

Welcome to *Habitat Extra*, Forest & Bird North Shore's monthly email newsletter.

North Shore Branch Meeting

Monday February 6th, 7.45pm at Takapuna Senior Citizens Hall behind the library

Colin Percy - Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve

Colin, who has had a long involvement in both environmental education and the Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve, will outline some of the issues faced by the Tamaki Estuary Protection Society over the past 40 years. He will describe successes achieved, and discuss the role of such organisations in the future.

North Shore Branch trip

Sunday February 19th - Paa Harakeke

Meet at 10am at the end of Merrill Place, off Eskdale Road, Birkdale, for a tour of an area which is specifically used for growing flax. Judy te Hiwi will take us around the site to show us the flax they are growing and into the bush to see some of the native plants they use and then there will be a demonstration of weaving. Probably no more than 2 hours. Bring insect repellent, camera, lunch and a drink.

Please phone Anne on 4805570 or email annedenny@xtra.co.nz

Do you have ideas for future trips? Contact Richard Hursthouse, richard.hursthouse@xtra.co.nz

Tuff Crater Restoration Project

Our next weekend work day is on **Saturday February 11th** from 9am til 12.30. We will be carrying out weed control at the Millennium Forest and along tanks 1-6. Bring your favorite tool, saw, spade, grubber etc. For more information or to be on the Tuff Crater contacts list please email northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Weekday workers

Anne Denny is coordinating a group on Thursday mornings starting at 9.30am. Please phone Anne at 480 5570 or email annedenny@xtra.co.nz if you would like to help out.

Tuff Crater volunteering opportunities

Volunteer opportunities include:

- weed control – train to be a Growsafe-certified weed sprayer
- studying the estuarine ecology
- monitoring birds, reptiles, or invertebrates
- researching the history

For more information see our [Tuff Crater](#) pages on the web

Branch history – help needed

Claire Stevens is coordinating interviews of key branch members to collate a historical record of the branch. If you are interested in interviewing one or two members and collating the information or even writing an account of your involvement with branch activities over the years please contact Claire claire.stevens@xtra.co.nz or Ph 419 1233.

Exciting new branch project – volunteers wanted please

Members will be aware of the serious threat to kauri of Kauri Die Back disease. This bug is infesting and killing numerous kauri in Auckland and around Northland. Our branch is working with Auckland Council and the Kauri Die Back Program to set up Kauri Care stations at the entry points to North Shore reserves. To date there is no Kauri Die Back in the Kaipatiki Ward that we know of. We have met and chosen 2 reserves to work on first. The deal is that council will supply signs, disinfectant and brushes and volunteers will maintain these with weekly visits to their allotted

cleaning station(s) to check and top up disinfectant and to record the use of it. Ideally, volunteers will live handy to their chosen care stations and perhaps share the work with a friend to ensure weekly maintenance. Once we have volunteers then the care stations can be installed and operate.

The two reserves we have chosen are Kauri Glen and Kauri Park/Muriel Fisher/Fernglen. The entry points are:

Kauri Glen - Raymond Tce, Tui Glen Rd, Kauri Glen Rd, Gladstone Rd, Woodside Ave, Holdaway Ave, Paruru Ave, Mahuta Grove

Kauri Park – Rangatira Ave, Hebe Place, Kauri Rd south

Fern Glen – upper and lower entrances

So we need volunteers to look after one or several of these entry points. We also need someone who can be the overall liaison between council and volunteers – ordering supplies etc.

If this sounds like something you would like to do please contact our chairman Richard Hursthouse at richard.hursthouse@xtra.co.nz. Our kauri need our help. If you can help please contact us.

On the web

[National F&B website](#)

[North Shore Branch website](#)

[North Shore branch meetings and activities](#)

[Facebook national](#)

[Facebook Auckland](#)

[Our Changing World](#)

on January 12th there was an interesting podcast programme on a new type of possum trap that is being trialed.

[Radio NZ – Smart Talk Sunday series](#)

a recent panel at Auckland Museum focused on water sustainability and the use of our country's waterways.

[Denniston on TV3 with Debs Martin, South island field officer](#)

What else is on around Auckland:

Gardening Workshop - Saturday 18th February 12:30 – 2:00pm

\$5 donation

Sustainable Living Centre

Olympic Place

New Lynn

Learn how to easily grow your own native plants from freely available seeds!!

Native Seed Collection and Propagation Workshop

Join the Sustaining Our Streams Team and the Hobsonville Plant Network specialist for this workshop on collecting and preparing native plant seeds, followed by a hands on seed propagation demonstration.

All gear required is supplied, **PLUS** you get to keep your seed trays!!

Please wear enclosed shoes and remember to bring a sun hat/raincoat on the day!

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Nitasha@ecomatters.org.nz 09 8264276

An event proudly provided as part of EcoFest 2012

Habitat delivery changes

Habitat, our main newsletter will continue to be published April, August and December. From the December issue, *Habitat* will be delivered by email in full colour to **all members with email** unless they have opted out of emails from the branch. This will save a significant amount of time, money and postage which will be put to conservation work. If you really feel you do not want emails from

the branch then please contact membership@forestandbird.org.nz to opt off. If you opt off you will receive *Habitat* in monocolour by post and will not receive *Habitat Extra*.

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That's it till next month!