



Habitat - North Shore Branch news

From the Chair

It's that time of the year to reflect on the past year. I have to say that I'm optimistic. One of Forest & Bird North Shore's key strategies has been to encourage the development of Local Board based Restoration Networks. We collaborated in the establishment of [Pest Free Kaipatiki](#) (PFK) in 2016. PFK is now humming along with more reserve groups, several great staff and excellent projects such as the [Dirty Duo campaign](#) on moth plant and ginger and recently some great work on kauri dieback. Several tracks in Kaipatiki have been closed to PREVENT kauri dieback. This is a first – up till now tracks have only been closed where dieback has been found.



Forest & Bird North Shore has been a key player in the development of the Hibiscus & Bays Biodiversity and Pest Free Plan. This has been finalised and Richard Chambers has been appointed part time Pest Free Coordinator. We have an active group in Devonport – [Restoring Takuranga Hauraki](#) as well as the [Bayswater Environment Action](#)

We are also represented on the [Upper Harbour Ecology Network](#) where Hosking Reserve is a focus of Forest & Bird Youth.



[Forest & Bird Youth](#) (F&BY) is going from strength to strength. Head office has appointed a Youth Advisor to facilitate the development of F&BY and we now have hubs in Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North, Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Our branch project, [Tuff Crater](#) has benefited from great support for our Thursday and Saturday groups, who have been focussed on weed control, especially moth plant. We planted more than 4000 plants this year!



I would like to thank our committee and the many people who have been active in the conservation space this year. If you haven't, we still need you, and thank you for your support of Forest & Bird.

Please enjoy a safe and happy festive season.
Richard Hursthouse

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WHAT'S ON... meetings, trips & activities

Public Meetings

Public meetings take place on the first Monday of each month (excluding January), including public holidays.

Venue: Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand — through the courtyard at the rear of the Takapuna Library.

Time: 7:30pm – starting with Native of the Month and environmental updates, followed by our guest speaker.

Admission: **Non-members** are welcome. A koha/donation is appreciated to cover costs.

Please join us afterwards for supper and an opportunity to meet with our speaker and committee members.

For further information, phone Kerry Read 021 764 694

Monday 3 December 2018 7:30pm

As our previously advertised speaker, Katrina Goddard, is unable to attend, and we will be having a movie night. Come along and be inspired! We will reschedule Katrina to speak in 2019.

Please join us afterwards for an end of year supper. A plate to share would be appreciated.

Monday 4 February 2019 7:30pm

Kevin Parker is a conservation biologist with expertise and passion for reintroduction biology (the translocation of animals and plants), ecological restoration, conservation management and conservation research.

In January 2018 he traveled to the Auckland Islands to assist with white-capped albatross, Gibson's albatross and sub-Antarctic snipe projects. In this talk Kevin will describe the work he did, why it is important, and how it relates to the proposed pest eradication on the main Auckland Island.

Upcoming Trips

Sunday 10 February 10:00am Hosking Reserve

Join Forest & Bird North Shore and Forest & Bird Youth Auckland for a tour of Albany's Hosking Reserve. Usually closed to the public, this is an opportunity to see Forest & Bird Youth's flagship project, the progress that has been made on site, and the potential of the project as a whole.

Spaces are limited so to register and receive further event details please contact the Forest & Bird Youth team at youth@forestandbird.org.nz or contact Connor on 021 026 19073

To read more about Forest & Bird Youth visit

<https://www.facebook.com/forestandbirdyouth/> and

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Sunday 17 March 10:30 am Alice Eaves Reserve, Orewa

Alice Eaves Reserve is a fine example of a mature northern New Zealand kauri/podocarp forest, forming a prominent landscape feature at the north end of Orewa. Enjoy a guided walk through this reserve at the northern end of Orewa. It is an easy walk of approximately 1 hour's duration; meet at the entrance on Old North Road. For more information contact Jocelyn on 027 290 4826.

Tuff Crater



Its a lovely time to visit Tuff Crater. The flax is flowering profusely; the whau is in full bloom (see above); and the pohutukawa blossom are about to burst. All this abundance is attracting the birds, especially the tui, and on a recent visit our Chair sighted a banded rail.

Weekly working bee

We run a weekly working bee on Thursdays at 9:30am, supervised by Paul Pyper and Anne Denny. The final weekly working bee for 2018 will be Thursday December 13, and working bees will resume on Thursday January 10 2019. For information about meeting time and place contact Paul Pyper on 021 0842 9255.

Saturday working bees

We run a working bee at 9am on the second Saturday of each month except January. Join us on **Saturday 8 December, when we will finish the morning's weeding with a morning tea to celebrate another year's good work.** Meet at the green container. Park at Canon on Warehouse Way and follow the signs. If lost or in doubt please contact Richard on 021 216 1296.

Pencil in next year's first two working bees - 9 February 2019 and 9 March 2019.

[To be on the mailing list for Tuff Crater working bees please sign up here](#)

Thanks to some wonderful volunteers

The branch committee would like to extend its heartfelt thanks for the many hours of volunteering carried out by the following members:

Rachel Lees – Green, who has been the editor of our printed Habitat newsletter for 3 years.

Roslyn Norrie, who has organised the mailing of these newsletters for the same 3

Anne Denny is leaving our committee this month after many many years of work. The good news is that Anne will continue her role of volunteer coordinator at Tuff Crater and will be on the Tuff Crater subcommittee. Anne is a great example of someone who just gets on and does the hard yards, especially when there is moth plant to tackle or a large corporate group to entertain.

Thanks again for all your hard work.

Volunteer vacancies

The branch cannot operate without the assistance of our many volunteers, and we are always looking for more people to help us in all areas. We have numerous volunteering opportunities available, and in many, the only requirement for being involved is enthusiasm.

In particular we need new committee members, and someone to take on the RMA monitoring role. We also need someone to fill the chair role from April 2019.

Please contact us at northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz or call Richard on 021 216 1296 if you would like to help.

Keen to join a Santa Parade?

Pest Free Kaipatiki has a walking float in the Birkenhead Santa Parade, 4pm Sat 8 December. Contact Rob Thomas if you wish to be involved.

rob.thomas@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz

Can you help with transport?

One of our older members would like a ride to our Christmas branch night on Monday Dec 3rd to and from Northcross area. If you can help please email northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz.

Many thanks.

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