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QUEEN ELIZABETH II SCHOLARSHIPS

This year eight post-graduate students have been awarded Queen Elizabeth II scholarships by the Society in December. The scholarships will be used for research into the preservation and protection of indigenous flora and fauna.

Jenny Edwards, is preparing her thesis for a M. Applied Science degree at Lincoln College. She is researching Land use conflict in Protected Natural Areas of Western Northland.

Alison Davis, is studying for a M. Sc (Hons) at Auckland University, and will look at the behaviour and general ecology of the shore plover on South East Island of the Chathams, where the total wild population of this species lives.

Alan Liddle, a science graduate of Waikato University, will research the general biology of two cave harvestmen, insects which prey upon the glow-worms in the Waitomo Caves towards his M.Sc. degree.

Christopher Lusk, researching for his PhD in botany at Auckland University will reconstruct the age structure of an area of podocarp-hardwood forest in the Tongariro National Park.

Peter Carey, will research site selection by New Zealand fur seals and how this effects their breeding, towards his PhD Studies in Zoology at Canterbury University.

Elisabeth Slooten and Stephen Dawson, two Master Science graduates in Zoology will

study the endemic Hector's dolphin in New Zealand waters under the guidance of Professor Pilleri of Bern University of Switzerland.

Grant Dumbell, in preparing his thesis for his PhD degree at Auckland University will continue his work with the brown teal on Great Barrier Island.

Alan Hemmings, is investigating the significance of co-operative breeding in the brown skua gull on the Chatham Islands, towards his PhD degree at the Auckland University.

BENNETT'S HOLIDAY HOUSE

This house at Weber, 32 miles from Dannevirke, is again available for Forest & Birders to stay at for a very small charge. The only things needed to bring are food, linen and blankets, and the house sleeps 11.

Telephone Greg Bennett, Weber 658, or write to Birch Road North, Private Bag, Dannevirke.

THE LATE GREAT MOA

Barney Brewster of Nelson is researching possible European sightings of moas. He would welcome any family stories (neither tall nor short) regarding nineteenth century, or more recent, sightings of moas big and small.

Please address all correspondence to:

Barney Brewster
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CONSERVATION NEWSLETTER

This two-page newsletter is already distributed monthly to all Society branch committee members. It is designed to up-date all national conservation issues and indicate actions required from branches and members to further the Society's objects (ie submission deadlines, meetings, information available, etc). It also discusses conservation activities in our 46 branches.

If you are not a branch committee member but want to keep right up to date on the key issues, now is your chance to receive Conservation News.

Please post your annual sub of \$5 to: Conservation News, PO Box 631, Wellington.

NEW LENZ RESERVE CABIN

Our Dunedin Branch reports that the middle of the Catlins Forest, construction of a 4-person cabin has interesting bush walks and is has just finished at the Lenz near to many other fascinating reserve in south-east Otago, to scenic areas. Contact the add to the 10-person main lodge caretaker and booking officer, and the A-frame cabin which Miss M Roy, Papatowai, RD 2 sleeps two. The Lenz Reserve is in Owaka, South Otago.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SANDS OF TIME

*"Study the past, if you would
divine the future."*

(Confucius)

THE HUIA: IS IT EXTINCT?

Persistent reports come to hand of this bird having been seen in widely different localities, and the authorities, also amongst whom are experienced bushmen and bird callers, have made persistent efforts to verify these reports, but without success. If the existence of the species can be definitely proved, then efforts will be made to have the locality declared a sanctuary, and the birds efficiently protected. Searchers are out in all likely situations on every opportunity, and there is every reasonable hope of success. Bird lovers are, however, warned as to giving correct localities where they may see the bird in order to avoid the possibility of the last of the species being shot by some selfish collector to adorn his individual or museum glass case.

— From the November 1923 Bulletin of the NZ Native Bird Protection Society, later to change its name to the Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand.