



# Forest & Bird

GIVING NATURE A VOICE

## SOUTHLAND BRANCH and KCC PROGRAMME 2015/16

**Saturday 7 November 2015 – Southland Ecological Restoration (SERN) Spring Bus Trip** – to Ohai and surrounds – leave Feldwick Gates, Queens Park at 9am back 4.30pm. Free but booking required - Gay Munro 03 2395827 – [www.sern.org.nz](http://www.sern.org.nz)

**Saturday 14 November 2015 – Gore Planting and seat unveiling - remembering Don and Margaret Lamont.** Meet at the Gore Reforestation Project at 9.30am, Hamilton Park, Gore. Contact: Arne Cleland 024 346 174 for further information.

**Sunday 15 November 2015 – KCC Southland Community Nursery Bird Week Activities 2-4pm** Join us for some bird related activities! Also, draw and paint and look at the bird photographic and children's painting exhibitions. Chris Rance 2131161 evenings. Park 183 Grant Road Car Park. At 4pm go to **Bush Haven** for a special kaka chick viewing. Bronwyn KCC 2130017.

**Saturday 5 December 2015 - TE RERE Yellow-eyed penguin Reserve – Full Day Penguin Count.** Booking essential, 4WD useful if you have one. Two teams of people required. Brian Rance 03 2131161 evenings or [rances@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rances@ihug.co.nz).

**Sunday 13 December 2015 – F&B Pleasure Bay, Invercargill Estuary** – Meet at Estuary car park off Bond Street at 10.30am - planting and weeding at the bird hide, picnic lunch at Bushy Point Pond Otatara (start of track off Bryson Road) – Joining the Otatara Landcare Group for KCC Bushy Point afternoon activity 1-3pm. Leaders Gay Munro 03 2395827, Bronwyn KCC 2130017.

**Sunday 24 January 2016 – Trip and KCC activity Sherwood Forest, Tussock Creek.** Meet at Sherwood Forest 10.30am for ivy pulling followed by picnic lunch and afternoon bush activity for KCC families. Leaders Gay Munro 03 2395827 and Bronwyn KCC 2130017.

**Sunday 21 February 2016 – Waituna Wetlands – World Wetland Day activities - EELS and insect eating plants!** - Meet at Waghorn Road Bridge at 10.30am to pull up the eel net and hopefully see live eels and learn all about them! Picnic lunch at Waituna shelter for a picnic lunch and onto the Waituna track for as long as you want (full track takes 1.5 hours, 4.5kms). Leaders Gay Munro 03 2395827 and Bronwyn KCC 2130017.

**Saturday 12 March 2016 - Landcare Groups Networking day at Stewart Island.** Bookings to Nathan Cruickshank, Environment Southland.

**Saturday 12 March 2016 – KCC exploration Southland Community Nursery, Otatara – 2-4pm.** Leaders Chris Rance 2131161, Bronwyn KCC 2130017

**Saturday 9 April 2016 - Home Creek, Manapouri** – Meet at 11am at Home Creek and help with this great restoration project. Picnic lunch and afternoon KCC flax boat racing stream activities. Leaders Edith Jones 03 2131571 or 03 2496991 and John Carter (03 2494315 or 02108650535).

## **MAY 2016 - Southland Branch Forest and Bird AGM.**

**21/22 MAY 2016 – TAUTUKU Working weekend.** Come and spend Saturday working at Tautuku Forest cabins at the Lenz Reserve and get free accommodation – Friday and Saturday night.

### **KCC Kids on holiday in Te Anau**

John Carter (KCC Southland based in Te Anau) can give advice to families wanting to get out to Deep Cove and explore nature and is happy to do the same for any KCC kids on holiday in Te Anau.

A general invite still exists for children to tag along with parents to Kindergarten sessions in park every Monday of school terms (that's when I work)...best to call 03 249 4315

Also, Kids Restore Kepler, I can help provide an overview and assistance with track finding for families wanting to explore and experience this very meaningful child led project - also check their website for what's new; [www.kidsrestorethekepler.co.nz](http://www.kidsrestorethekepler.co.nz) - we have tools for people to be genuinely involved. **John Carter** (03 2494315 or 02108650535

## **Draw or paint your favourite native bird before 14 November 2015.**

For ideas check out

[www.kcc.org.nz/birds](http://www.kcc.org.nz/birds)

Drop off, or send, your painting (with your name address and age on the back) to the Southland Community Nursery – 185 Grant Road, Otatara, 9RD, Invercargill and it will be displayed in the Nature Education Centre on Weekend 14/15 November and for the following week.

[www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz](http://www.southlandcommunitynursery.org.nz)

For the best drawing - a grand prize of a Birds of New Zealand book, runner up prizes of Kiwi Conservation Club annual memberships (a 3 monthly children 's conservation magazine). Prizes donated by Southland Forest and Bird –

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