



North Canterbury Branch

SOUTH ISLAND GATHERING

1-3 November 2019

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place (off Barbadoes St.)

Please help us to reduce waste by bringing a re-usable water bottle for the Field Trip.

Friday 1st November

4.00 - 8.30pm Registration *Tea and coffee with biscuits will be available*

7.00 - 8.30pm Branches sharing their successes and challenges. *Soup, finger food and wine.*

Saturday 2nd November

- Please be seated by 9.00.
- All speakers will be allowed 30 minutes with an additional 10 minutes of questions

9.00am Karakia
Health and Safety briefing
Welcome and Introduction by **Valerie Campbell**

9.10 - 10.00am **Kevin Hague** - CEO of Forest and Bird Protection Society
Caroline Wood - *Forest and Bird: 100 Years Young.*

10.00 - 10.40am **Joseph Hullen** - Ngāi Tahu, Ngāi Tūāhuriri
Ki uta Ki tai – from the mountains to the sea.

10.40 - 11.00am **Morning tea**

11.00 - 11.40am **Professor Dave Kelly** (Biological Sciences, UC)
Mast seeding, pest control, and global warming: Craigieburn 1978-2019.

11.45 - 12.30 **Discussion:** *Has the experiment in collaborative planning (Canterbury Water Management Strategy) worked in Canterbury, and for whom?*

Scott Pearson (formerly Fish and Game),
Lan Pham (Councillor, ECan),
Dr Tim Davie (Chief Scientist, ECan)
Malcolm Cairns (Cropping Farmer, Barrhill)

- 12.30 - 1.30pm** **Lunch**
- 1.30 - 5.30pm** **Field trip** - a journey to three ecologically interesting sites, returning to the Bridge Club at 5.30pm
Snack and drink to be self selected from the kitchen.
*Transport by bus. Some easy walking, but **have a jacket** for Christchurch's refreshing easterlies.*
- Section 1.** **Lou Stella and Tanya Didham** - What colour is the future of the Red Zone?
- Section 2.** **Dr Colin Meurk** - Travis Wetland: a unique urban wetland.
- Section 3.** **Andrew Crossland** - The ebb and flow of our coastal birds.
Bill Simpson - Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust: Challenges and Successes.
- 6.30pm** A wine and some nibbles as Board members **Te Atarangi Sayers** and **Alan Chow** fill us in on life at the top.
- 7.00pm** **Dinner**
Short Film - *Ashley/Rakahuri Recovery*: introduced by **Nick Ledgard** (Ashley/Rakahuri Rivercare Group)
Greg Stanley (Biodiversity Officer, Environment Canterbury): *Waimakariri Sanctuary – Living with Exotics.*

Sunday 3rd November

- 9.00 - 9.35am** **Thomas Stracke and Kristina Schutt** (Christchurch Penguin Rehabilitation) - *Ten years Caring for New Zealand Penguins.*
- 9.40 - 10.30am** **Laura Young** (Kea Conservation Trust) - *The Plight of the Kea.*
- 10.30 - 10.55am** **Morning tea**
- 11.00 - 11.40am** **Rosalie Snoyink** (Mackenzie Guardians) - *Mackenzie Basin Time for change.*
- 11.45 – 12.25am** **Amelia Dewhurst** (Forest and Bird Youth) - *When Do Young People Care?*
- Valerie Campbell** - *Closing comments and hopes.*
- Buffet lunch**

Stay to chat as you munch, get a headstart for home or take lunch and picnic at Dean's Bush. Please note: Bring your drink bottle to fill and take.

After the closure of the meeting, those with time to spare are invited to take their lunch to Riccarton House grounds (16 Kahu Rd, Riccarton, Christchurch 8041), the late homestead of the first European settlers in the Christchurch area, the Deans family. Share a picnic on the lawns, and then, take a stroll through the predator-free Deans' Bush, original forest preserved by the family from the 1840's. Please note that if we have more than ten takers, we can have a City Ranger as guide.

For those with a day or two to spare, we suggest a visit to the Hinewai Reserve, a sight to inspire. Hinewai, a private reserve, is open to the public, free of charge. It lies east of the town of Akaroa. The regeneration project began in 1987 and depends on the natural regeneration of native vegetation and wildlife using gorse as a nursery cover. The result has been the re-establishment of mainly forest beyond the old growth forest that is the heart of the 1250 hectares reserve. Hinewai boasts a rich diversity of land. To learn more about its charismatic manager, see You Tube *Fools and Dreamers*