

27 April 2017

Dear Members – it is with great pleasure we welcome Anthea Johnson to the Taupo committee. Anthea, we look forward to your involvement. Here's the plan for the next few months:

If you missed the AGM, check out what Joris de Bres had to say – www.treesthatcount.so.nz



Winter talks

All winter talks will be held at the REAP Centre in Titiraupenga Street. Time: 5.30 – 7pm. \$5 at the door. Light supper.
Contact – Jane – 07 378 5968

- Wednesday 17 May Dr Catherine Beard, DoC Ecology Science Advisor, Hamilton: *What's the buzz! Managed honeybees in New Zealand native ecosystems: honeybees compete with native insects and may not be having an entirely positive effect on the native flora.*
- Thursday 22 June Kat (Kathleen) Collier, PhD student: *Long-tail and short-tail bats in Pureora.*
- Thursday 27 July Chris Smuts Kennedy former ecologist for DoC and for the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust: *My involvement in saving the kakapo from extinction.*
- Thursday 10 August Bruce Wills, sheep and cattle farmer from Napier: *Water, biodiversity and emissions – farming needs to lift its game.*



Public meeting focused on Taupo community predator control – 5.30pm Thursday 18 May at Wairakei Golf Sanctuary. Organised by Greening Taupo.



Weeding at Whakaipo Bay – 9-11am, Sunday 25 June – then coffee and a chat at Café L'Arte. Bring secateurs, choppers and loppers. Poison supplied by DoC.



Greening Taupo planting days

22 April, 21 May, 18 June, 1 July, 12 August, 3 September – on the Thermal Explorer Highway and at Whakaipo (3 Sept). Look out for details in The Taupo Times, on radio, at www.greeningtaupo.org.nz or contact info@greeningtaupo.org.nz.



Arbour Day – 5 June.



Join the Greening Taupo Wicked Weeders – they go out round the district every Tuesday at 1pm for a couple of hours of weed control. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Robyn Ellis at info@greeningtaupo.org.nz



www.doc.govt.nz/whatsupdoc
www.conservationvolunteers.co.nz
www.nzpcn.org.nz
www.heritage-expeditions.com

Best regards

Your Taupo Committee (Neil Baxter, Laura Dawson, Pam James, Trevor Hunt, Anthea Johnson and Jane Battersby)

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