



PEST TRAPPING WORKSHOP

3 DECEMBER 2017, SAXTON NETBALL PAVILION

Help us restore our native wildlife by trapping invasive predators such as rats, stoats and possums!

Join us at Saxton Netball Pavilion on 3 December 2017 for an inspiring and informative day of presentations, workshops, information and assistance for anyone involved with, or wanting to get involved with, invasive animal predator trapping in the Top of the South.

The day will feature talks and presentations from national and local speakers, including Nic Toki, Threatened Species Ambassador from the Department of Conservation.

Prepare to be inspired, learn the latest in predator control science and how to make sure you are achieving the results you want for our native

wildlife. Take part in practical workshops and discussions on trapping techniques and common challenges.

Lunch will be provided, and there will be plenty of opportunity to connect with other projects and people from across the region.

Supported by Nelson City Council, The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Department of Conservation, Tasman District Council, and Predator Free 2050.

Register online at trapping-workshop.lilregie.com.

TOP OF THE SOUTH PEST TRAPPING WORKSHOP

3 December 2017, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Saxton Stadium Netball Pavilion, Stoke, Nelson



STUDENTS TAKE ACTION FOR LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS

New signage on the highway at Glenduan may help to save the lives of little blue penguins living in the area. The signs were requested in a letter to Council from three Nelson Central School students, who were researching penguins for a school project.

"Down near the Glen there is a colony of little blue penguins," wrote Isla Carey, Sasindi Kodithuwkku and Esme Ransom.

"We have discovered that at least one nesting pair of penguins cross the busy road daily to access the sea.

"To also help these penguins, we are wondering if you could support us with the making of signs telling the drivers that penguins are living around these areas."

Council has responded by adding a penguin sign to the existing sign warning of children crossing in the area.

Clare Barton, Group Manager Strategy and Environment said that "It's great when local residents take action to help our native birds, and we hope that the new signage will help keep the local blue penguin colony safe."



ART MEETS CONSERVATION

Art and Conservation came together during the Nelson Arts Festival for the Halo Project, as Wellington artist Paul Forrest created artworks featuring photos of native birds in a mobile studio outside the Nelson Provincial Museum.

The installation was a collaboration with Auckland bird photographer Derek Tearne, and soundscape artist/birdman Matu Booth. Paul Forrest says the trio aimed to celebrate the dynamic beauty of New Zealand's native birdlife through contemporary visual art and sound.

"This work celebrates not only New Zealand's beautiful birdlife and the importance of our native birds, but also the halo effect created by sanctuaries like Zealandia in Wellington or in Nelson's case The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary. When native birds start migrating and breeding outside sanctuaries and nature reserves that is known as the 'halo effect'," he says.

Proceeds from the sale of Paul Forrest's posters and postcards were donated to the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary to support its re-introduction programme for rare native birds. A second large art work featuring a rifleman by Nelson photographer Grant Stirling is to be gifted to the Sanctuary.

Nelson Nature supported the project by providing 200 native seedlings for the artists to give away to children. These seedlings were for children to plant in their backyard, enhancing habitat to help native wildlife thrive within the Nelson Halo.



CONSERVATION WEEK

In celebration of Conservation Week, DOC are running a family event, *Our Place: Our Nature*, on Saturday 28 October from 10am to 2pm at Branford Park, Maitai Valley.

The event will include exciting activities for all ages: make your own tracking tunnel, have a go at flax weaving, take part in a scavenger hunt, play giant outdoor board games, discover what freshwater critters live in the Maitai River, and more. There will also be some adventure games for the under 5s.

The *Our Place: Our Nature* event is brought to you by the Department of Conservation in partnership with Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council, Nelmac, Bowater Toyota, Big Picture Productions, Enviroschools and Nelson College for Girls Enviro Group.



Stall holders include: Waimaori stream care, Forest and Bird, NMIT, Natureland Wildlife Trust, Project Janszoon, Friends of Flora, Birds NZ, Predator Free 2050, and Lane Hawkins.

There will be no food for sale onsite, so bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it. Please help us by taking your rubbish home with you. Don't forget your water bottle to fill up on site from Nelmac's free water tanker.

Please note there is very limited parking on site, we suggest either walking or biking from home, or parking on Nile Street and walking to Branford Park from there.

For more ideas, check out www.conservationweek.org.nz