



Term 3 Programme 2014

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

(Unless advised differently)

- July 25 **Whangamarino wetland, Lake Waikare and the Effects of the Lower Waikato – Waipa Flood Control Scheme.** Dr Andrew Styche, Department of Conservation Ecologist
- August 1 **Epiphytes and Native Fauna** Olivia Henwood, University of Waikato. *Homework: Find out what an epiphyte is and what is meant by “fauna”.*
- August 8 **Weeds and What can be done About Them** Paul Champion, Principal Scientist/ Freshwater Ecologist at NIWA. *Homework: Find out what NIWA means.*
- August 9 and 10 **Working Bee** at Te Kauri Lodge. Remember, working b’s at our lodge is one of the conditions of club membership. Come and spend a few hours at the Lodge, or maybe stay the whole weekend!
- August 15 To be advised.
- August 22 **Enraptured by Raptors** Dr Laurence Barea, Department of Conservation and internationally recognised raptor specialist. Laurence may bring a special friend.
- August 23 **Huntly Power Station Field Trip** We’ll meet at 10am sharp and then have a guided visit to the power station, compliments of Genesis Energy. **NB** Our guides will be doing this in their own time! Details regarding where to meet etc later.
- August 29 **Finding Out About Freshwater Mussels** Associate Professor Kevin Collier, University of Waikato. *Homework: Can mussels live in fresh water?*
- September 5 **What’s Going On At The Coast?** Hannah Jones, Coastal Scientist, Waikato Regional Council. More details later.
- September 6 or 7 **Field Trip to Kakepuku Mountain** We’ll meet at the carpark at 10am sharp. This is a moderately easy walk which is suitable for kids of any age and we should be back at the carpark around 3.30pm. Details about where the carpark is later. *Meanwhile, find out where Kakepuku is.*
- September 12 **Vampires of the Ocean** Dr Cindy Baker, NIWA Aquatic Ecologist who deals with some very interesting fish species.
- September 19 **Fish** Michael Pingram, Freshwater Ecologist, Waikato Regional Council. More details later.

Don’t forget: DOC has invited Junats to be the first guests at the new Pahautea Hut near the summit of Pirongia mountain. Unfortunately, DOC won’t provide a helicopter for us, so we will have to struggle up there with our gear and the new Hut Book. This will be later in September, so you have a bit of time to work on your fitness!