



## Habitat - North Shore Branch news

### Conservation Week 15-22 September 2018

This celebration of New Zealanders' involvement in conservation will be all over by the time you read this.

However, it is a good time to reflect on the many conservation successes in recent times, from protecting forest from open cast mines to stopping experimental iron sand mining in our oceans. Success stories often don't make the headlines, yet it these successes that motivate us to take on bigger challenges.



The idea for a predator free Waiheke Island - announced by Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage at the weekend - didn't come out of nowhere, but is a response to the success of other predator free islands in the Hauraki Gulf and elsewhere. It is however an altogether grander vision, based on an ambitious plan of harnessing the existing conservation efforts and expanding on these. When it succeeds will be a world first; its spokesperson Grant Leach talks of the importance of passion, of believing in the "impossible", of retaining expert

advice and personnel and, most of all, the commitment of the local community.

[Waiheke Flickr photo by Marc van der Chijs]

Another bold vision – Econet - was announced last weekend by our Chair, Richard Hursthouse. This is an equally ambitious plan to connect people in conservation in New Zealand, with the aim of sharing information, outcomes, best practice, and of course, successes. See [www.Econet.nz](http://www.Econet.nz)

There will always be people who say that such things can't be done, and it is true that both these plans will be challenging. Sometimes one needs a bold vision to move things forward. And what a

great outcome for conservation when they come to fruition.

And of course, if you are interested in being involved in conservation activities in your own backyard, please contact us on [northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz)

## Our monthly meetings always feature illuminating speakers. Come along!

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.

**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, email us at [northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz) or phone Kerry Read 021 764 694.

## Upcoming Public Meetings

### Monday 1 October Wētāpunga - Wētāpunga Recovery Programme - the giants of the wētā world have moved!

Although wētāpunga were originally distributed across Northland, Auckland and Great Barrier Island (Aotea), the species has only survived on Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island. Habitat destruction and predation from exotic pests saw to their demise. It is fortunate these special creatures have survived, even if just in one place. Successful breeding and translocation projects mean that they are also now present on Tiritiri Matangi and Motuora Islands. Learn about their journey back from the brink of extinction with entomologist **Chris Green**.



### Monday 5 November - Kauri Rescue

An environmental scientist turned coordinator, campaigner, organiser, networker and environmental advocate, **Mels Barton** works with many community organisations and not-for-profits including Kauri Rescue, who are engaging the public to help fight kauri dieback disease.



## Calendars and Diaries

These are always lovely – as gifts for friends or simply to hang on your wall! Sale of these is our major fundraiser for the year, so please support our branch by ordering online at <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/branches/north-shore/about-north-shore-forest-bird>



**Tuff Crater**

In September we had corporate groups from FlintFox working for us at Tuff Crater, clearing drains, laying gravel and releasing plants. We are delighted to have groups like this work with us, and welcome anyone who needs to organise a corporate community activity to get in touch with any of the contacts below..

### Weekly working bee

We run a weekly working bee on Thursdays at 9:30am, supervised by Paul Pyper and Anne Denny. To be on the list to receive emails about these events please [sign on here](#) or phone Paul on 021 0842 9255.

### Saturday working bees

We run a working bee at 9am on the second Saturday of each month:

- October 13
- November 10

On **Saturday October 13**, we will meet at the green container and chase more pest plants. Park at Canon on the Warehouse Way and follow the signs. If lost or in doubt please phone Richard on 021 216 1296.

To get updates for Tuff Crater Saturday events please select to [join our mailing list on our website](#), or call Richard Hursthouse on 021 216 1296

**Many thanks to all the volunteers who give their time to our Tuff Crater project.**

## Upcoming Trips

**Sunday 14 October, 10am - Eskdale Reserve Fish and Invertebrate Monitoring**



*Feeding the eels Flickr photo by Kathrin and Stefan Marks*

On Sunday, 14 October, at 10:00 am, we will be 'fishing' in the Eskdale Reserve for invertebrates, testing the quality of the stream and checking to see what Brett (our scientist) has



caught in his traps. This time we hope that we aren't rained out the day before, or on the day.

If you wish to join us on this fascinating expedition, then please meet at the entrance by the substation on Eskdale Road. If you turn right into Eskdale Road from Glenfield Road (travelling south), about 1 kilometre along, at the bottom of the hill, is the entrance on the right-hand side.

The trip is suitable for all age groups and a moderate level of fitness is recommended.

Please contact Jocelyn Sanders if you wish to join us: [jocsanders52@gmail.com](mailto:jocsanders52@gmail.com), or 027 290 4826, so she can contact you in the case of cancellation.

### **Sunday 25 November, 10am to 12noon - Trip to the RNZAF Base, Whenuapai**

The environment within the Royal NZ Air Force Base at Whenuapai is rapidly changing. Terry Walker, Regional Grounds Manager, will show us around the impressive work that he and his team are doing, especially the riparian planting along 15 km of stream banks and the planting of large bare areas in native vegetation. The terrain is mostly flat, and walking is easy.

Meet at the front gate next to Whenuapai School, 14 Airport Road, off Brigham Creek Road. If it is raining heavily, the trip will be cancelled. It is not necessary to register unless you wish to receive a cancellation email in the event of heavy rain.

Contact John Brown on 09 415 2054, 021 0229 0040, or [john.alison.brown@outlook.com](mailto:john.alison.brown@outlook.com).

## **Its Godwit Time!**

Godwits are arriving on our shores now. For information on local welcoming activity visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/259143744710312>



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