

## **Nelson/Tasman Branch of Forest and Bird**

### **Annual General Meeting 2020**

Like a lot of NGOs, Forest and Bird's national funding has been cut. However, the Nelson/Tasman Branch is able to operate business-as-usual because of all the people like you, who volunteer.

The membership of our Nelson/Tasman Branch is 769.

I would like to thank the committee who have had another busy year. Gillian Pollock, our secretary and submission writer, and Jo Ecroyd our treasurer have made the meetings run smoothly. Craig Potton, Tim Robson, Pam Pope and Jenny Easton have also contributed. During the last year I have welcomed onto the committee Andrew Tilling who has helped with submissions, Michael Burton our Health and Safety Champion and Julie Evens who has computer/projector skills. Thank you all.

I also thank the other monthly helpers. Ian Price - Paremata Flats Restoration Project, Cohen Restoration Project, Orphanage Stream planting, Pearl Creek planting. Ian Faulkner - sound system for meeting. Ian Morris - advertising and our web page. Rob Brown - editor of newsletter. Jane Stevens - Port Nelson and biosecurity meetings. Steve and Penny Palmer - Dun Mt mineral belt. Malcolm Hugman - Pearl Creek. Kevin O'Neil - Orphanage Stream.

Monique and Bill Dyson resigned from the committee during the year and Ian Wishart is not standing again this coming year. Thank you for your contribution.

I am saddened to report that the Nelson/Tasman Branch of Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC) does not have a co-ordinator now. A big thanks to Sally Leggett and Scooter Palmer who have put a lot of time into organising the children's programme for the last two years. If you yourself or somebody you know would like to take up this position please contact us.

During the year we held 9 public meetings before Covid 19 put a stop to them. Thank you to all these speakers who gave an interesting and informative talk.

King Shags by Rob Schuckard.

Godwits by David Melville.

Fight for the Forests by Paul Bensemman.

Encounters in Wild NZ by Craig Potton.

Caves of Mt Arthur Tablelands by Martin Grinsted.

Saving the Kakapo by Ricki- Ann Mitchell.

'Good News' by Kevin Hague.

Tasman Bay Guardians by Stew Robertson.

Kapiti Coast Biodiversity by Jean Fleming.