

Nelson Tasman Branch of Forest and Bird
Annual General Meeting 2022
via zoom

Although we are two months late holding this year's AGM, there has not been much activity to report on lately.

The membership of our Nelson/Tasman Branch is 825, a drop of 29 from last year.

I would like to thank the committee for the volunteer work they have been doing. Gillian Pollock, our Secretary, and Jo Ecroyd our Treasurer have done a great job. A special thanks goes to Jo who is going to stand down after many years of keeping our books in order. I know that Jo's professionalism was always appreciated by Head Office when the Nelson/Tasman End of Year Report was submitted. The committee: Craig Potton, Tim Robson, Pam Pope, Michael Stocker and Andrew Tilling have all been busy. I thank the other volunteers who are not on the committee but have also helped in a variety of ways: Ian Price, Peter Phipps, Ian Morris, Malcolm Hugman, Steve and Penny Palmer, Kevin O'Neil, Jane Stevens and Rob Brown.

I thank the weeders who gather weekly to remove the nasties from the F&B restoration project at Paremata Flats, Cable Bay. Thanks also to the 30 people who monthly check a trapping line there. The team leaders Eric McPherson, Paul Briggs and John Young do a great job. A special thanks to Moira Tilling who records the catches and reports the results.

I also thank Mieke van Dam and Andy Hamilton for making a monthly donation of \$300 towards F&B tree planting as part of their personal carbon emission off-setting responsibility. This money is spent on trees for Eves Valley Reserve. F&B owned this land before it was given to DOC on their creation in 1987.

During the year we only held 5 public meetings before Covid 19 put a stop to them.

Wayne Langford spoke on Dairy Farming

Sean Handley - Nelson Marine Biology

Simon Walls - Fungi

Kevin Hackwell - Feral Browsing Mammals

Sian Reynolds - Wilding Pines

Thank you to all these speakers who gave interesting and informative talks.

I am sad to say that Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC) has not been active in the last year. However, there is now an active Youth Group led by Nate Wilbourne.

We have continued to support three annual student awards: *The Andy Dennis Scholarship* to a student at NMIT on the DOC trainee ranger course, *The Youth Enterprise Award* for a NMIT student and the *Cawthron Scitec Expo Prize*.

After 25+ years my time on the committee and chairing the Nelson/Tasman Branch of F&B has now come to an end, and I wish the Branch well in the future.

Julie McLintock