

Forest and Bird – Nelson Tasman branch Chair report AGM 2024

This last 12 months has been a very special centennial celebration year for Forest and Bird and the branch was well represented at a number of events.

I spoke at our Pelorus centennial party and attended a very lovely nostalgic dinner at Government house on behalf of our branch. There was also the wonderful concert at the school of music featuring special works written for Forest and Bird. Nelson branch was often mentioned in despatches during the year because of our very own Perriine Moncreif's huge contribution to Forest and Bird nationally.

Another heartening project was our branch's monetary support for and joint meeting with NZ Birds updated bird guide to the Nelson Region. We also had another celebration meeting with Friends of Nelson Haven marking their 50th anniversary.

During the year we have continued sterling work on our major projects at Paremata and Pearl Creek. Special thanks to Miang organising plant care days and Tim the trapping. Thanks also to Moira Tilling for keeping all the trapping records.

It has especially heartened me to see KCC being resuscitated with an energetic team of Katrina, Chris and Angela organising outings on alternate months through the year. The kids are back in the picture.

It's also been great to see our sister organisations Brook Sanctuary successfully raise a significant number of our endangered yellow fronted Parakeets and at Farewell Spit Health Post's Wharariki Projects trapping project which was possibly responsible for the startling sight of a great spotted kiwi near Puponga!

I wish to thank all our loyal and regular members who have made our monthly meetings well attended high calibre events and lastly my gratitude to Secretary Gillian and Treasurer Peter and the whole active committee.

Craig Potton chair

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