



Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

Term 2 Programme 2011- Updated

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

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| May | 6 | What is hacking? And what is a karearea? Jan Hoverd will answer these questions when she talks to us about the NZ falcon programme at Kakepuku. |
| | 13 | Juan Fernandez Archipelago, Chile Older Junat Alan Saunders has an interesting presentation on invasive species management in this fascinating part of Chile. He has some great photos! |
| | 14 | Kauri Day at Te Kauri Park Please refer to the email regarding the kauri monitoring sent on 5 April 2011. Contact Chris Eames c.eames@waikato.ac.nz if you can help with this important monitoring project. |
| | 20 | Sand Dune Restoration Why would we want to restore sand dunes? Won't sand just blow everywhere and spoil everything? Sam Stephens, Waikato Regional Council (formerly EW). |
| | 27 | Soil – Do We Need It? How have we changed our thinking about the value of soil in recent years? Sharn Hainsworth, Landcare Research. |
| June | 3 | Queen's Birthday weekend, no Friday meeting. |
| | 4,5,6 | Trip to Tongariro National Park – details, equipment list etc will follow soon. We'll travel down to TNP on Saturday, and stay at the Holiday Park Lodge Saturday and Sunday night. The cunning plan for this year will depend on the weather. |
| | 10 | Science Fair Projects This evening we will discuss how to go about producing a really good Science Fair project. We'll have brief presentations from various Junats including some who have been very successful at Science Fairs in recent years, and some good tips from Chris Eames, Nona Nachowitz and Angela Schipper. |
| | 17 | Mulu – The World's Largest Caves Recently Greg Martin, DOC Conservator, Waikato (and old Junat!) travelled to Malaysia to visit some really interesting places. He has some incredible photos of the jungle, caves and wildlife. |
| | 24 | AGM at the McMeekan Centre, Ruakura. Guest speaker Barry Were from Land Search and Rescue. |
| | 26 | Tramp to Titiraupenga in Pureora Forest Park. This is a great walk in beautiful podocarp forest, Central North Island. Details later. |
| July | 1 | Tsunami ! What effect would these monster waves have on our coastal communities? Vernon Pickett, coastal earth scientist from Waikato Regional Council. |
| | 8 | Waikato Regional Council speaker TBA. |
| | 9 | Working Bee at Te Kauri Lodge. Details to follow. |
| | 15 | Last day of term, no meeting. |
| | 25-29 | Winter Camp Details coming later. |