



PROGRAMME FEBRUARY-JUNE 2017

Talks are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Tahunanui School Hall, Muritai Street, Tahunanui at 7.30pm**. Contributions for **sales table and raffle** are most welcome. Gold coin donation towards hall hire please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
FEBRUARY 8	Coral Reefs in the Solomon Island
MARCH 4	Big beach cleanup
8	Kevin Hague Chief Executive Forest and Bird
24	Bat Spotting at Pelorus Bridge.
26 - 31	F&B house Somes Is. for Tuatura then Kiwi on Kapati Is.
APRIL 12	Lizard conservation in a development-driven world
21 - 23	Mangarakau Swamp Field Centre
MAY 10	AGM then The plight of the Roroa, our biggest kiwi
JUNE 14	A walk through the carer of a global entomologist

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 8 **Andrew Hamilton**. The Coral Reefs of the Marovo Lagoon.

Marovo Lagoon in the Solomon Islands is the world's finest double-barrier-enclosed lagoon, bordered by the large New Georgia and Vangunu Islands on one side and a double line of long barrier islands on the other. It contains hundreds of beautiful small islands, most of which are covered by coconut palms and rainforest and surrounded by coral. The talk will focus on an exploration of the diverse marine inhabitants of the reef using both still images and underwater video.



March

Saturday 4 Big Beach Cleanup Forest and Bird will be clearing the rubbish off the beach at **Best Island**, meet at 9 am at the end of causeway by entrance to island, near golf club entrance. Gillian 021380310.



Wednesday 8 Kevin Hague New Zealanders love nature, and want to see it protected. So how come political parties mostly ignore conservation when it comes to General Elections? In this talk Kevin Hague will dispel some myths, lay out Forest & Bird's election year priorities and ask the public to help make conservation something politicians can no longer afford to ignore.

Friday 24 Bat Spotting at Pelorus Bridge. Register with Debs

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Sunday 26 - 31 Stay a night (26th) in the F&B house on **Somes Island** (on an evening walk tuatara may be seen) and awake to the chatter of parakeet. The night of 28th will be spent on **Kapiti Island** kiwi spotting. Kaka, takahe, kokako, stitchbird, saddleback and brown teal can also be seen. For more info contact Julie 5450989.

APRIL

Wednesday 12 Lizard conservation in a development-driven world Development that destroys wildlife and native plant communities is sometimes an inevitability, despite our desires for it not to happen. Salvage and relocation of wildlife is becoming more common when developments

cause such impacts, particularly for native lizards, some birds and rare plants. When salvage and relocation are successful, it can help minimise impacts at a site, however there is often little guidance for industry or monitoring to ensure that best efforts are made and successes guaranteed as far as possible. There are even fewer case examples for how this can be done well – both for conservationists and the business community.



One such example that has worked well is the translocation of rare Auckland green geckos from a quarry in south Auckland to a DOC and community-run pest-free Open Sanctuary, Tiritiri Matangi Island. This presentation will trace the background to this project, the involvement of five very different stakeholders in making it happen and the steps that have led to the first round of reintroductions to Tiritiri in early 2017.

Friday -Sunday 21 - 23 Mangarakau Swamp Field Centre Mangarakau Swamp Field Centre is a great place to hear bittern. There will be some planting to do and plenty of time for walking. For more info contact Julie 5450989 or nikau48@gmail.com

May

Wednesday 10 AGM Followed by The plight of the Roroa, our biggest kiwi. Robin & Sandy Toy will preview the results of an ongoing study of the distribution of the great-spotted kiwi in NW Nelson . Why is a substantial range contraction and population decline evident? They will illustrate likely causes of this decline with videos taken by Friends of Flora using trail cams at kiwi nests.

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