

2016 South Island Gathering – Geraldine 28 - 30 October 2016

Safeguarding Biodiversity - challenges and achievements, with a particular focus on Canterbury

Friday 28 October 2016

4 – 5.30 pm	Arrive and Registration
	Short walk through Talbot Forest Scenic Reserve (optional)
6.00 -7.00 pm	Welcome from South Canterbury Branch Light meal
	Branch Presentations Branches are invited to share <u>one</u> success story or a challenge they have encountered since our last Gathering Each branch has 5 minutes maximum. Please be aware that this time will be strictly enforced. There will be display boards available if Branches have material about their work they would like to share. Discussion
8.30 approx.	Bat walk - if the weather is mild we will go on a search for pekapeka/long-tailed bat
	Supper

Saturday 29 October 2016

Morning	Public Session. Cost \$15 - for those not registered for the Gathering
9.00	Welcome from the Board including a formal welcome to our new Chief Executive, Kevin Hague
9.15 Chair: Ainslie Talbot	Canterbury Biodiversity Loss –an overview by Mike Harding Panel – Challenges to protect biodiversity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Harding • Peter Anderson

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10.30 -10.45	Morning tea
10.45 am – 12 mins each plus questions and discussion Chair: Jen Miller	<p>Story telling. Speakers will reflect on their own experiences in meeting the challenge to halt biodiversity decline</p> <p>Fraser Ross is a distinguished life member of Forest and Bird and has contributed more than 40 years of his life to conservation. His quiet determination, extensive field knowledge, sharp analysis, hard work and wisdom inspire many.</p> <p>Sophie Allen from Working Waters Trust. Sophie has also worked for Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu as a Senior Environmental Advisor, working on the restoration of Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere) and mahinga kai monitoring, an advisor for pest management for MPI, and for an urban stream restoration project in Auckland. Her specialty is in the area of advising communities on management, restoration and conservation of freshwater resources.</p> <p>Ines Stäger is a South Canterbury Branch committee member and a former F&B Board member. Ines is a landscape architect with a huge wealth of knowledge of conservation issues, and she has been actively involved with F&B and other conservation organisations for many years.</p>
	End of public session
12.00 – 1.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 - 5.00 pm	Fieldtrip: Protected dryland ecosystems. Dryland ecosystems are increasingly threatened. The field trip will visit a couple of these now precious sites.
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Free Time
6.30 – 7.30 pm	Dinner
7.30 pm	<p>Speaker: Jono More</p> <p>Jono is a conservation ecologist and artist based in rural South Canterbury. He has a passion for protecting wildlife and works mainly in species monitoring for the Department of Conservation where he specialises in long tailed bat research. Jono’s work takes him all around the South Island, and in recent years he has been involved in many wildlife conservation projects in the Galapagos Islands.</p> <p>Supper</p>

Sunday 28 October

8.30 – 8.50 am	Board Update
8.50 -10.30 am	Looking Ahead Board update Forest and Bird campaigns for 2017 and beyond. Communications Team-Thinking global, acting local-media that works. KCC –what they are up to and future planning. Health & Safety- an update on the organisational H&S review and what it means for branches and volunteers. Please feel free to ask questions and offer your ideas
10.30 -11 am	Morning Tea
11 – 12 noon	Matters of interest; including South-East Marine Protected Area Forum NPS Biodiversity Forum-Forest and Bird involvement Predator Free NZ RMA - what we are involved in. Discussion
12 -1 pm	Lunch
1 pm	Closing