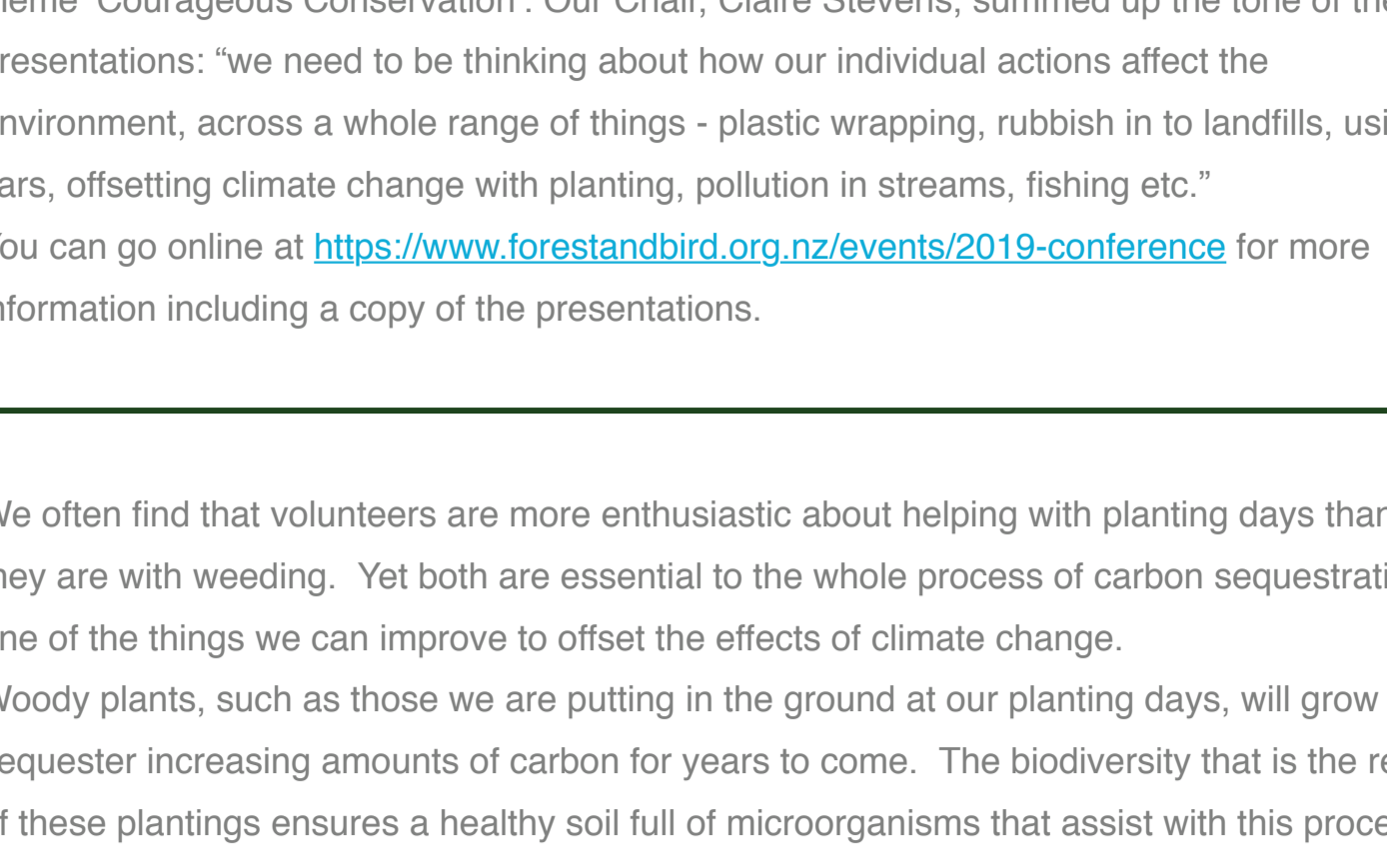




Habitat - North Shore Branch news



The Forest & Bird National Conference 2019 was held recently in Wellington, under the theme 'Courageous Conservation'. Our Chair, Claire Stevens, summed up the tone of the presentations: "we need to be thinking about how our individual actions affect the environment, across a whole range of things - plastic wrapping, rubbish in to landfills, using cars, offsetting climate change with planting, pollution in streams, fishing etc."

You can go online at <https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/events/2019-conference> for more information including a copy of the presentations.

We often find that volunteers are more enthusiastic about helping with planting days than they are with weeding. Yet both are essential to the whole process of carbon sequestration, one of the things we can improve to offset the effects of climate change.

Woody plants, such as those we are putting in the ground at our planting days, will grow and sequester increasing amounts of carbon for years to come. The biodiversity that is the result of these plantings ensures a healthy soil full of microorganisms that assist with this process. But, if weedy plants such as pampas and moth plant are allowed to flourish, they smother our plantings, reducing biodiversity, and hence all our efforts come to nothing. Not to mention the negative effects on our wildlife.

So, in the interests of biodiversity, our branch is attacking a new area of "weeds". And we would love your help.



A new restoration - St Peters St

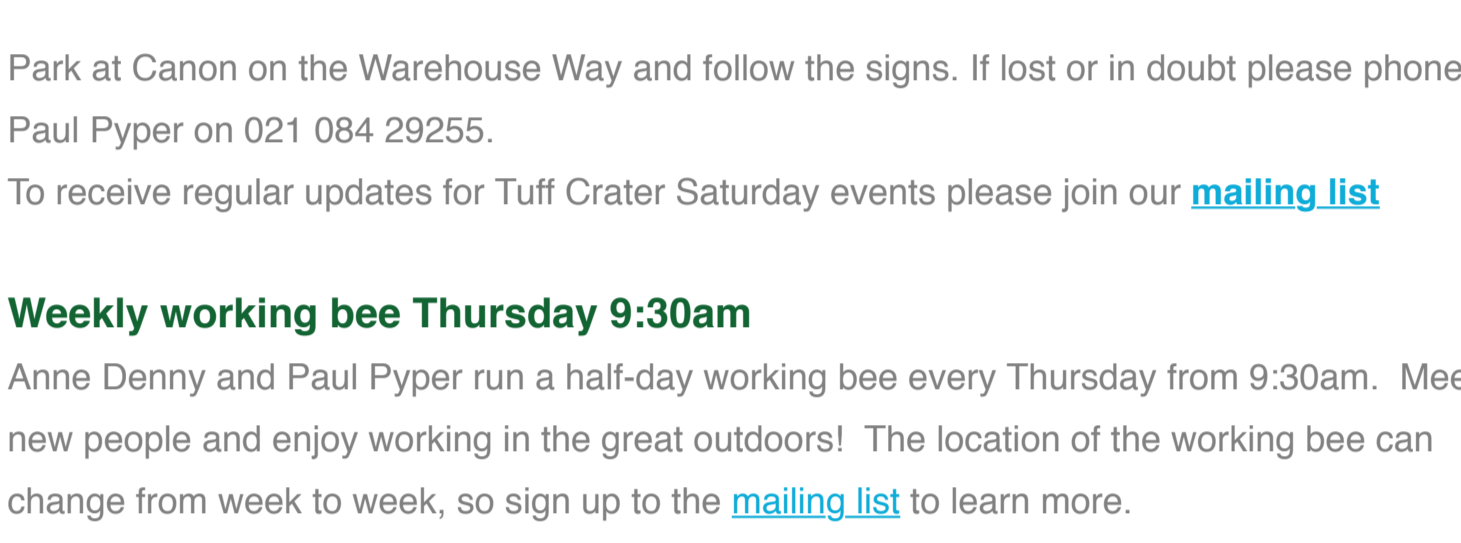
Turn off College Road in Northcote into St Peters St, and the view is spectacular, encompassing the three cones of Maungarei/Mt Wellington, Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill and Maungawhau/Mt Eden, with the spire of the Sky Tower off to the west and the cranes of the wharf to the east.

In the foreground the full extent of the Tuff Crater restoration is perceptible, the view encompassing a vast expanse of greens – from the regenerating bushy slopes of the crater, to grasses on the shoreline through to the mangroves lining the channel of water that flows to the harbour.

It was a shame, therefore, that the slope on the right as one entered the street was covered in weeds – privet, wattle, ladder fern, monkey apple, pampas grass, agapanthus and ginger – all of which were sending their seeds into the reserves of Tuff Crater. The area is partly Council and partly privately owned.

The new Regional Pest Management Plan will eventually require landowners within 500m of Tuff Crater to control a suite of high-risk pest plants. In the meantime, F&B North Shore developed a plan for restoration of this area. We approached the four landowners, all of whom have given us written consent to proceed with weed removal and planting.

We have already had two work days on site removing the weeds. We will be planting on Saturday September 14. More details to come in our next newsletter.



Tuff Crater news

Posted on the Tuff Crater Facebook page: "What a great day we had on Saturday. More than 40 people helped plant 500 plants on the Canon bank, 10 large kowhai on the lower track and some more on some slips we are trying to stabilise. A large contingent came to support the planting of 10 kowhai we are dedicating to Christine Ovens. Christine was one of our most committed Tuff Crater volunteers".



Tuff Crater working bees

We run a working bee at 9:00 am on the second Saturday of each month.

On Saturday 10 August we will meet at the green container at 9:00 am and chase more pest plants.

For those who want a more physical challenge, we will be getting out the spades and wheelbarrows to do repair work on paths and drains which have deteriorated over the winter.

Park at Canon on the Warehouse Way and follow the signs. If lost or in doubt please phone Paul Pyper on 021 084 29255.

To receive regular updates for Tuff Crater Saturday events please join our [mailing list](#)

Weekly working bee Thursday 9:30am

Anne Denny and Paul Pyper run a half-day working bee every Thursday from 9:30am. Meet new people and enjoy working in the great outdoors! The location of the working bee can change from week to week, so sign up to the [mailing list](#) to learn more.

For more news and information about Tuff Crater:

Join our Pest Free Tuff Crater Facebook Page [@PestFreeTuffCrater](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

On the first Monday of each month (excluding January), including public holidays, we hold a public meeting at the Takapuna Senior Citizens' Hall, The Strand — through the courtyard at the rear of the Takapuna Library - starting at 7:30pm.

Monday 5 August 7:30pm

Quentin Paynter works in Biodiversity and Conservation for Landcare Research Manaaki Whenua, with a special interest in weed ecology. He will be talking about biological weed control.

Monday 2 September 7:30pm

Jo Knight from Pest Free Kaipatiki will be talking about the PFK project.

The talk is followed by supper – a good opportunity to meet the speaker and the branch committee members, and to socialise with other attendees. The meeting is free and open to all including non-members, although a small koha is appreciated to cover costs.

Please come along and be informed and possibly entertained.

For more information email northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz



UPCOMING TRIP

SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST 2019 - MOTUTAPU ISLAND WEEDING

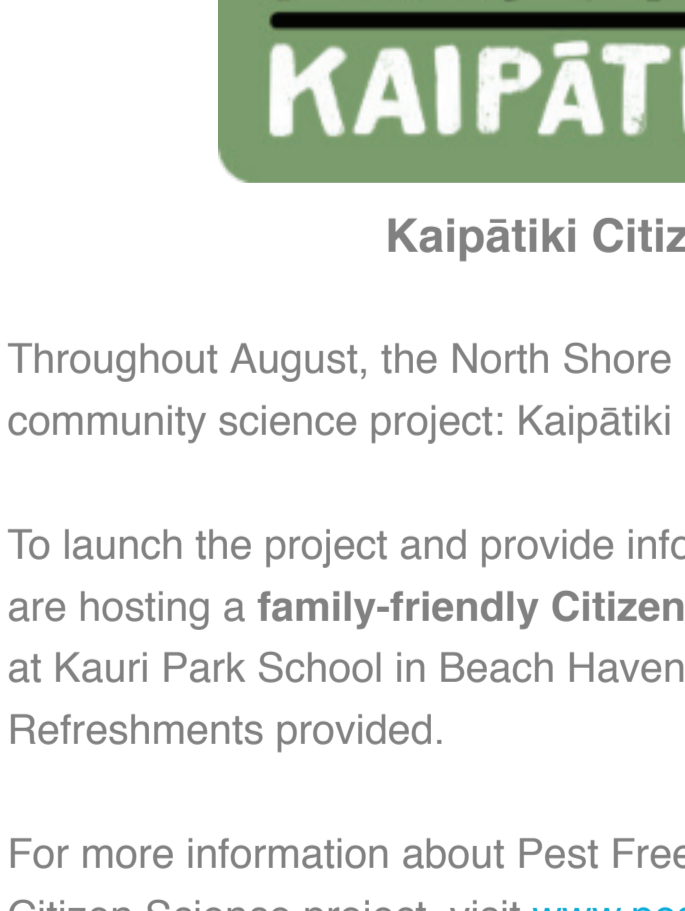
Join us on magic Motutapu Island to assist with weeding. This is a great activity for family groups, as it is easy digging and pulling out weeds, due to the rich volcanic soil. An average level of fitness is recommended. There is time to explore Home Bay, and have a much-earned cuppa and sausage sizzle at the end of the weeding, perhaps also getting a glimpse of the kakapo.

The Rangitoto ferry leaves Pier B Downtown at 9.15am; Devonport approx. 9.25am. The ferry returns to Devonport/Downtown at approx. 4.30pm. The ferry cost is \$24.50 for adults, \$11.90 for children (5yrs-15yrs). Please note that this cost may change slightly, as it is last year's cost, however, as volunteers, this cost is substantially discounted.

Book in early to avoid disappointment, as numbers are limited.

Please email Jocelyn Sanders at jocsanders52@gmail.com and she will send you necessary details, or telephone 027 2904826, 09 479 2107 (evenings).

Welcome to our new committee members

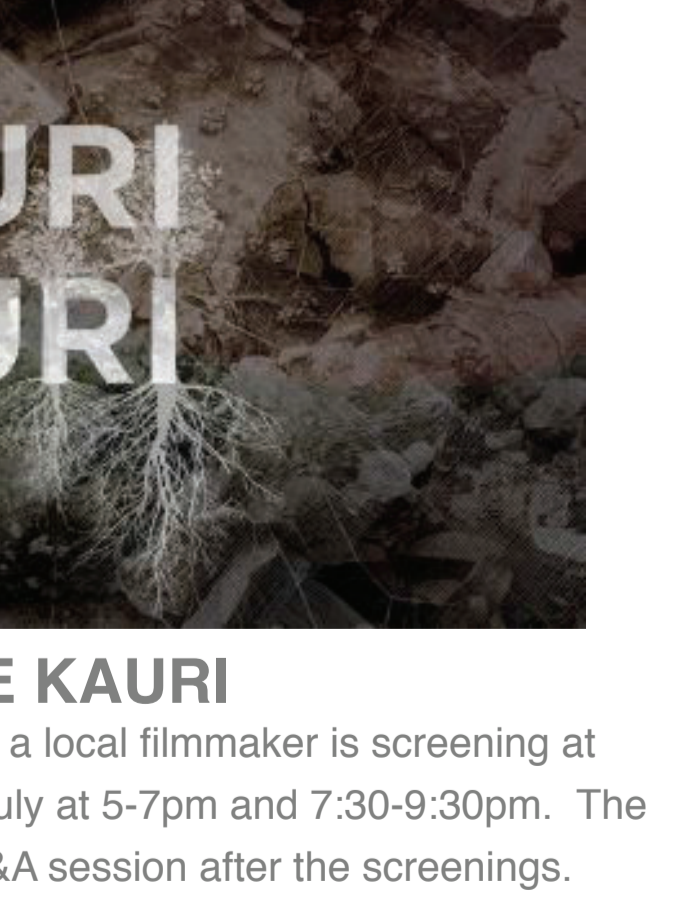


Samantha Beattie is a lawyer with five years' experience in the resource management and local government arena. She loves spending time in the great outdoors, especially tramping and trail running.

Samantha will be helping the branch with RMA issues.

Hi! I am Suzanne Morris, your new Membership Officer. I'm an Auckland, a mum of 2 and a Speech Therapist. My husband is American so we lived in Colorado for 15 years. It's wonderful to be back home with a renewed appreciation for New Zealand's gorgeous natural environment. I love everything outdoors - you might spy me carrying a toddler around any local or regional walking track.

Looking forward to meeting you and helping our branch thrive!



Do you have time to volunteer for Forest & Bird?

We still need enthusiastic new committee members and helpers, specifically in the following areas:

Fundraising - someone keen to help with raising funds to run our branch and to coordinate funding applications when needed. We would really like some new ideas!

Community promotions – people to arrange and help out at community events, promoting Forest & Bird.

Please contact us at northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz if you would like to help in any way.




Come and Join the KCC Team as a co-ordinator

North Shore Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC) has around 150 member families for whom we organise monthly events for the children aged 5 to 12 years. To spread the load, bring in new ideas and keep up to date with computer communications, we would welcome new Coordinators to our North Shore team. We are supported by KCC managers at F & B headquarters in Wellington.

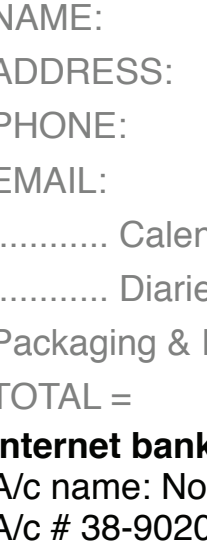
If you can help, please contact Marilyn on candmgulliver@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

2020 Calendars and diaries

It's that time of year again, and this year's calendars are particularly attractive. We will be selling these over the next few months, but it's always a good idea to get in early. To save on postage, you can select to pick up your order from our monthly meeting. For more information email nscalendars@gmail.com



New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2020
Wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers. Weighs less than 200g for economic postage. Envelope included.
Recommended Retail Price \$17.99
Your price \$16.00



New Zealand Conservation Diary 2020
Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.
Recommended Retail Price \$24.99
Your price \$23.00

ORDER FORM

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 Calendars @ \$16.00 each = _____
 Diaries @ \$23.00 each = _____
 Packaging & Post = _____
 TOTAL = _____

Internet banking details:
 A/c name: North Shore Forest & Bird
 A/c # 38-9020-076150-00
 Please reference your name and "Calendar" on the deposit
 Email your order to nscalendars@gmail.com
 Or post to the address below

Payment by cheque:
 Please pay to "North Shore Forest & Bird"
 And post with your order to the address below

Purchase at our monthly meeting:
 Pay by cheque or cash
 Our monthly meetings are held at 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month at the Senior Citizens Hall, the Strand, Takapuna

Packaging and post:
 Per diary \$6.00
 1-2 calendars \$4.50
 3-4 calendars \$6.00
 More than 4 \$POA

Postal address
 Darryl Ovens
 1/27 Oteha Valley Road
 Northcross, Albany
 Auckland 0632
 (022) 484 2728

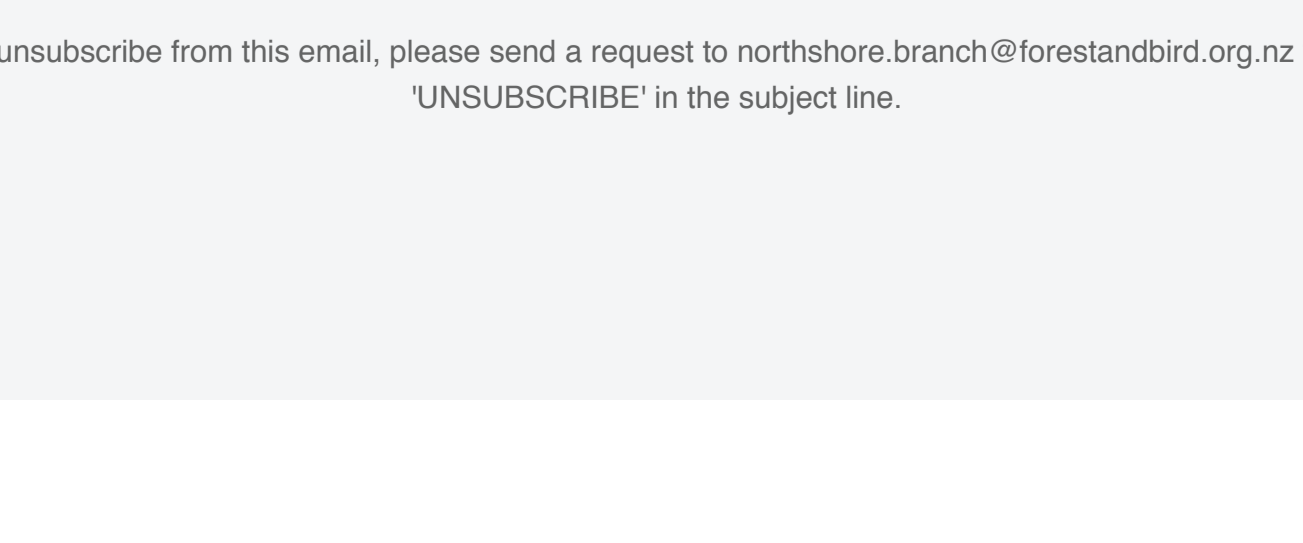


Kaipatiki Citizen Science Month

Throughout August, the North Shore is host to a special environmental community science project: Kaipatiki Citizen Science Month.

To launch the project and provide information and training, Pest Free Kaipatiki are hosting a **family-friendly Citizen Science Fun Day this Sunday 28 July** at Kauri Park School in Beach Haven (8.45am-4.30pm). Everyone welcome. Refreshments provided.

For more information about Pest Free Kaipatiki and how to get involved in their Citizen Science project, visit www.pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz or email enquiries@pestfreekaipatiki.org.nz.



MAURI O TE KAURI

A film about the plight of our iconic kauri by a local filmmaker is screening at Lopdell House Titirangi on Saturday 27th July at 5-7pm and 7:30-9:30pm. The filmmaker, James Muir, will be hosting a Q&A session after the screenings. Tickets and more information are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mauri-o-te-kauri-530pm-screening-tickets-65083789366>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mauri-o-te-kauri-800-pm-screening-tickets-65083897690>

Forest & Bird is New Zealand's independent voice for nature. Our mission is: 'To defend New Zealand's wildlife and wild places - on land and in our oceans'

Facebook Twitter Website

Our mailing address is:
 PO Box 33873
 Takapuna 0740
 New Zealand

You are receiving this email because you are a member of Forest and Bird or you have supplied us with your email address.

To unsubscribe from this email, please send a request to northshore.branch@forestandbird.org.nz with 'UNSUBSCRIBE' in the subject line.

This email was sent to zillner@gmx.at
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
 Forest & Bird · PO Box 33873 · Takapuna · Auckland, Auk 0740 · New Zealand

