



Habitat Extra - North Shore Branch e-news

New Zealand's dirty waste habit



The most effective way to resolve waste problems is in the design phase of a product's life. Designing products to be long-lasting, repairable, reusable and recyclable has an immediate effect on end of life problems.

Sandra Murray, Coordinator of the New Zealand Product Stewardship Council spoke to our branch in February and summarises what needs to be done to reduce waste in New Zealand.

[Read more.](#)



Branch Night

Kākāpō

Monday 5 March 7.30pm

Richard Jakob-Hoff is a senior vet at Auckland zoo. He has worked with several kākāpō to make sure that they are in tip-top health to either return to the kākāpō recovery reserve on Whenua Hou (Codfish Island) or to go to Hauturu (Little Barrier

Island). He knows these rare yet personable birds better than just about any human.

You will also hear from **Sara Gibbs about the important Regional Pest Management Plan review** and the Long Term Plan and how to support these by submitting your views.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Take place on the first Monday of each month excluding January, including public holidays.

Venue: Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand – through the courtyard at the rear of the Takapuna Library.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: A koha/donation is appreciated to cover costs. Please give generously. Non-members are welcome. Do join us for supper afterwards. For further information, phone **Christine Ovens** on 479 7627.

Branch Trip to Motuihe Island

Family picnic on Motuihe predator-free island, Sunday 25 March

Fullers ferry will collect us from Devonport. We will do some volunteer weeding followed by a picnic and a walk or swim. You will likely see tīeke/saddleback there. A volunteer's discount is available to our group for the ferry fare. Please contact Helene to register and for more details.

Register with Helene Willis at willis24@xtra.co.nz or phone 480 8851.

Tuff Crater

Work day Saturday March 10 , 9am til 12 midday

Work includes pest plant control, and releasing last years planting. We hold working bees at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month.

Please park near 75 Exmouth Rd and go down Bayleys Reserve and turn left to last year's planting site. Signs will show you the way.

Bring a spade, grubber, small saw, long sleeves and long trousers and eye

protection.

For further details and updates see our [website calendar](#). To be on the separate email list for Tuff Crater news and events go to our [Tuff Crater page](#).

Tuff Crater Predator Control

We have comprehensive predator control happening at Tuff Crater by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Christine Major. We are also now rolling out 5 bait lines in the private property around the crater.

We still need a few more members on the team to take on some back up roles and a new halo bait line.

If you would like to help out and can visit the crater 3-4 times per month in Jan, April, August and November or can do some back up roles please email Christine Major at christinemajor25@gmail.com or phone 021 109 5750.

Please submit on the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) and the Long Term Plan (LTP)

You and I know that pest plants and animals are taking the upper hand in Auckland. We need to change this!! The proposed RPMP is now out for consultation. This means a whole lot of people who oppose the plan will submit. **This is where you come in!** Our local politicians need to see support for pest plant, pest animal and kauri die back work before they will support this plan. The plan is strong on supporting this work. Please take time to submit your support for the RPMP.

At the same time the LTP is up for consultation as well. In order to get the funding for the RPMP we need the LTP passed. In particular we need a **targeted rate for environmental protection** and another for **fresh water protection** PASSED by council. It is long past time that we spent more money on protecting our environment. Please take time to submit your support for the LTP.

To submit on the RPMP please click [here](#).

In order for the RPMP to be fully implemented we need to support the targeted rates to fund the clean up of our harbours and to protect our endangered species.

To submit on the LTP please click www.AkHaveYourSay.nz.

Submissions are open until 28 March. Hard copies will be available at council service centres and libraries.

Please note that the consultation period for the RPMP and LTP are aligned. Submissions on the RPMP will help shape the content of the plan and submissions on the Long-Term Plan will help determine the budget for the RPMP and other key outcome areas to protect Auckland's natural environment (including support for community groups under the Pest Free Auckland initiative, marine biosecurity, kauri dieback etc.).

If there are any further questions, the public can email:

pestplanreview@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Can you help shape the future of Forest & Bird?

You may have seen an invite to participate in a "Fit for purpose" workshop?

The Board and CEO are running workshops around the country to help shape the structure and function of the future Forest & Bird.

Our "Auckland" turn is in Warkworth on April 28 and 29.

PLEASE - if you are passionate about nature and are concerned to see F&B be a truly effective organisation for the future please register for this free workshop. You may attend one or both days.

For more information see <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/about-us/governance/fit-purpose>

Sea Week

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th March 2018



“Toiora te Moana – Toiora te Tangata – Healthy Seas, Healthy People”
What can you do to recognise [Sea Week](#)?

Climate Focus March 2018

TO SEE AND READ

- Auckland’s latest [Greenhouse Gas inventory](#): What are key sources of Auckland’s emissions? How is Auckland’s inventory compiled?
- NZ Herald, 2 Feb: [Shaw’s Bid to Combat Climate Change, Brian Fallow](#) [Summary: Zero Carbon Act; climate commission; build political consensus; draw Ag into ETS (with 95% free allocation)]

TO DO

- National level: Write letters to each political party urging strong united climate mitigation action, including refraining from supporting continuing coal extraction.

In the media

- Tough summer for rare [fairy tern](#)
- Dog attack on [Piha dotterels](#)
- Scaling up [gecko protection](#)
- Property developer sentenced to jail for [brutal damage to native trees](#)
- Mangroves necessary to [protect against flooding](#)
- Scientists turn to butterfly to [tackle noxious vine](#)
- Trap and Trigger takes out [Innovation Award](#)



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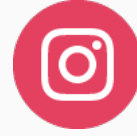
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