



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 \$75 per person, \$25 for students in full time education

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	
9.45-10.15	West Coast natural heritage, what makes the Coast special and what have we to protect		Kerry-Jayne Wilson, WCPT	
10.15-10.45	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>			
1.45-2.15	DOC support for community conservation projects		Martin Rodd, DOC	
2.15-2.45	Volunteers: making the best of them and finding, keeping and rewarding the right people		Dave Sharp, Conservation Volunteers NZ	
2.45-3.15	Fundraising: it's everybody's business, and busting the myths about fundraising		Kevin Hague, Forest & Bird	
3.15-3.45	<i>Afternoon tea</i>			
	<i>Ecology stream</i>		<i>Community Conservation Management stream</i>	
3.45-4.15	Forest succession	Dr Jon Sullivan, Lincoln University	Governance: what does it mean for Trustees	Phil Rossiter, Mokihinui-Lyell Backcountry Trust
4.15-4.45	Planning a restoration programme	Dr Colin Meurk, Landcare Research	Managing a community group and financial reporting: advice to keep things simple	Penny Kirk and Dyan Hansen, Department of Internal Affairs
4.45-5.15	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 Geoff Schurr, Advance Northern West Coast
5.15-5.25	Conclusion: What have we learned, where to from here		Kerry-Jayne Wilson, WCPT	
5.25-5.30	Thank you and farewell		Ngati Waewae	
5.30-7.30	<i>Evening social sponsored by DOC – networking and mid-winter dinner</i>			



Symposium Field Trips, Friday 15th June 2018

Friday 15th June	<p>Field Trip 1: (Morning)</p> <p>Cobden Wetlands and Trapping Workshop \$25</p> <p>Meet at Cobden, new car park opposite Raceway. 9.00-10.45am Cobden wetlands, <i>Cobden Aromahana Sanctuary and Recreation Area Trust</i> 10.45-11.00 morning tea, <i>Kahuna Boardriders Club</i> 11.00-1.00pm, predator trapping workshop, WCPT/DOC (Kahuna Boardriders)</p>	<p>Field Trip 2: (Morning)</p> <p>Kiwi Creche, Moonlight \$25</p> <p>Meet at <i>tbc (Greymouth)</i> Time <i>tbc</i> approx. 9.30am – 12.30pm Bois Gentil kiwi creche, Moonlight <i>Paparoa Wildlife Trust</i></p>	<p>Field Trip 3: (Afternoon)</p> <p>Coast Road Projects \$40</p> <p>Meet at <i>tbc (Greymouth)</i> Time <i>tbc</i> approx. 1.15-6.30/7.00pm Coast Road including Seal Island and penguin protection fence, predator free Punakaiki, afternoon tea at and courtesy of <i>Pancake Rocks Café</i>, Conservation Volunteers NZ, Westland petrel viewing</p>
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