



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 2 Programme 2012

Meetings at 7pm, Hort Centre, Hamilton Gardens Gate 2

(unless advised differently)

April	27	Adventures in Tongariro National Park Lucy Roberts, Department of Conservation.
May	4	The Frozen Planet – from Katherine Hay’s point of view (former Junat and Environment Centre Manager who has travelled in the Southern Ocean to Antarctica).
	11	Whangamarino Wetland: Goodies and Nasties Find out what Matt Brady, Department of Conservation Ranger, discovered whilst working in the Whangamarino Wetland which is a RAMSAR site north of Hamilton. (Homework – find out what is meant by “RAMSAR”).
	13	Picnic and Walk at Maungakawa Scenic Reserve (Near Cambridge, location details will follow) This reserve has the greatest range of species recorded in any reserve in the Waikato! Come and find out why. We’ll have a picnic lunch around midday and then do a shortish (less than 1 hour) walk in the reserve.
	18	Photograph Evening Bring your images from the Tongariro National Park trip at Easter on a memory stick or a disc. If any one would to tell their story about the trip, come along and share it with us. You could also bring any other photos that you’d like to share. Bring \$2.50 for a pizza snack
	20	Default day for picnic at Maungakawa Scenic Reserve (if the weather was bad last weekend).
	25	How Fast Could TRex Run? Associate Professor Dr Carolyn King, University of Waikato.
	26 and 27	Working B at Te Kauri Lodge We’ll have a variety of tasks from painting to lawn-mowing and gutter cleaning. Families can choose either the Saturday or the Sunday, or preferably stay overnight and do both days! We will try to fit in a short walk down Sheep Track to see the work that DOC has done there recently.
June	1	Dairy Farming, Water Quality and Sustainable Land Use Rebecca Evers, PhD student, University of Waikato.
	8	Epic Missions and Awesome Climbs: The Surprising Abilities of New Zealand’s Native Freshwater Fish Jennifer Blair, University of Waikato Masters student. (Check out www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/freshwater/)
	15	Dog Search and Rescue! Graeme Hill, Operational Handler, Hamilton LandSAR Group and his amazing dog Gemma.
	22	Annual General Meeting McMeekan Centre, AgResearch Ruakura Campus 7.30pm
July	9 to 13	Winter Camp at Te Kauri Lodge. Programme will follow soon.