

Forest and Bird Nelson-Tasman

Chair annual report for AGM in April 2025

Our year was deeply saddened with the loss of our co-chair Katrina.

Although she had a serious medical condition it was such a shock hearing of her passing because she was always so energetic, spritely and intelligent whenever she was doing Forest & Bird work. She helped revitalise KCC, attended meetings on the society's behalf and frequently showed up at our own projects and meetings. Always with a positive attitude and big smile. We are missing you Katrina.

During the year, the branch had 10 well-attended public talks and the committee was active uniting many local and national submissions. The committee sent monthly newsletters to all branch memberships.

The committee sent in comments/submissions on:

- NCC Reserves General Policies
- TDC Proposals to classify existing reserves
- Review of the Waimea River Park Management Plan
- NCC re lack of pest control outside the boundaries of the Brook Sanctuary
- Vehicles on beaches in Golden Bay

Our plantings, weed and pest control continued with vigour at Paramata, Pearl Creek and Cohens. Members were also involved with Mapua and Waimea Inlet plantings.

We are in negotiation with the Nelson Birds group over placement of a bird hide using the donation given to the branch many years ago.

The branch has also begun an initiative, with technical help from Cawthron Institute to meet our COP.15 obligations to protect 30% of our oceans by starting to map areas in Tasman Bay worthy of protection.

Craig Potton, co-chair