



Kiwi Conservation Club - Hakuturi Toa

North Taranaki Branch Newsletter, July 2021

Hi KCC'ers

Here's our newsletter for activities for the remainder of the year. Looking forward to meeting you soon.

A Night of Star Gazing - New Plymouth Observatory

This is not a public night. We have a special booking for KCC members and family. Numbers are limited so please register on the link sent.

Date: Thursday 15 July

Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm (School holidays) Please arrive by 6.50pm, so we do not keep the volunteers waiting.

Cost: \$5.00 per person, payable to myself on arrival.
Please have correct change.

Meet: NP Observatory, Marsland Hill, New Plymouth

Bring: Warm clothing as there is no heating inside the observatory and it can be very cool using the outside telescopes. Water bottle.



The night will not be cancelled unless it is shocking weather. If it is too cloudy to use the telescopes everyone receives a voucher to come again on a public night.

There is ramped access to the building and a wheelchair-friendly outdoor telescope option.

Traps & Bird Feeders

Date: Sunday 15 August

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

Meet: 9 Trelawney Crescent, New Plymouth

Bring: Gardening or disposable gloves (I will have some available), gumboots, jacket, water bottle and snacks for afternoon tea

Make bird feeders to hang in a tree at home.
Everything you need will be supplied.



We will check the traps in the reserve next to where I live, there are only 5 so it doesn't take long. The reserve seems to attract rubbish so we will have a clean up while we are checking the traps. Following this we will make the bird feeders.



Native Frog & Fish Expedition

Date: Monday 13 & Wednesday 15 September

Time: 7.30 - 8.30pm. Please arrive by 7.20pm

Meet: Brooklands zoo carpark

Bring: Warm clothes, wet weather gear, torch (check the batteries), cellphone or camera

Nathan Hills will help us look for native frogs and fish around the bowl and lake areas. Nathan is very experienced and has led expeditions in the park previously for KCC and the public.

Numbers are limited to 15 ppl max on each night. A registration form will be sent out. Get your registration in quick for this one.

This activity goes ahead regardless of weather. The frogs and fish love the rain.

Note: No dogs or other pets allowed in the park.

Visit to "The Junction" Zero Waste Hub

The Junction Zero Waste Hub is where the contents of your household recycling bins are separated and bailed, ready to be transported off site into new goods.

Erin, the Recycling Tour Educator will talk to us, along with interactive stations and you can even try your hand out at sorting on a conveyor.

Date: Thursday 7 October (school holidays)

Time: 10.30am - 12.00 midday

Meet: Colson Road, NP. There is parking available.

Bring: Suitable footwear, water bottle.

Optional: Bring some pocket money and after our tour you might like to have a look in the shop and find pre-loved items to reuse or upcycle.

Note: There is a flight of stairs to access with no lift available.



Scavenger Hunt, Fun & Adventure at Ratapihipihi Scenic Reserve

Come along and see if we can find the Ratapihipihi Troll ! The weather is warming up so he may be out of his cave?

While we look for him, we will see how many trees and ferns we can name. Let's challenge ourselves to learn a new one today, and a scavenger hunt along the way.

Date: Sunday 21 November

Time: 1.30 - 3.30pm

Meet: Ratapihipihi Scenic Reserve, Follow Tukapa Street, then turn into Cowling Road, then into Ratapihipihi Road.

Bring: Good footwear, it may be slippery if it has been raining, jacket, warm clothes as it can be cold in the bush while looking and exploring.

Snacks for afternoon tea

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/taranaki/places/new-plymouth-area/things-to-do/ratapihipihi-scenic-reserve-walk/>

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