



# North Shore Newsletter

## April 2018

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### Forthcoming Trips:



#### **Meet the Giants at Parry Kauri Park 10:30am Sunday 15 April 2018.**

Join us at Parry Kauri Park, south of Warkworth. Meet two 800 year old giants, McKinney and Simpson Kauri, take a 30 min walk through lush forest and spot native birds at the feeding station. Visit Warkworth District Museum and see how people lived and worked back in the 1920s. Admission: \$7 adult, \$3 children aged 6-16, under 6 free, family pass \$15. There are outdoor tables so bring your picnic lunch.

Book at <https://goo.gl/Zj5HDz>

For info contact Sharon McGaffin [sharon.mcgaffin@extra.co.nz](mailto:sharon.mcgaffin@extra.co.nz)

#### **Nature Detectives Required - Leigh Reserve, Glenfield**

**2 pm Sunday May 13**

Come and have fun exploring in this native bush reserve that is home for the two largest kauri on the shore. Bring your magnifying glass and be a detective finding the good, bad and ugly, large and small, on an interesting scavenger hunt through Leigh and Lynn Reserves.

Info - contact Ann Brabant [analloydbrab@gmail.com](mailto:analloydbrab@gmail.com). 4191048

Book at <https://goo.gl/C9LJVi>



#### **Top Secret**

#### **Birthday Celebrations.**

KCC is 30 years old later this year and we thought we should celebrate this. It will be in Term 3 and we will let you know more about this in the next newsletter.



#### **Celebrate Matariki with KCC**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Some exciting activities in the holidays to celebrate Matariki – the Maori New Year. We will have activities to explore what Matariki is all about and fun things to do. We will advise the venue for these activities at a later time for those booking.

Info – Christine

[chrisalice51@gmail.com](mailto:chrisalice51@gmail.com)

Book at

<https://goo.gl/HwxKHC>



#### **Diary Note Family Planting at Tuff Crater. Saturday 9th June & Saturday 14th July.**

This is North Shore Forest & Bird's signature restoration project. Come and take part in this important conservation effort on one of our two family planting days. 9am Follow signs behind Canon on the Warehouse Way.

For further information contact Marilyn - [candmgulliver@gmail.com](mailto:candmgulliver@gmail.com)

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### Recent Trips:

#### Washout

Unfortunately due to inclement weather both the January - Gannets at Muriwai and February - Motuihe Island trips were cancelled.

#### Robins at Shakespear Park



Seven families met Richard Chambers of SOSSI at the entrance to the Shakespear Open Sanctuary Heritage Trail. Richard showed the children a variety of birds' nests and eggs, including a North Island Robin's nest with two eggs inside it. Along the trail Richard used some mealworms to entice robins to join us and the children used bird callers to attract robins and other native birds. Older children and their parents then walked up to the lookout for expansive views over the Hauraki Gulf.

KCC Co-ordinator: Sharon McGaffin

#### North Shore Facebook

Have some great photos of our recent trips? Please post them on our page. Why not write up something about what you did on the trip. Others would love to know more about our trips.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KCCNorthShore/?ref=bookmarks>

**STOP PRESS** : Check out our new KCC North Shore Facebook Page for latest notices and trip reports. Ask to join at <https://goo.gl/truDaZ> Share stories and pictures of your nature adventures and KCC trips.

#### Sea Birds at Shoal Bay

Eleven children and their parents walked out onto the shell banks at the end of Charles Street. On the way across the mudflats numerous mud snails and little mud crabs were spotted. Perfect food for the birds. The mangrove leaves and roots were also examined to see their features. Once on the shell bank the bird watchers spotted a Bar Tailed Godwit that had not yet migrated, New Zealand Dotterel, Variable Oyster Catchers and a Heron. Coordinator Ann Brabant



#### Get Online with KCC

Check out KCC web page for activities and events

[Kiwi Conservation Club](http://kcc.org.nz/)

<http://kcc.org.nz/>

[www.facebook.com/kiwiconservationclub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/kiwiconservationclub?ref=hl)

and add your artwork and stories to  
KCC Flickr Gallery

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kccnz/>

#### Wild Things

Wow! Have you read the latest "Wild Things" Magazine. Of course you have. Check out the cool competitions – **Story Competition and Design a T shirt. Win a Kea 3 tent and more.**

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