



Habitat - North Shore Branch news

Hosking Reserve Update

2019 has landed and Forest & Bird Youth has been busy with our flagship project, the ecological restoration of Albany's Hosking Reserve.



The good news: On the 11th of November 2018 a team of thirteen youth volunteers conducted a series of five minute bird counts on site and established the presence of 26 distinct bird species including the very welcome kererū, pīwakawaka and native hawks along with birds of foreign origin such as Common Myna and Ring-Necked Pheasants. Another step taken in assessing the baseline biological diversity of the reserve.

The better news: On the 13th of January 2019 a smaller team of youth volunteers led by Wildlands expert Nick Goldwater successfully established a series of Goodnature traps on site, officially beginning the pest-control stage of the project. Nick's know-how paired with the energy and enthusiasm of our volunteers made for a very successful and educational event. We expect that the traps have already begun decreasing the numbers of mammalian pests on site, and Auckland's Forest & Bird Youth team will continue to maintain and monitor the set-up so as to measure the impact we're making.



Your chance to see Hosking Reserve

While Hosking Reserve is not yet open to the public, Forest & Bird North Shore in collaboration with Forest & Bird Youth is hosting a tour of the site on the morning of Sunday the 10th of February. Spaces are limited and a moderate to high level of fitness is required. If you're keen to attend please register via email to youth@forestandbird.org.nz for full event details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have time to volunteer for Forest & Bird?

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 is enthusiasm for being involved.

We need enthusiastic new committee members – we meet on the third Thursday evening of every month to plan our events and projects.

We need someone to take on the RMA monitoring role – this is suited to someone with

planning or legal background or someone who understands RMA processes. We monitor consent applications and submit on these where necessary.

A new Chair from our AGM in April – Richard has been in this role for 8 years and it is time for him to step down. We will give the new chair lots of support. The main aspect of the job is running committee meetings, attending the Auckland Chairs meetings alternate months and running some of the branch nights.

A calendar and diary fundraiser – Elaine is stepping down from this role. It can all be done from home. You need to be well organised and computer savvy.

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

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 4 February 2019 7:30pm

Kevin Parker – Disappointment, Adams and the Auckland Islands.

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 travelled 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.

Monday 4 March 2019 7:30pm

Ebrahim Hussein – Lake Pupuke and water quality

Ebrahim Hussein is a freshwater scientist working in the Environmental Monitoring Unit at Auckland Council. He will talk about the issue of water quality of Lake Pupuke on Auckland's North Shore.

Tuff Crater

Weekly working bee

We run a weekly working bee on Thursdays at 9:30am, supervised by Paul Pyper and Anne Denny. 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. The next working bees are 9 February 2019 and 9 March 2019.

On **Saturday 9 February**, meet at Bayleys Reserve near 74 Exmouth Rd and follow the signs. We will be doing weed control near there. If lost or in doubt please contact Richard on 021 216 1296.

Sign up for regular emails regarding Tuff Crater work days and news [here](#).

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. For more information see leading article above.

To read more about Forest & Bird Youth visit

- <https://www.facebook.com/forestandbirdyouth/>
- <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/our-community/forest-bird-youth>

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, 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.

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