



## Hamilton Junior Naturalist Club

### Term 4 Programme 2012

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

(unless advised differently)

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| October  | 19        | <b>BEV</b> Mike Duke, University of Waikato, introduces BEV which might have something to do with electric cars and sustainable fuel. Find out what is going on in the engineering labs at our university.   |
|          | 26        | <b>Kakapo Recovery - Where To After 50 Years of Hard Work</b> Chris Smuts-Kennedy, formerly Wildlife Service and DOC, and now MEIT (find out what that is). Chris was one of the Wildlife Service Officers who was there at the beginning of the recovery programme (he remembers Sirocco when he was an egg!)   |
| November | 2         | <b>Quantum Evolution</b> It seems that until recently the Theory (or Science) of Quantum Mechanics didn't seem to work at a biological level – Alista Fow, University of Waikato, gives us an update on recent research in this field.   |
|          | 9         | <b>Tracking Tunnels – How to make One</b> (and use it to find out what is sneaking around in the bush). Moira Cursey, Biodiversity Forum and DOC.  |
|          | 16        | <b>Clinical Microbiologist</b> Chris Mansell tells us about his work in pathology. More details will follow.   |
|          | 17 and 18 | <b>Working B at Te Kauri Lodge</b> Choose whether to come on Saturday or Sunday – or both days if you like. Some Junats will stay over-night, We'll be working on the museum and various other jobs around the Lodge. We'll let you know closer to the weekend when we know what specific jobs need doing. Might be time to do a small tramp as well. Contact Mike or Dave if you intend coming. |
|          | 23        | <b>Honey Dew and Bird Feeders</b> Watch a 20 minute doco about honeydew and then make a bird feeder. More details about what to bring later. In the mean-time, keep your eyes peeled for some pine cones.  |
|          | 25        | <b>Kakepuku Tramp</b> Check out DOC's new track, see some historic pa sites and great views from the summit. Only if the weather is good. Ring Dave, 07 846 4013 for information – more details including a map to the car park will follow.   |
|          | 30        | <b>Hamilton Gardens Guided Walk</b> (with a famous guide who is yet to be found). Meet at the usual place – bring a torch in case we become benighted. And a tent.   |
| December | 2         | <b>Default Day for Kakepuku Trip</b>   |
|          | 15 or 16  | <b>BBQ at Dave's Place</b> to celebrate the end of exams and the end of the year. Details about when, where and what to bring will follow.   |
| January  | 6 to 11   | <b>Summer Camp</b> at Te Kauri Lodge   |

For further information, contact Dave Matthews 07 846 4013, or visit [www.junats.org.nz](http://www.junats.org.nz)