on Saturday evening. Field trips include braided river bird count, pre-gathering raft trip, and post-gathering day-walk into Lake Matiri. Members and supporters are welcome. Register early – SH1 closure has meant accommodation is tight.

For more information and to register: <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/events/2017-gatherings>, or contact Julie nikau48@gmail.com or phone 03-545-0989.

Saturday 18 Dun Mountain Wilding Pine Removal Forest and Bird will be helping Nelson Nature with the removal of wilding pines from the Dun Mountain mineral belt. Work will be located about 1½ hr walk up the main Dun Mt track from the south branch of the Maitai River. For those who haven't been off track in the mineral belt before, it is thick scratchy scrub. There is loose rock and it can be steep in places. Wear long pants and good boots (gaiters helpful too). We will pull small Douglas fir and if you have a folding saw that will be handy. For more info contact Julie 5450989 nikau48@gmail.com

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Wednesday 14 Muck Diving Andrew Hamilton In tropical waters it is coral reefs that generally attract much of the attention of the underwater photographer - however in recent years there has been growing interest in a new area, that of tropical water 'muck' diving.



The latter gets its name from the sediment that lies at the bottom of many dive sites - a frequently muddy or "mucky" environment. The term was first used to describe diving off the beaches made up of black sand in Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea - the "muck" substrate can be the habitat for unusual, exotic and juvenile organisms that make their homes in the sediment that compose a muck dive. The environment of a typical muck dive has a very different ecology to the more well known tropical reef habitat. In this talk Dr Andy Hamilton will present a colourful selection of photos and short films detailing the fascinating, bizarre and often outrageous inhabitants of muck dive sites in Bali and North Sulawesi in Indonesia.

News from the Branch

Kiwi Conservation Club

We are very happy to have 2 new Kiwi Conservation Club Coordinators for Nelson. We welcome Sally Leggett and Scooter Palmer. Worthwhile Christmas gift suggestion : Join your child or grandchild up to this junior Forest and Bird club.

Andy Dennis F & B Memorial Scholarship

Forest & Bird Nelson/Tasman Branch are pleased to congratulate Caitlyn Kilner from Dunedin and Tyla Porteous from Levin on being the inaugural winners of the annual Andy Dennis Forest and Bird Memorial Scholarship for trainee rangers studying at NMIT.

The scholarship is \$1000 a year for an initial 3-year period but the committee hope to continue it indefinitely. Where more than one candidate is selected the amount is split between them.

The branch has a designated account for donations to the Andy Dennis F&B Memorial Scholarship and anyone wishing to donate please use - Internet bank no. 38 9011 0211437 00



Tyla Porteous (left) and Caitlyn Kilner with F&B Committee Members

Report from the Regional Manager

Greetings to Forest & Bird members in Nelson Tasman.

At the time of writing, the results of the election are too close to know and a few weeks are indicated for negotiations. For once the environment was high on the agenda - thanks to the efforts of Forest & Bird and you - as members - who have been spreading the word. In the coming months we will be working to ensure that those issues don't get lost in the clamour of change, and will continue to ensure there are strong policies on the things that matter to nature. Your national office team will be briefing the incoming government. November is coming up fast - and I'm really excited about the calibre of speakers at the South Island gathering in Murchison. We're lucky to have the "best of the best", and the stories and information they will provide will help you across the region to refine the work that you do in a practical sense for conservation. The field trips also are planned to be both fun, and with a serious side. We've also tried to make them useful to conservation.

On other matters - there's a lot coming up before 2017 ends, with a number of hearings to protect our natural environment from inappropriate roads on beaches, through to the protection of Te Waikoropupu Springs as a Water Conservation Order. Forest & Bird is always a vibrant and great organisation to work for - made all the better by the members like many of you, who are tireless campaigners each and every day.

Thank you, Debs

Debs Martin

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