

SOUTH ISLAND GATHERING
 Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre
 Tautuku, The Catlins
 26-28 October 2018



LOCAL TO LANDSCAPE, BRINGING COMMUNITIES WITH US THROUGH CONSERVATION

PROGRAMME

Friday 26 October

6:00-8:00pm	Arrive & Registrations at the Tautuku Centre
6:00-7:00pm	Evening meal, for those that have pre-ordered
7:30-8:30pm	Local welcome and social hour
8:30pm	Optional activity: Join the Catlins bat Lady, Catriona Gower , seeking out local bats. Catriona will precede the field trip with an introduction to the Catlins bat story.

Saturday 27 October

8:45-9:00am	Housekeeping (5min) Welcome from Dunedin Chair and President, Mark Hanger (10min)
9:00-9:45am	Kevin Hague (F&B Chief Executive) – Laying down the challenge and keeping Forest & Bird relevant
9:45-10:45am	Franny Cunninghame (F&B Otago Projects), Rose Clucas (Environmental Consultant), Ros Cole , Brian Rance , and Phil Melgren (DOC Murihiku) – Tautuku, A special place in a special corner of Aotearoa. A team of experts wax lyrical on just why Tautuku is the focus for our landscape scale protection
10:45-11:15am	Morning tea
11:15-12:00pm	Steph Blair , Gail Thompson (Awarua Rūnaka) and Stewart Bull (Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka) – Local Whanau Perspectives of Conservation and Challenges moving forward

12:00-12:25pm	Yolanda van Heezik (University of Otago, Zoology Dept) – Biodiverse cities and a Kiwi in your backyard?
12:25-12:50pm	Monica Peters (Citizen Science Coordinator) – How do you Monitor your Community based Conservation Project ?
12:50-1:40pm	Lunch
1:40-2:00pm	Chris Baillie (Orokonui Eco-sanctuary) – Strong Alliances Needed for landscape scale protection
2:00-3:10pm	Forum: Local to landscape, bringing communities with us through conservation – With Yolanda van Heezik , Chris Baillie , Sarah Irvine (independent) and Monica Peters
3:10pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30-5:30pm	Local Field Trips <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beyond Lake Wilkie dune forest to Tautuku Beach 2. Lenz Reserve Nature Walk and trap monitoring, and Tautuku Estuary 3. Tautuku Rainforest and Beach Loop
5:30pm	Time to refresh for evening
6:00-6:30pm	Social Time
6:30-7:30pm	Evening Meal
7:45pm	Guest Speaker: Craig Mckenzie (renowned wildlife photographer) – A Birdseye through the Lens (public will be invited to join us)
9:00pm-ish	Optional activity: Titi (Sooty Shearwater) colony visit near Papatowai
Sunday 28 October	
8:45-10:00am	Board session – Strategic Directions
10:00-10:25am	Morning tea
10:25-11:00am	Thomas Mattern (University of Otago) – The Dire Plight of the Hōiho
11:00-11:45am	Pests, Pork and Recreation – The challenge to find a way to keep all parts of a community valuing a natural landscape

11:45-12:15pm	Community Engagement – Speaker to be confirmed
12:15-12:30pm	Wrap Up from South Otago branch Chair Roy Johnstone
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch and Depart
1:30-4:30pm	Long Point Scenic Reserve – An insight into Forest & Bird's Otago Seabird Project (penguins, seabirds, predator control, Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust)
Evening	Fyke Netting for native fish species in the Lenz Reserve's Fleming River with Rose Clucas
Monday 29 October – Activities organized with South Otago Branch	
9:00am-12:00pm	Rainforest Tree Climbing with Graeme Loh
	Or
9:00am-4:00pm	Hands on help with Tautuku Restoration Project - come and see what is happening on the ground and better understand the area and challenges we face
	Or
9:00am	Visit to the Catlins Beech Forest and nationally recognised Mohua population – to be confirmed