

Nelson/Tasman Branch of Forest and Bird

Annual General Meeting 2017

The society is in good health with a membership of 572.

During the year we have held 10 public meetings, a number of them on biodiversity topics: *Wilding Conifer Management, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Marine Protected Areas, Stream Restoration, Lizard Conservation in a Development Driven World* and *Grizzly Bears*. We learnt about the *Wildlife of Falkland Islands*, went *Wandering in Western Ireland* and looked at the *Coral Reefs of the Marovo Islands*. We also heard from Forest and Bird CEO Kevin Hague.

It was a sad time in July with the passing of long-time committee member Andy Dennis. He is greatly missed.

I thank the committee for all their work. Gillian Pollock as the secretary and Jo Ecroyd as the treasurer are a real treasure. The other committee members: Craig Potton, Tim Robson and Pam Pope all contribute in a number of ways. I welcome two new committee members: Liz Griffiths and Jenny Easton

We also have members who are not on committee that deserve mention. Ian Faulkner who looks after the sound system here each month, Ian Morris who is now looking after the advertising and our web page. A big thankyou to Pauline Coy who has been doing it for a number of years. Ian Price who leads the Restoration Project at Paremata Flats, Jo Kay leads the project at Pearl Creek, and Paul Mosley who leads the project at Tapu Bay. Jane Stevens who represents us at Port Nelson and biosecurity meetings and Rob Brown who is the editor for the newsletter. Thank you all.

The Branch is about to take on a new project: to help with the removal of wilding pines from the ultramafic mineral belt on Dun Mountain. We are working on a MOU with Nelson City Council to progress this project. Steve and Penny Palmer will lead this.

I am sad to say that the Nelson/Tasman Branch of Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC) does not have a co-ordinator so they are not having outings. If anybody would like to help please contact us.

We are very happy to have Debs Martin back as Regional Manager. Having the support of Debs along with the committee allows me to continue as chair.

Submissions sent in during the year –

Feed-in to F&B TDC Long term Plan 2018 – 2028.

Motueka Ward reserves (combined with Debs Martin).

Boomerang Farms Stringer Road sub-division.

NCC Gaire Thompson application.

Westpower proposal to build a dam and hydro scheme on the Waitaha River in Westland.

Management of the Maitai dam.

Nelson Port Calwell slipway.

Review of Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan.

Application for sub-division in Aniseed Valley Road.

Julie McLintock