



# Forest & Bird

## GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Tauranga Branch | August 2016

### 2017 NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATION DIARIES & CALENDARS

Featuring stunning visuals of wildlife and wilderness captured by leading nature photographers, Forest & Bird members pay just \$15 each for calendars & \$20 for diaries.

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### LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

New Zealand and our natural ecosystems and unique wildlife face serious threats from climate disruption. Later this year Forest and Bird is launching a **national climate roadshow** that will be visiting Tauranga – look out for further information and come and take part.

This is a chance to find out more about the impacts of climate change on nature in our region and how our local conservation programs can be adapted to help mitigate these. Some of our members have joined the **Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group**, which aims to reduce green-house-gas emissions for positive outcomes for our environment and community.

**If you would like to join and be kept up to date with what's happening locally email coordinator Gray Southon on [CRGTga@gmail.com](mailto:CRGTga@gmail.com)**

The TCRG is currently engaging with our Bay of Plenty Councils, helping them to coordinate their policies about how we can make positive local changes. You can also check out our Facebook page "Tauranga Carbon Reduction Group".



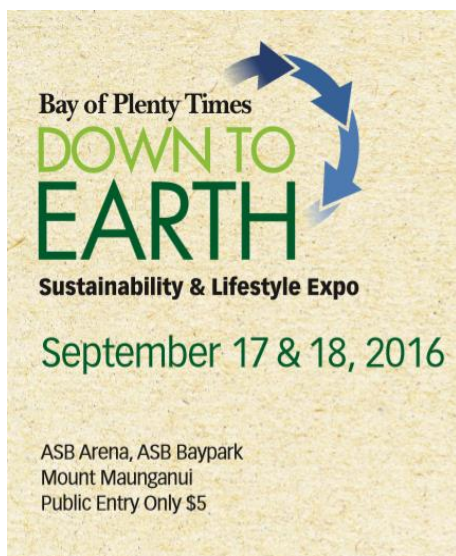
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***Local elections*** are coming up in October.

*They need to know what issues are important to you.*

*If you are speaking to local candidates, use the opportunity to let them know you care about the environment and want action on climate change.*

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours during the weekend of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, between 10am and 4pm?

We are attending the Down to Earth Expo at the ASB arena, and seek volunteers to join us in representing Forest & Bird Tauranga.

The expo is dedicated specifically to sustainability and healthy living, presenting the opportunity to reach like-minded locals who are likely to already have an interest in environmental responsibility.

**To express interest please contact:**

Gulie on (07) 577 1977 or [dowrick100@gmail.com](mailto:dowrick100@gmail.com)



## CONSERVATION WEEK 2016 – 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September

Look out for local events, and/or visit [ConservationWeek.org.nz](http://ConservationWeek.org.nz). Below are just a few of the events happening during Conservation Week 2016:

### The Opening Ceremony / Unveiling of the 'Aongatete Nature Trail'

Afternoon tea, followed by official opening & an 800m nature trail loop walk.

**Date:** Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 | **Time:** 3pm – 4:30pm

**Location:** Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre, 834 Wright Rd, near Katikati. To register phone (07) 5520215 or email [kpyle@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kpyle@xtra.co.nz)

Gold coin donation.

### A Spring Walk in Aongatete Forest

Suitable for all ages. Uneven & undulating bush track. Wear appropriate footwear & clothing, carry snacks & water and bring a raincoat.

**Date:** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September | **Time:** 10am – 12:30pm

**Location:** Aongatete Forest Car Park, 834 Wright Rd, near Katikati  
Contact Barbara on 021 238 5195 or email [restore.aongatete@gmail.com](mailto:restore.aongatete@gmail.com)

Gold coin donation.

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*Keep your eyes and ears open for news on "Breakfast with the Birds" – an exciting upcoming event!*

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### Western Bay Wildlife Trust Penguin Aversion Dog Training

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September – 1:30pm to 4pm | Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 2pm

**Location:** Papamoa Beach Access opposite Parton Rd. Look for their flag.

Open to ALL dog owners who walk their dogs on any of NZ's beautiful beaches. Donations appreciated.

To register phone 021 077 6851 or 0800 742 573 or email [penguinsplus@gmail.com](mailto:penguinsplus@gmail.com)

**Dune Planting at Papamoa** - Encouraging appreciation of the value of native dune plants and wildlife.

**Date:** Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September | **Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Location:** Access 14.6, off Papamoa Beach Road reserve near McCallum Place.

*All welcome, no booking required.*





**KCC adventures through the eyes of the young and curious. Reflections and marvelings from nature's budding young advocates..**



### **KCC May night trip to see the petrels at Mauao**

Yesterday, Mum, Alice, Kate and I went on a KCC trip. It was in the evening. The trip was to see grey-faced petrels. A grey-faced petrel is a seabird with grey feathers. There are many different types of petrels.

When we got there, we were introduced to Paul and Glen from Mauao Wildlife Trust, and we set off. We started walking up the mount, listening carefully. I heard calls, bird calls I began to wonder if I could hear the call of a petrel.

Glen made a special 'petrel call' and found one and put it in a bag. It looked so sweet. Once Glen had put the petrel back, we decided to search for penguins. Glen found a penguin burrow, but it was empty!

Paul taught us how to make the petrel call. A petrel looking for a mate appeared suddenly, swooping over our heads, landing at our feet!

### **I was amazed at how much the KCC team captivated me!**

*By Beth Mosley, 8 years' old*



### **Un-Nature Trail in Otanewainuku Forest – by CJ Long**

... We saw Rotorua from the southern corner of the platform and all the way over the Bay of Plenty to the East Coast. The Tongariro mountains were covered in cloud but it was really worth the climb, and we had a picnic to celebrate.

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*“All morning we were in the company of cheeky bush robins – 15 in total. I scuffed my feet in the leaves and the robins came down right near us on the track to look for bugs. One flew straight over my Nan’s head. They sang to us as well to challenge us for being in their territory. We also saw fantails & tui.”*

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**Left: Art and Wildlife**  
KCC’s first event at the Tauranga Art Gallery, based on Denise Batchelor’s exhibition of moving images of nature.

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## 2016 Forest & Bird AGM & Conference

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Kair Lippiatt represented our branch at this year's AGM, and returned feeling inspired by the speakers and the awards. Ever impressed by the calibre of the individuals Forest & Bird have on the executive, Kair strongly recommends attending the AGM! The more connected with and inspired by each other we become, the louder the voice we project for nature.

This year's event focused on engaging youth and increasing our presence amongst the younger generations to form a stronger connection. This is imperative to the continued success of the amazing work Forest & Bird carry out. There are thousands (probably millions) of future conservationists, scientists, lawyers, environmentalists, politicians and teachers out there! We will be embracing this objective, beginning with this new look newsletter and soon to come an interesting and personable local Facebook page – watch this space!

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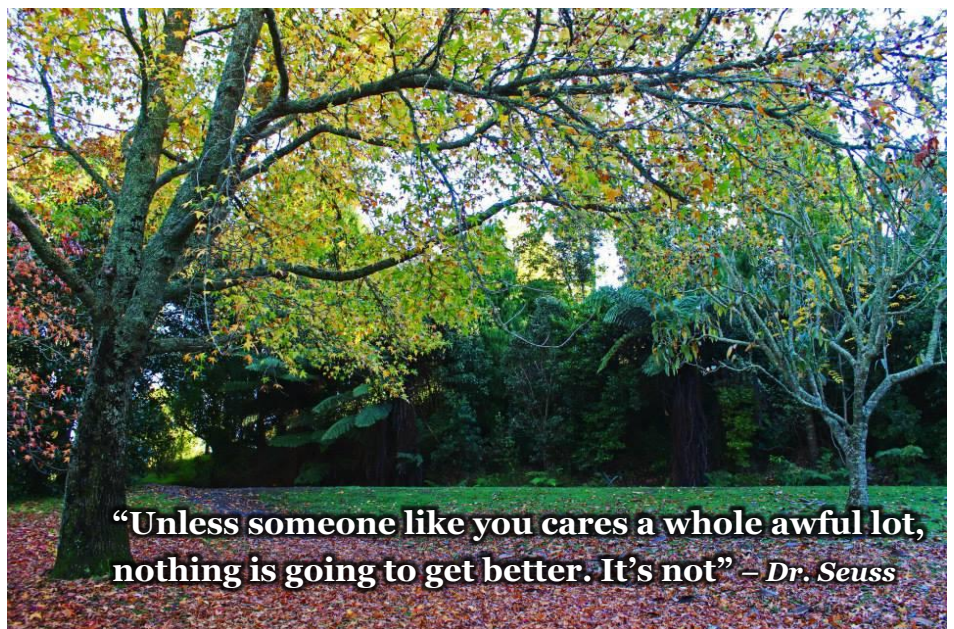
*“I came away feeling very updated, empowered & energised & I'd recommend attending the conference to everyone, whether as a branch representative or individual member.”*

*– Kair Lippiatt, Tauranga Branch Committee Representative*

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**Let's be honest, numbers count.** So if you want to contribute to local conservation but are short on time or resources and can't give up your weekends we suggest some less strenuous contribution...

- **Make submissions** during processes which threaten biodiversity and the balance of our ecosystems. *Get informed, read up and submit – however short the submission, it matters!*
- **Keep discussing** policies, plans, pest control initiatives, solutions and biodiversity preservation.
- **Respond to negativity towards 1080** and encourage others to read the reports, deciding for themselves based on the evidence before falling victim to the “anti” hype.
- **Share knowledge,** experience and wisdom with younger generations.
- **Connect with locals** and enjoy the company of like-minded individuals.





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## Forest & Bird Tauranga Branch Committee Members 2016 - 2017

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**Chair:** Richard James, (07) 570 1219

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**Committee:** Ian Thomas, Kair Lippiatt - (07) 552 6338 or 027 512 0077

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## Pests and Plants - News from Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust

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June 2016 saw our biggest ever turn-out of volunteers! As part of cyanide pest-control operation, volunteers put out the pre-feed over 500 hectares of forest. In the following days, when the relentless rain permitted, licensed operators followed with the cyanide bait and later, brought in any left uneaten.

Cyanide is a fast and humane way of killing pests – but it is lethal. Only trained people are allowed to handle it and we are fortunate that DOC paid for volunteers to receive training. With fewer possums, rats and stoats, in spring the forest will be much safer and more bountiful for nesting birds and all the other native wildlife.

And turning to plants, we recently found something new - a grove of king ferns in a deep gully. These mighty ferns should be common but deer and pigs have eaten them out of most of the Kaimais. If you haven't seen a king fern before there are a number of fine, big plants in the gardens of the Elms.



A good turnout! Aongatete volunteers for pre-cyanide op, June 2016



King Fern

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