

## Next Branch Meeting

### Westport

31 July 2016, 10.30am – 3.00pm  
Westport Bridge Club  
12 A Lyndhurst Street, Westport

Branch meeting 10.30am to 1.00pm  
Shared lunch 1.00pm  
Guest Speaker 1.45pm to 2.45pm

**Geoff Keey**  
**F & B Strategic Advisor**  
**speaks on**  
**Climate Disruption**

### **Impacts on Nature & People**

**Geoff is touring NZ with a F&B Roadshow  
Opened to the public**

**Find out about the impacts climate disruption will have on nature, and how that will affect our West Coast communities. We can make a practical difference. Come and hear how and discuss the options that will help.**

**There is an attached flyer for you to send to the environmental groups you know and to put up on notice boards. An advert will also go in the Westport News.**

You can also download a F&B booklet about climate disruption that has been produced for the roadshow:

[http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/files/publication\\_attachments/ClimateDisruptionBooklet.pdf](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/files/publication_attachments/ClimateDisruptionBooklet.pdf)

Branch Meeting will include updates on:  
Previous minutes, Paparoa & Westland National Park Management Plan Reviews, Mt Te Kuha Mine, Denniston Plateau, Rainy Creek project, Branch Media Plan etc.

**Megan Hubscher, F&B Communications Officer from Wellington will also be present**

Apologies to Clare phone 03 755 8697 or email [westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz)

## Local Body Elections – 2016

Did you know that about 30% of rateable properties on the West Coast are owned by non-resident ratepayers? Many of these people live in Christchurch and other cities and are conservation minded people like ourselves. Their votes could make a difference! However many of them have not been told that they MUST complete an enrolment form from the local council before 12 August in order to be able to vote. We have discovered that Westland councillors have deliberately stopped sending this information out to rate payers and it may be the same with Grey. Buller Council have done the right thing however – good on them!

So if you know anyone who is a non-resident ratepayer, tell them they need to enrol in order to vote and encourage them to do so. This way papers will be sent to them appropriately. They could help make a difference! People can phone their local district council or the electoral office toll free 0508 08 10 16



West Coast members on a tour of the Denniston Plateau with Debs Martin!

## West Coast Committee people

From the May 2016 AGM here are your committee people: Chair- Kathy Gilbert, Secretary- Clare Backes, Treasurer -Marg

Costello, KCC -Inger Perkins & Lauren Kelley, Members- Imogen Squires, John Caygill, Heather Muir, Brenda Kaye, Frida Inta, Bob Graham, Gerald Freeman.

### Rainy Creek Ecological Restoration – Our West Coast project near Reefton

John Caygill leads our team that is conducting pest control, mainly for rats and stoats at an area around Rainy Creek. Restoration of the lovely beech and mixed forest is planned so that bird life can once again thrive. The area is where the most recent sighting of the SI kokako (2007) thought to be extinct and now considered “data deficient”. Local people including the High School (who made rifleman bird boxes) have got behind this project and enjoy the work. We are keen for more helpers. Please phone John 03 768 4704 or Brenda 03 7332 8560  
email [westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz)

### Paparoa National Park Management Plan – Review Submissions close 5 August

We encourage you to make a submission on the draft Paparoa National Park Management Plan. It is here:  
<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2016/paparoa-national-park-management-plan-review/>



[Paparoa National Park seascape](#)

Our concerns are:

1. The lack of protection objectives for the natural resources of the park, could allow a downgrading of this National Park from what we have known
2. This management plan seems more like a partnership framework document than a plan that determines what will and will not be allowed to happen in the next 10 years
3. There are few clear conservation values being addressed, including specific flora and fauna, species protection, monitoring ecological diversity or pest control.
4. This document will become the standard for all parks across the South Island if this one goes ahead as drafted
5. We need people to put in their own submissions to highlight these sorts of concerns. HOWEVER

The above is not a submission but a reason for you to write one. Submissions **must use the terms Submission and Decision Sought**, so it is clear what part of the plan you are referring to and what you are specifically requesting.

In a few days' time we will forward to all WC branch members with email, a draft submission that you can use or adapt. Or write your own – please!

### Hope to see you at our meeting 31 July in Westport

If you want to car pool, email the branch [westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:westcoast.branch@forestandbird.org.nz) or phone Kathy 03 755 4250  
This should be an interesting meeting!

Note in your calendar:  
Westland Tau Poutini National Park Management Plan Review submissions close 21 October. More info to follow on this one.

South Island Gathering this year is in Tekapo 28 to 30 October 2016