



# Forest & Bird

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

## PROGRAMME OCTOBER 2019 - FEBURARY 2020

Talks are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Tahunanui School Hall, Muritai Street, Tahunanui** at **7.30pm**. Contributions for **sales table and raffle** are most welcome. Gold coin donation towards hall hire please.

### October

Saturday 5th	Pearl Creek working bee
Sunday 6th	Isel Park market.
Wednesday 9th	'Saving the Kakapo' Ricky-Anne Mitchell
Sunday 20th	'Surveying the banded rail'

### November

Friday - Sunday 1st - 3rd	South Island Gathering
Saturday 9th	Pearl Creek working bee
Wednesday 13th	'Good News' Kevin Hague
Saturday 23rd	Spring Grove working bee

### February

Wednesday 12th	'Tasman Bay Guardians' Stew Robertson
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## OCTOBER

**Saturday 5th**                      **Pearl Creek working bee.** Meet at the end of Cotterell Road, Appleby at 9am. Cutting back tree lucerne, releasing plants etc. Morning tea supplied. Bring garden gloves and spade and if you have secateurs/loppers or pruning saw that could be handy. For more info contact Malcolm [m.hugman@hotmail.com](mailto:m.hugman@hotmail.com), ph 547 3906

**Sunday 6th**                      Isel Park market 11 am to 3.0pm, a small team will have an information stall at the Isel Park market. If others would like to join us for short periods this would be most welcome. An interesting community market with 55 displays, some of them food! Contact Gillian [g.pollock@scorch.co.nz](mailto:g.pollock@scorch.co.nz)

### **Wednesday 9th "Saving the Kakapo; 2018/19 Breeding season".**

Ricky-Anne Mitchell was a recipient of the Andy Dennis Award in 2018, and she has been involved with the highly successful Kakapo breeding season on Whenua Hou/Codfish Island.



**Sunday 20th**

**'Surveying the banded rail'** Surveying the banded rail at

Paremata Flats. Meet at the main entrance off Maori Pa Road at 7.30 am. Wear gumboots.

Contact Ian [ian.price@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.price@xtra.co.nz)

## NOVEMBER

**Friday - Saturday 1st - 3rd**

South Island Gathering This year's South Island

gathering will be hosted by the North Canterbury Branch over the weekend of 2-3 November. The venue will be the Christchurch Bridge Club on Barbadoes St, Christchurch, the theme Mountains to the Sea - Ki uta ki tai. There will be an informal get-together on the evening of Friday 1 November for those who arrive that day. Saturday afternoon field trip will look at the Avon/Otakaro The programme will be available closer to the time. These Island Gatherings provide a great opportunity to share information and hear about cutting edge conservation. Please save the date! Contact Julie [nikau48@gmail.com](mailto:nikau48@gmail.com) for more info or if you would like to share transport

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**Wednesday 13th**

'Good News' Kevin Hague 'Good News, for a change'\*

Nature is in crisis, and everyone is, no doubt, aware that Forest & Bird often has to blow the whistle on commercial activities that are making things worse and fight hard to defend nature. It has seemed an impossible task to turn this round. But maybe, just maybe, it's working. Come and hear the good news!

\*with apologies to David Suzuki, who used this title first.

**Saturday 23rd**

Spring Grove working bee to remove old plant covers

and trample down weeds growing around trees which were planted along the Wai-iti river. Meet at 9 am at the junction of Barton Lane and the main road, south of Brightwater. For more info contact Julie 5450989

## FEBRUARY

Wednesday 12th 'Tasman Bay

Guardians' . Stew Robertson Stew Robertson is founder and director of Abel Tasman Eco Tours and Tasman Bay Guardians. He spends his days out on the water in Tasman Bay, observing the natural world through an ecological lense and communicating that to his clients. In recent years, his work has led him to found Tasman Bay Guardians, leading a dedicated team of professionals delivering marine and freshwater experiential education, co-ordinating clean up events, reef restoration projects and native plantings. Stew is involved in the regional and national biodiversity strategies and has pushed for the implementation of an integrated marine spatial plan for Te Tai o Aorere Tasman and Golden Bays. Stew will be giving a fascinating visual overview of the current ecological state of Tasman Bay,

potential solutions and how we can work together to achieve these. This work comes from peer reviewed science, firsthand experience and a growing knowledge of the needs of our eco-systems and communities. Tasman Bay Guardians are committed to conservation, education and collaboration to meet their vision. For more information visit [tasmanbayguardians.org.nz](http://tasmanbayguardians.org.nz)



Steve with an assortment of rubbish pulled from Tasman Bay  
Photo by Stuff

## Regional Manager's Roving Report

Welcome to spring everyone! September has been an incredibly busy month with submissions and meetings on New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy, various seabirds, sealions, and dolphin submissions on behalf of the Society as well. The Resource Strategy which will set the scene for minerals, coal and gas mining has also closed. And of course many of you were at the large Ministry for the Environment hosted meeting about Te Mana o te Wai - the Action Plan for Freshwater (as well as urban development, product stewardship - and other important environment issues. It is imperative that Forest & Bird's voices are heard on these matters - to make sure that a vocal minority aren't impeding progress. So please keep up your engagement - it is noted, and appreciated!

I look forward to seeing some of you at the South Island gathering in a month's time, and in the meantime we are seeing the rolling vanguard of action on climate change across the world. Please support local events, on the 27th September. This crisis is one that will have a huge impact on biodiversity, and we need to ensure ongoing action.

Don't forget to vote in our local body elections, Councils have such a large influence over how terrestrial, freshwater and marine biodiversity and natural features are protected and managed. Ask them the hard questions before you tick your box!

October promises another busy month as government continues with its very rapid agenda on making changes with our legislation and policies - as well as the baddies starting to get more active with breeding in our forests, wetlands, and the weeds start to sprout prolifically. As they say, no rest for the wicked - I just think it's no rest for us good guys! Well done to everyone!

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For many years the branch chair and the secretary have organised a yearly coastal cleanup. It's time to give them a break. Who among our branch members would be willing to organise a twice-yearly coastal cleanup. We'd really like to find someone to do this job. We cover the Rough Island causeway from the cycle track, a short stretch of the cycle track and some of the southern shoreline of Rough Island. It isn't onerous, a few hours a year and the person would be well supported. Julie at [nikau48@gmail.com](mailto:nikau48@gmail.com) or Gillian at [atg.pollock@scorch.co.nz](mailto:atg.pollock@scorch.co.nz)

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If you have not already posted your voting papers and are still undecided on who to vote for the following link may assist you to evaluate where the candidates stand on climate change. <https://commonclimate.nz/2019/09/20/local-government-scorecards/> Courtesy of Common Climate Network and

<https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2019/09/the-voting-climate/> Courtesy of Stuff survey.



. Antoni Manning recipient of the Andy Dennis Award 2019 with Gillian & Tim

Antoni Manning is the 2019 winner of the F & B Andy Dennis Memorial Scholarship. We hope he will attend our October Meeting.

The scholarship supports a student, who would benefit from financial support, studying at NMIT for the NZ Certificate in Conservation. The scholarship is designed to assist students for one year of academic study.

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The Nelson Tasman Branch of Forest & Bird has advocated for nearly 100 years for the health of our freshwater systems.

We have sought protection of the instream values of our rivers, streams and freshwater wetlands. We have advocated for, and actively created and restored, native riparian vegetation. Riparian vegetation provides water cooling, creates habitat and improves water clarity as well as providing food sources for not only fish and other in stream organisms but also birds and insects that live in riverine and wetland areas.

The Government has recently released its proposed policies on fresh water.

Attached are two websites that may be of assistance in making a submission on this fresh water policy.

1 [Forest & Bird's suggestion on things to think about.](#)

2 [https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Fresh water/action-for-healthy-waterways.pdf](https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Fresh%20water/action-for-healthy-waterways.pdf)  
(a lengthy document but please take the time to look at it and make a simple submission