



*How, what, and why for conservation on the West Coast*

**14th June 2018**

Field trips 15th June

### **Purpose**

To enable those community groups and individuals involved in conservation on the West Coast to work more effectively and efficiently. This symposium will consist of a day of presentations at Shantytown near Greymouth, followed by field trips visiting local conservation projects.

The symposium will help you learn more about ecology, conservation, governance, management and fundraising while developing valuable networks.

There will be two themes, 'Ecology; the science underpinning conservation' and 'Operating a Community Conservation Group'. The range of skills, knowledge and experience we need to undertake effective conservation will be presented by experts in their fields, from professionals and scientists and from practitioners who have done it and learned from some of the hurdles and pitfalls.

The focus is on nature conservation although the community group sessions will be relevant to other community groups.

***Registration costs will be kept to an absolute minimum and fees and an online booking form will be published shortly***

### **Field trips**

Visits to community conservation projects including the West Coast Penguin Trust's work at Seal Island and their Pahautane penguin protection fence, the Paparoa Wildlife Trust's kiwi crèche, the Cobden wetland restoration project (CASRA) and predator control at Motukiekie and or Punakaiki. One field trip will finish at the Conservation Volunteers site near Punakaiki with the opportunity to observe the Westland petrels returning to their colonies at dusk.

### **Timing and location**

[Shantytown](#) (10km south of Greymouth), 14th June

Local field trips, 15th June



## Symposium Programme, Thursday 14th June 2018, Shantytown

8.40-9.20	<i>Registration and tea/coffee</i>			
9.30-9.35	Welcome, WCPT			Kerry-Jayne Wilson
9.35-9.45	Welcome, Ngati Waewae			Ngati Waewae
9.45-10.10	West Coast natural heritage, what makes the Coast special and what have we to protect			Kerry-Jayne Wilson, WCPT
10.10-10.45	An over view of the skills and challenges needed to run a community group, who do we have to work with and who is there to help us.			Gillian Bishop, Tasman Environmental Trust
10.45-11.15	<i>Morning tea</i>			
11.15-11.45	West Coast rain forest ecology			Dr Jon Sullivan, Lincoln University
11.45-12.15	The ecology of predators and prey			Dr Graeme Elliott, DOC Scientist
12.15-12.45	Predator Free NZ – landscape scale predator control for the West Coast			Mark Davies, DOC
12.45-1.45	<i>Lunch / networking</i>			
1.45-2.10	DOC support for community conservation projects			Martin Rodd, DOC
2.10-2.40	Volunteers: making the best of them and finding, keeping and rewarding the right people			Dave Sharp, Conservation Volunteers NZ
2.40-3.10	Fundraising: it's everybody's business and busting the myths about fundraising			Kevin Hague, Forest & Bird
3.10-3.40	<i>Afternoon tea</i>			
	<i>Ecology stream</i>		<i>Community Conservation Management stream</i>	
3.40-4.15	Forest succession	Jon Sullivan, Lincoln University	Governance: what does it mean for Trustees	Phil Rossiter, Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust
4.15-4.50	Planning a restoration programme	Dr Colin Meurk, Landcare Research	Managing a community group and financial reporting: advice to keep things simple	Penny Kirk and Dianne Hanson, Department of Internal Affairs
4.50-5.25	Community predator control tools: what and how to choose - the pros and cons	Darrell Haworth, DOC	Making a living from nature, responsible eco-tourism.	Ian Cooper, Okarito Kiwi Tours, and second speaker tbc
5.30-5.40	Conclusion: What have we learned, where to from here			Kerry-Jayne Wilson, WCPT
5.40-5.45	Thank you and farewell			Ngati Waewae
5.45-7.00	<i>Evening function sponsored by DOC – networking and supper</i>			



## Symposium Field Trips, Friday 15th June 2018 - details and costs tbc

<b>Friday 15th June</b>	<p>Field Trip 1: (Morning)</p> <p><b>Cobden Wetlands and Trapping Workshop</b></p> <p>Meet at Cobden, new car park opposite Raceway. 9.00-10.45am Cobden wetlands, CASRA 10.45-11.00 morning tea, Kahuna Boardriders Club 11.00-1.00pm, predator trapping workshop, WCPT/DOC (Kahuna Boardriders)</p>	<p>Field Trip 2: (Morning)</p> <p><b>Kiwi Creche, Moonlight</b></p> <p>Meet at tbc Time tbc approx. 9.30am – 12.30pm Boi Gentil kiwi creche, Moonlight Paparoa Wildlife Trust</p>	<p>Field Trip 3: (Afternoon)</p> <p><b>Coast Road Projects</b></p> <p>Meet at tbc Time tbc approx. 1.15-6.30pm Coast Road including Seal Island and penguin protection fence, predator free Punakaiki, afternoon tea at and courtesy of Pancake Rocks Café, Conservation Volunteers, Westland petrel viewing</p>
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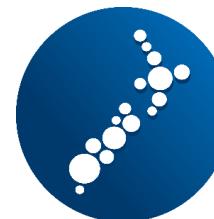
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