

# Forest and Bird

OUR VOICE FOR NATURE



## Papamoa Hills Predator Control

Papamoa Hills Regional Park is looked after by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Forest & Bird have been asked to help with Pest Control days in 2019.

If you have been up there recently you will have seen that the pine forest is gone, and native trees have been planted. Mark has set up the bait stations on Mount Mauao and intends to do the same at Papamoa Hills Regional Park. Once Mark has the bait stations set out, we will invite people to come along for a weekend morning. People can see what is involved with looking after the bait stations and decide if they would like to be part of the pest control efforts there. **Look out for a notice to this event or a sign at the entrance to the Park informing the date, or contact the branch.**

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**SARAH-JANE**

New to the committee

An ecosystem based approach is our future

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**BETH**

New to the committee

Passionate about our wild spaces

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**TE ATARANGI**

New to the committee

Protecting and preserving nature



**Forest & Bird diaries and calendars**  
**2019 Calendars**  
and **Diaries** are available and can be delivered.



**Forest & Bird**  
TE REO O TE TAIAO  
"The Nature of Us"

**Join Forest & Bird**  
We are a great community of passionate people.



**Gary Ware**

Sympathy and support to Marlene and his family. Garys' impact at Forest & Bird will be missed by all.

## Gary Ware - Loved Nature

Tauranga will miss the cheerful, passionate and committed support of Gary.

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of Gary's death. He was our dedicated treasurer for 10 years and he kept the branch in good financial health. He was also a valued committee member, contributing to submissions and policy and representing the Branch as Councillor at national F&B meetings. Along with Marlene, Gary was a regular volunteer at Aongatete. He was always there when there was work to be done. We will miss his cheerful presence. We send our sympathy to Marlene and the family.



## Can you help?

Contact Richard if you would like to try walking a bait line or plant a tree with another volunteer, here is an opportunity.

**Mauao - Papamoa - Aongatete - I'Anson**

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## A Marine Themed North Island Gathering 2018

This year Tauranga and Te Puke worked together to host the North Island gathering at Aongatete Lodge and it was all about the ocean.

It was well attended by branch members from around the North Island. All the talks were very engaging and created great discussion. The society was able to also give the inaugural Kotuku award to the Motiti Rohemoana Trust (MRMT) for their tireless effort for marine protection and providing a significant opportunity to conservation in the future. We were pleased to see the kaumatua and kuia of Motiti Island came along to meet the Forest & Bird community.



Photo: Trustees of the Motiti Rohemoana Trust and Forest & Bird Board members. Te Atarangi (F&B Board), Umuhuri (MRMT Chair), Maria (Motiti), Katarina (MRMT), Mark (F&B President), Hugh (MRMT)

## HELPING NATURE

**Work for nature:** Give Nature A Hand. We have ongoing opportunities in our community.

**Pest control:** K Valley. Contact Richard Speed on **021 473 459**

**Submissions for nature:** We make regular submissions to preserve biodiversity and protect our environment.

- Tauranga Reserves Plan
- Dog Control
- Kauri Die Back

**Coming Events:** Join our next event - Check our Facebook Page  
8 December - I'Anson Reserve - Weeding Day

## BECOME A REGULAR GIVER

By becoming a regular giver you actively support nature that is in crisis and it is tax deductible.

**Support the movement today**



## Mangrove Trip for KCC

September turned on a sunny day for a group of KCC families to explore the Matua Estuary.

We learnt that mangroves are the only plants that are able to live in salt water because of their specially adapted snorkel roots. They provide important feeding cover for native species like the banded rail and native fish, shelter the land from waves and storms and are even better at absorbing carbon than forests on land. We also became experts at sexing crabs - it is all in the tail! As we enjoyed the estuary and its salt-marsh reserve we were reminded that back in the 1980s, a developer had wanted to build a canal and houses on the salt-marsh but Tauranga Forest & Bird started a campaign to have the area saved. The Council purchased the area to protect it and established the stormwater ponds and walkway which are a wonderful community asset that we all enjoy today!

### Next Trip November Freshwater Discovery

Sunday 25th November at 10:30am.

Investigate the aquatic life in the Waimapu River with Freshwater Ecologist, Richard Montgomerie.

**Call Kate 021 254 4037 to book.**

**Our Facebook Page:** Please like our facebook page to stay up to date with branch activities.

## Aongatete Forest – a joint project with Tauranga Forest & Bird

Saturday 24 November will be the last volunteer day for the year and we are putting on a BBQ.

The forest is flourishing with fresh growth and massive flowering. Constant rat baiting by volunteers have kept the rats down, which is good news for nesting birds.

A new access way to the swimming holes is being constructed. When you go down there, listen for the song of the whiteheads or 'bush canaries' near the river. Whiteheads were first recorded in the forest only last month!

The squeaky sounds of riflemen are becoming widespread too. They are nesting in the nest boxes we have provided.



Photo: Whitehead by David Brooks

## KEEPING UP TO DATE

**Have you renewed your membership?** We now have a great offer for new and renewals of a spectacular e-book of New Zealand birds and stories that you will receive with your membership.

**Conservation Management strategy (CMS):** We are preparing to make submissions on BOP CMS 2018. Is there something important that we may have missed? Please contact the committee.

**Help the Branch!** We are looking for the following roles:  
Committee Secretary, Treasurer & Papamoa Pest-Coordinator.

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