



## MEETINGS – SPRING 2008/AUTUMN 2009

Meetings are held in the Parnell Community Centre, 545 Parnell Road (formerly the Blind Institute), on Sunday afternoons in the Hobson Room at 2.30 pm. There is plenty of parking behind the Centre. A donation of a gold coin to help defray hall costs would be appreciated.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Sunday 16 November 2008 – Alan Emmerson

Alan Emmerson is a member of the North Shore Branch of Forest and Bird. Come along and be inspired by what he has to say about climate change and his meeting with Al Gore in Melbourne.

## TIRITIRI MATANGI – A model of conservation

### Sunday, 15 March, 2009

Anne Rimmer is a guide on Tiritiri Matangi Island and has written a book about the island from its early day to present time. This is a talk not to be missed!

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Speaker to be confirmed

### Sunday, 17 May, 2009

Our speaker has yet to be confirmed. As always, we will have someone of interest to everyone. Come along and hear what your branch achievements have been during the year.

## Please change to an electronic Te Karere

Our committee member Adrienne and Wellington staff member Catherine Burns (Membership Officer) have been making a list of email addresses to send the TK electronically to as many members (including KCC members) as possible. Sending it this way saves on costs and decreases bad environmental effects from printing, saves paper and waste, and reduces our carbon footprint during the newsletter's hand-delivery. Adrienne and Catherine have so far assembled a list of nearly half our members' email addresses. We would like to keep increasing this as much as possible. So please update your email details <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/support/membership/changedetails.asp> or send us an email to [forestandbird@gmail.com](mailto:forestandbird@gmail.com) with "Email address" in the subject line. **This includes both Forest & Bird and KCC members.**

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Many thanks to those who continue to assist with deliveries of the Newsletter. There are some areas where we need help (about an hour 3 times/year): Sandringham, Hobson, Remuera, Ellerslie, Ponsonby/Grey Lynn/Herne Bay, Mt Eden/Epsom, and St, Johns. If you can help, call Arthur Vivian on 630-0533 before 9am.



## Chair's Report

I realized just how busy we have been in the last month and will be for the next month or two when I wrote the latest monthly branch email which went out to members last week. The main reason for sending out these monthly emails is to remind members or inform them about events coming up in the following month. Because there are only three newsletters a year, some events arise which we can't get into the newsletter simply because of timing, and without monthly emails, members might miss hearing about them altogether. It also makes sense in these days of trying to reduce the use of limited resources to use email, because it doesn't use paper and there are no postage costs, and it is an efficient way of getting information out to you.

The email that went out last week had a reminder about five events (meetings and trips) happening in only the next few weeks from when it was sent, which told me how active we are being. Reports about some of these events are in the body of this newsletter.

I was also reminded about how busy Forest and Bird is in Auckland when I saw the draft of a map showing Forest and Bird lodges and reserves and major projects around the region. I'm hoping that we will get the final version of this map in time to include it with the email that goes out to members who also receive the branch newsletter by email. Members will then be able to see graphically how many and where the projects and reserves are that Forest and Bird respectively manages or owns all over the Auckland region, and they are welcome to visit during the summer, or do work there with if they wish.

Another recent exciting initiative was the launch of a website (jointly launched by Forest and Bird and local councils) which has a calendar of environmental events happening throughout Auckland. This website will replace the old Auckland Naturally programme which was previously published and sent with the magazine. Forest and Bird, as one of the main initiators of this website,

has its own Google calendar, and the events (with maps) of all seven Auckland region branches will be posted on it. Again, a direct link to this website was sent with last week's email; it is [www.ecoevents.org.nz](http://www.ecoevents.org.nz) .

***We have several meetings coming up in the next two months, including a big public meeting about the Mokihinui River which is under threat of being dammed. The meeting is at 7.30pm on Tues., 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. at Bldg. 732, room 201, Tamaki Campus (Glen Innes). Speakers are Debs Martin (Forest & Bird field officer from the area) and Green MP Metiria Turei. This is a very big Forest and Bird event, and we would love to see you and friends and family there. Please pass on word about this meeting to colleagues.***

For more information about any of these items, call the office on 302 3901 or email [forestandbird@gmail.com](mailto:forestandbird@gmail.com) or see our website [www.forestandbird.org.nz/centralauckland](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/centralauckland) .

Have an active and enjoyable summer, and remember that you are more than welcome to visit our regional projects. We would love to see you there.

Anne



### Telemarketing Alert

Forest & Bird is embarking on a donor recruitment programme through telemarketing throughout New Zealand. We have contracted One 4 All telemarketing to canvas the whole country to recruit new donors by phone to support Forest & Bird's campaigns.

If you receive any calls from members of the public concerning the telemarketing project being a legitimate Forest & Bird project, please assure them that it is. There is a statement on our current website which you can refer people to, to let them know that One 4 All are acting on our behalf. Alternatively you can direct any calls to Kerin Welford on 04 801 2212 or mobile 021 400 941.



## MOTUIHE RESTORATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Although tree planting has ended for the year, volunteer opportunities abound for the Motuihe Restoration Project. Please email [info@motuihe.org.nz](mailto:info@motuihe.org.nz) to volunteer for:

**WEED TEAM** is a specialist group to eradicate and control the evasive weeds on the island. These volunteers need to be fit and hardy and will be trained to use the necessary equipment. The first Sunday each month is dedicated to weed work.

**NURSERY WORK** is required throughout the summer season and is suitable for people not wishing to control weeds or create tracks or remove farm fences. Nursery work can range from shifting plants from the sheltered to the hardening off areas, filling up root trainers with soil, pricking out the seedlings into the root trainers which are designed to train the roots to grow straight down, weeding all plants in the nursery, sorting seeds or merely tidying up areas within the nursery. This is a great way to get familiar with what seeds, seedlings and mature native plants look like.

**MONITORING** and surveying of fauna and flora volunteers are needed. A network of monitoring stations exists across the island to define the existing habitat and identify the changes over time. Bird counts, insect populations and plant occurrence are recorded to facilitate understanding the island's ecosystem and change. This baseline information will be invaluable when the Trust applies for future bird and skink/gecko translocations. Volunteers are required to assist with surveys of birds, insects and plants.

**GUIDES** from October through to end April are needed for tours of Heritage or Restoration areas. . The Heritage tour takes approx 1.5 hours, and 2 hours should be allowed for the Restoration tour. Training, notes, transport and uniform will be provided to guides to ensure that visitors enjoy their experience.

Please see [www.motuihe.org.nz](http://www.motuihe.org.nz) for more information.

## Candidates Answer Questions at Envirovote Public Forums

For the first time, like the rest of the branches, Central Auckland coordinated public forums to vet candidates on key conservation and environmental issues. 16 candidates from within our branch's six electorates and two Party representatives answered the 20 Envirovote, local and audience questions at three public forums.

Candidates were generally well-informed on the issues as they'd done their research, and many candidates thanked the organisers for the chance to research issues they otherwise wouldn't have learnt about. Audiences found the variety and reasons of the responses interesting and informative.

Anne Fenn, Chair of Central Auckland's branch, says: "I've never known all the political parties and candidates to address this country's environmental concerns so sincerely." The overall results were pretty positive, and some form of Forest & Bird public forums in election years to focus on conservation and the environment is recommended.

**Ark in the Park Manager Leaves**  
Sandra Jack, the Auckland office's manager of Ark in the Park, now works for DoC. In 2004, she started as a part-time project manager for the little-known restoration project.. As Ark in the Park grew, Sandra's job became full time in February 2006 thanks to the support of the ASB Community Trust.

Among many achievements, she's been involved in returning three species to the Waitakeres – whiteheads in August 2004 and in April this year, North Island robins in April 2005, and two hihi (stitchbird) translocations in 2007 and one in May this year. She says: "It's been exhausting and challenging but to see those birds finally take flight into their new home has been really rewarding."

Visitors and volunteers are welcome to Ark in the Park at Cascades Kauri Park. The new Ark email is [arkinthePark@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:arkinthePark@forestandbird.org.nz) or call our office at 302 0203 for details.



# Kiwi Conservation Club



KCC NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2008 TO APRIL 2009

YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS ARE SIOBHAN, MARIANNE AND SALLY

Access our website on [www.forestandbird.org.nz/centralauckland](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/centralauckland).

To join our email tree to receive up to the minute news on conservation topics please email Siobhan with "KCC email tree" in the subject line.

## PROGRAMME

### SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER, 2008

### GANNETS AT MURIWAI

Muriwai Beach is one of the few places where gannets nest on the mainland - the cliff top path gives stunning views of the gannets and their nests. Meet at 1.30pm near the café - there is a large car park and toilets near by.

Book with Marianne at: [marianne@value.net.nz](mailto:marianne@value.net.nz)

### SUNDAY 09 NOVEMBER 2008

### KAIPATIKI RESERVE

Explore this wonderfully restored stream and bush area in Glenfield. Meet at the visitors centre at 1.30pm

Book with Siobhan on: [siobhanlatham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:siobhanlatham@xtra.co.nz)

### SATURDAY 06 DECEMBER 2008

### XMAS RAVE

Join us for a video and games afternoon with a marine theme from 4.00 to 6.00pm. Dress as your favourite sea creature. BBQ tea.

For venue and more details contact: [marianne@value.net.nz](mailto:marianne@value.net.nz)

### SUNDAY 08 MARCH 2009

### LEIGH MARINE RESERVE

Explore the rock pools and watch the fish in the clear waters of this wonderful reserve. Meet at the car park staircase at 11.00 am. Bring a picnic lunch, suitable footwear, sunscreen, drinks and a hat.

Book with Siobhan at: [siobhanlatham@xtra.co.nz](mailto:siobhanlatham@xtra.co.nz)

### SUNDAY 05 APRIL 2009

### TIRITIRI MATANGI ISLAND

Join us on a fun and educational day out to this wonderful conservation island. See and hear Stitchbirds, Saddlebacks, Bellbirds, Takahe and much, much more. 360 Discovery boats leave Auckland at 9.00 am and Gulf Harbour at 9.45 am.

Please book with Marianne at: [marianne@value.net.nz](mailto:marianne@value.net.nz) and for more details.

Any problems? Any questions? Please phone Sally on 528 7506

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## PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER 2008 – APRIL 2009

### BUS TRIPS AND VISITS

FIELD TRIPS BY BUS: Unless otherwise stated the bus will leave from the lower Albert Street bus stop at 9am. All trips pick up at the Takapuna Rose Gardens. Trips heading south also pick up at Harp of Erin, whilst those heading north also pick up at Point Chevalier. Please advise where you will board the bus when booking with the person named for your trip of choice. You should be suitably clad and shod for the area and conditions expected.

BOOKINGS: please forward a cheque payable to FOREST & BIRD SOCIETY to the booking officer immediately after booking. Refunds will not be given (except for sudden illness or urgent reasons, at the discretion of the committee) unless cancellation is notified by the Wednesday prior to the trip.

### SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2008 – ZEALANDIA

Tour Terry Stringer's house and sculpture garden at Mahurangi. Walk the native bush trail. Terry is one of our foremost sculptors.

Cost: \$25 (includes entrance fee, morning tea and guided tour).

Booking: Sally Hally 528 7506

### SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2008 - AYRLIES GARDEN

Explore Bev McConnell's famed Whitford garden at your leisure. Other Whitford delights included.

Cost: \$30 (includes entrance fee)

Booking: John Hally, 528 7506

### SATURDAY 06 DECEMBER 2008 - CHRISTMAS RAVE

Book early for a chance to share a full Christmas buffet lunch with your favourite people! Morning tea and Mylanta included.

Cost: \$25

Booking: Isabel Still, 528 3986

### SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2009 – SUMMER AT OMAHA

Explore Omaha Beach and environs.

Cost: \$22

Bookings: Sally Hally, 528 7506

### SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2009 – MANUKAU HARBOUR

Meet at Mangere Bridge Boating club car park at 10:00 am for a four-hour cruise on the Manukau Harbour. View the Waitakeres and the Awhitu Peninsula from the sea. One hour stop at Cornwallis for a picnic lunch and a walk.

Cost: \$35 (provided we have 40 people)

Tea and coffee provided on the boat.

Bookings: John Hally (can also provide directions)

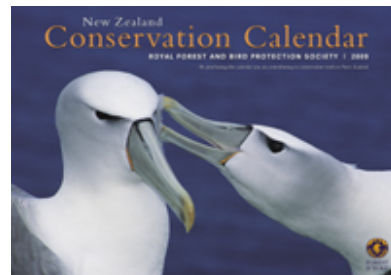
### SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2009 – ALPACAS AND PALMS

Please note: 8:30 am start

Visit an alpaca farm in the Waitakeres and a garden centre in the same area.

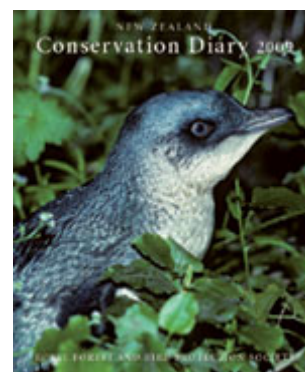
Cost: \$33 (includes morning tea and tour)

Bookings: Isabel Still, 528 3986



### 2009 Forest and Bird Calendars & Diaries

Visit [www.forestandbird.org.nz/support/shop/index.asp](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/support/shop/index.asp) to see them and to order.





## PROGRAMME OF WALKS

John Norris, a keen trumper and F&B member, has very kindly agreed to co-ordinate a programme of bush walks for Central Auckland branch members. Generally, transport will involve car pooling, starting from Brightside Road, Epsom (Owens Road end) at 8.30am (unless otherwise specified). The walks will not be hard but will require an average level of fitness. They are not recommended for children under 10 years of age. You will need boots or shoes with good tread, lunch, drink and warm, waterproof clothing depending on the weather. If you would like to join a walk please **contact John on 638-5373**. We walk at a leisurely pace with plenty of time for photos and to study the birds and trees we meet beside the track.

### **Saturday November 8th 2008 Waitakere Ranges – Karekare**

From the car park at Karekare we will walk up the AhuAhu track to Log Race Road, along the road and down the Mercer Bay Loop and Comans Track to Karekare. We will then walk the La Trobe/Tarairae track past the waterfall and back to the cars.

Unless more people express their interest in these walks to John, this will be the last scheduled walk through this newsletter. At [aucklandtramping.org.nz](http://aucklandtramping.org.nz). you can find information on other tramps in the Auckland region.

### **Open Day – Tahuna Torea Reserve**

On. 19 October at 1.00 there will be an Open Day at Tahuna Torea Reserve, Glendowie. Our branch has recently donated to the cost of putting plant ID signs in this reserve. Meet at the end of West Tamaki Rd for a guided look at this reserve in the city.

## Damn the Damming of the Mokihinui River!

The hearings to save the Mokihinui River on the West Coast of the South Island are underway in Westport. Debs Martin (F&B field officer from Nelson) and Metiria Turei Green MP. will show film footage of rafting the river and slides of the area and its plants and animals. Forest and Bird will be making its submissions on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October – we'd love people along in support.

The Department of Conservation is fronting up with an expansive list of experts at the hearing to help us protect the Mokihinui. It's great that this government department is acting in our interests. Give them heaps of support – you can guarantee there'll be big pressure on them to roll over.

If you want to update yourself on the importance of the Mokihinui River, or you just want to find out more about the proposal to spread the word, see: <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/conservation/freshwater/mokihinui.asp>

**Tues., 14 Oct., 7.30 pm  
at the Tamaki Campus -  
University of Auckland (corner  
of Morrin and Merton Rds, Glen  
Innes)  
Bldg. 732 – room 201**

**Wed., 15 Oct., 7.30pm  
Massey-Albany Campus**

For more information about the meetings, email Anne at [forestandbird@gmail.com](mailto:forestandbird@gmail.com). For more information about the Mokihinui River, refer [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz).

Please spread the word and bring friends to support this vital conservation of the future of all our rivers.



## MONTHLY DAY TRIPS

Below is the Monthly Day Trip Committee's report at last year's Annual General Meeting. As you can see over the course of the year, we have quite a variety of outings. The small problem now is that fewer people can take part for the reasons mentioned in the report. We are therefore calling on other members to join us on these trips to increase the numbers.

The financial period commenced with our Easter 2007 Weekend Trip to Taupo with 28 participants. The trip included a stop on the way down at Rotorua to visit the "Wingspan Birds of Prey" complex, and we watched a flying display of the endangered New Zealand falcon. Other activities in the Taupo area included a local bush walk, a steam boat trip on Lake Taupo, a trip to the start of the Tongariro Walkway, the Chateau and a visit to a volcano activity centre. Due to a smaller number of travellers than we would have liked, it was anticipated that the trip would run at a loss, but resulting from a generous offer from the Lakelands Hotel of providing a room free of charge for three nights and a rearranged coach hire cost structure from Bayes Coachlines, a small profit was made.

Our normal monthly day trips were made to Scandrett Reserve (a newer ARC reserve on the Mahurangi Peninsula), Whitford Bird Garden, a train and other means of public transport day (a bit unusual this one but enjoyed by the 39 who came along for the rides), East and Southern Bush Reserves, Rainforest Express Waitakere, Muriwai gannet colony, Whitford river boat trip, Christmas luncheon at Takanini, and a walk at Papakanui Spit at South Kaipara Head.

During the past few years in which the monthly trips have been operating, it has

been basically the same group of happy and jolly people who have been enjoying themselves. With the passing away of some people and the inability of some others not able to travel longer distances, it has required extra persuading by the booking officers to get the required numbers to make the trips viable. It would therefore be very nice to see new faces join us and have fun with our current regulars.

Finally we need to thank two groups of people: firstly those members of the North Shore Branch of Forest & Bird who come on our trips. Without their support the trips may not be possible. Secondly our sincere thanks must go to Steve and Christine Paxton, our Bayes Coachline Ltd drivers, who go far beyond the normal course of duty to make our trips most enjoyable and comfortable.



Good news – the Hector's and Maui's dolphin marine mammal sanctuaries have been gazetted. Fingers crossed – if all goes well, they should be in force on 23 October. Commercial fishers are challenging the fishing regulations, so commercial fishing only is remaining as it is till December 24th.

### **Help Stop Shark Finning!**

Shark finning is banned in many countries but is still permitted in New Zealand and is contributing to the decline of shark populations. Please help stop shark finning by signing the shark fin pledge at [www.forestandbird.org.nz](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz).





## Members of your committee

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## Useful Auckland City contacts:

1. Public Transport Information (incl. bus, train, ferry and carpooling), phone Maxx on 366-6400 or view their website at [www.maxx.co.nz](http://www.maxx.co.nz).
2. Information & Services of the Auckland Regional Council, phone enviroline on 0800 80 60 40 (toll free) or view [www.arc.govt.nz](http://www.arc.govt.nz). The site includes plant and animal pest fact sheets.
3. Pollution Hotline 24-hour call free in the Auckland area on 377-3107.
4. North Shore Bird Rescue Centre; contact Sylvia Durrant on 478 8819.

TE KARERE is your newsletter, if you have any comments on its presentation or the type of information included please let us know. It is also a vehicle through which your committee can keep you informed about the local events and meetings planned, and the local and regional issues which your committee is involved with. Any feedback you have would be welcomed, and may be directed to the postal address on this page, attention Anne Fenn, or by email to the editor at [forestandbird@gmail.com](mailto:forestandbird@gmail.com).

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