



Bulletin

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 22 at Victoria University, Wellington, with Dr Alan Edmonds in the chair and 95 members present.

Following a discussion of the Annual Report, three remits were discussed by the meeting. Only one of these was carried — it alters the Constitution to require that a specified percentage of members call a Special General Meeting rather than a specific number (an increased membership has made the latter out of date). Following the AGM a Council meeting was held. The list of newly elected officers for the coming year can be found on page 33.

Audrey Eagle, former executive member, and member of the Nature Conservation Council, as well as a Society officer for more than 23 years, was appointed a distinguished life member in recognition of her service to the Society. She is the well known author of *Trees and Shrubs of New Zealand*.

Two new branches and one new section were formed, at Te Puke, Oamaru and Whangarei respectively.

Following notice from the previous council meeting, the future of Bushy Park was discussed at length. The Society decided to retain the property, noting improvements in management and income.

Sixteen remits were then considered, nine of which were carried. The councillors showed concern at the lack of progress in dealing with *Clematis vitalba*. The question of Chatham Island peat mining and protection of the kea was discussed. It was agreed that further action would be taken on these issues. A student membership of \$10 has been introduced, upon presentation of an ID card.

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On the move

Two Society members were honoured recently with changes in their careers. President **Dr Alan Edmonds** became manager of the QE II National Trust on July 1, having switched from the position of Reader in Biological Sciences at Waikato University.



Former President and executive member **Tony Ellis**, Q.C. has been appointed a judge in the High Court at Hamilton.

The Society extends its congratulations to Dr Edmonds and Justice Ellis, and wishes them the best for the future.

Summer Camp

Organisers of the Havelock North summer camp report that it is oversubscribed and ask that people no longer write in to register. This is the only summer camp to be held this coming summer.

Camera wanted

The Society is in need of a 35mm single lens reflex camera for its conservation work. Anyone who feels they may be able to help, please contact: Joan Leckie, PO Box 631, Wellington, or phone collect 728-154 (Wellington).

The best legacy

Bequests to the Society are one of the best methods of support it has had. However, it's not always easy to find out how to go about leaving a donation or gift in your will. Now the Society has prepared a pamphlet which sets out clearly and concisely how to give your children and grandchildren the best bequest of all: the preservation of New Zealand's native plants and animals. Write to the Secretary, RF & BPS, PO Box 631, Wellington for a free copy.

Correction

We could have been rightly criticised in the last issue for excessive optimism when we stated in the inside front cover caption that kokako are found in Whirinaki Forest. Sadly there have been no recent sightings of the bird there. (P.S. Next time you are in Whirinaki, make sure you drop into the Minginui store and spend a little locally, and tell people how much you enjoyed the forest.)

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