



Programme of Activities - March 2014 to October 2014

Sunday 23rd March 2014 – Oakley Creek Walk

Meet at 10am to take a walk along Oakley Creek to see the results of a local ecological restoration project and visit Auckland's only waterfall. Remember to wear good walking shoes and a hat.

Please rsvp to Rachel on centralauckland@kcc.org.nz and details of the meeting place will be provided.

Saturday 19 April 2014 – Tahuna Torea with North Shore KCC group

This is a great opportunity to visit a beautiful natural area in our own background with the North Shore group and spot some of our amazing shorebirds in the Tamaki River. It is easy to spot lots of birds from the sandspit including Oystercatcher, herons, pied stilt, kingfisher, dotterel etc. Meet at 11am and wear walking shoes and a hat; bring your lunch and a drink and binoculars.

Please rsvp to Marguerite: mlp418@gmail.com by **Monday 31 March**.

Sunday 18 May 2014 – Bush walk in Waitakere

Come and join us for a bush walk before the tracks get muddy. We will learn about native birds and insects, and the history of the area. Walk from 10 to 12. Walk suited to 7+years. Wear walking shoes and bring a snack and drink bottle.

Please book with Marguerite: mlp418@gmail.com by **Monday 28 April**.

Saturday 7 June 2014 – Lizard Trip

We will be joining South Auckland KCC group for a one-off chance to spend quality time with our native lizards. The Herpetological Society will be kindly bringing lots of lizards and their expert knowledge to share with us for free. We will meet at the Botanic Gardens classroom so event will go ahead rain or shine.

Please rsvp with Rachel on centralauckland@kcc.org.nz by **Friday 16 May** to find out more details.

Sunday 6 July 2014 – Motutapu Tree Planting Trip

This is our annual trip to Motutapu Island to spend time in the amazing Hauraki Gulf planting trees and if there is time, checking out the history of the Island. A BBQ afternoon tea will be provided. This will go ahead even in wet weather. Family and friends are welcome to come too.

Please rsvp to Marguerite on mlp418@gmail.com by Friday 6 June.

August or early September 2014 – Fungi Trip

Email Marguerite on mlp418@gmail.com if you're interested in attending this trip. Further details will be provided once we have confirmed a date with our fungi expert. At our Ruapehu trip last year we discovered how amazing, varied and colourful fungi can be!

Sunday 21 September 2014 – Mm2 Activity

Come along to Howick Beach at 10 am and help us to gather valuable scientific information, and learn more about the rocky shore life, at a beach near you. We are very excited to be able to participate in the Marine Metre Squared (Mm2) project, established last year by Otago University, where we will be able to enter the information we gather into a national database to help scientists learn more about the rocky shore life all over New Zealand.

Part of this is to measure at the same location regularly and record the changes on the website. So we aim to return to the same spot and continue the good work that Jo started last year. This is fun for all ages even adults!! If you are interested in booking for this trip please email Rachel at centralauckland@kcc.org.nz by **Sunday 7th September**.

24-27 October 2014 – Labour Day weekend trip to Ruapehu

Once again we will be going on our fun weekend away to the Forest & Bird Lodge on Mt Ruapehu to learn about the alpine environment, conservation and do some exploring. If we're lucky there might still be some snow around! Cost is \$40 per adult per night (while KCC kids are free) and accommodation, food and activities are included in this cost. Only additional item would be if we go up in the chairlifts.

Please book with Marguerite on mlp418@gmail.com if you wish to attend. There are limited places so please book early. Marguerite will be confirming further details later in the year and payment will be expected promptly to reserve your place.

Butterflies

If you're interested in learning more about native butterflies, please email Marguerite on mlp418@gmail.com with butterfly in the subject line and Marguerite will be in touch later in the year. Rob (our branch chair) is a native butterfly expert and we're keen to get our young members involved and to see some hatching. We won't have much notice of these trips so I propose to set up an email list and send updates out from time to time.

Lastly, a BIG thanks to Jo and Fenella for all their help with KCC over the last two years, and say a big WELCOME to Rachel who has kindly stepped up to help out.