



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 1 Programme 2013

Meetings at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2
(unless advised differently)

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| February | 8 | BBQ at Tony and Jane Lorimer's place. Tony is the Patron of Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club and the Lorimers have kindly invited us to start the year by enjoying their hospitality. Bring food (salads, snacks etc), drinks and swimming gear. Sausages and bread will be provided. Details such as where and time etc later. |
| | 15 | Friday Evening Walk We will meet at Till's Lookout at 6.30pm, and then walk to the Taitua Arboretum, returning to Melva Street by 9.00pm. More details later – 'phone Dave 846 4013 if you're coming. Meanwhile, homework: What is an "arboretum", and what is "Te Araroa"? |
| | 22 | Measuring Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Bill Carlson, Research Associate, Land Development, AgResearch. |
| March | 1 | GoPro – What is it? Ross Trafford, teacher and photographer, will show us some of his work and give us some tips on how to make great adventure movies. |
| | 8 | The World of Insects Moira Cursey, DOC and Waikato Biodiversity Forum. We'll identify some insects and design a pit-fall trap. |
| | 15 | The Kermadec Islands Last year Olivia Jay travelled aboard the HMNZS Canterbury to the Kermadec Islands, along with 29 other young people, as part of the Young Blake Expedition. The adventure was arranged by the Peter Blake Trust. Olivia, who was formerly a Junat, was a Year 13 student at Diocesan School when she had her great adventure. I recommend that you come and listen to this inspiring young conservationist and future leader. Homework: where are the Kermadec Islands and how did they get there? |
| | 22 | NZ's Native Bats Dr David Pattemore, Pollination Scientist, University of Waikato. Dr Pattemore will discuss the role of these little creatures in the pollination of various trees and shrubs and the difficulties they face. |
| | 29 | Easter Trip to Tongariro National Park This year we will walk up to Waihoonu Hut and see a truly exquisite part of TNP. The trip will be limited to 35 people and will cover the Friday, Saturday and the Sunday of Easter weekend. More details later. Ring Dave, 07 846 4013 |
| April | 5 | Know Your Native Birds Jo Roxburgh, Educator at Te Kauri Lodge with Te Kauri Waikuku Trust. This will be a practical session which will help us identify native birds by their appearance and their "birdsong". |
| | Sat 6 | Working B at Te Kauri Lodge - details and job lists will follow. Remember, working b's at our lodge is one of the conditions of club membership. Some Junats will spend a day at the Lodge and some will be there for both the Saturday and the Sunday. |
| | Sun 7 | Working B at Te Kauri Lodge (cont). |
| | 12 | Pizza Evening Bring photos of our TNP trip and any other adventures you've had and we'll watch them over pizza and a drink. |