



JS Watson Conservation Trust Grant

This Trust invites applications from individuals or groups for financial assistance for conservation projects starting or current during 1988.

The criteria for assistance are:-

1. The conservation of the flora and fauna and natural features of New Zealand.
2. The advancement of knowledge in these matters by way of research, literary contribution, essay or articles, or other effort.
3. General education of the public to give them an understanding and a love of the earth on which they live.

A total of \$5000 is available for 1988, and at the sole discretion of the Trustees, this may be awarded in whole or part to one or more applicants, or held over for a subsequent year.

Further details and application forms available at PO Box 631, Wellington.

Applications close 30th September 1987.

Notice of a Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society will be held at Whakapapa Village, Tongariro National Park, on Sunday 22 November 1987, at 8.30 am at the request of the National Council.

The meeting will consider remits which were not considered at the Annual General Meeting because insufficient notice was given of the meeting. The remits are as follows:

1. Rule 16 (a) be altered to read as follows:
"A Special General Meeting of the Society may be called at any time by the Executive and shall be called upon the written request of the President or 50% of members of the Council or 5% of members of the Society. Such requests shall be sent to the Secretary and shall specify the resolutions to be moved at the meeting.
Notice of such Special General Meetings shall be advertised in the next issue of "Forest & Bird" subsequent to the receipt of such request by the Secretary and shall take place within 30 days of the notice appearing in the Journal.
The same percentage shall apply to Special General Meetings of the Branches."
 2. Rule 6 (3) shall be added:
"The Register of Members of the Society shall not be made available to any other organisation."
- No other business will be considered.

New Subscription Rates

For three years the annual subscription has remained the same. Unfortunately, it has now become necessary to make an increase for 1988.

From this year's Annual Report you can see that our expenses have been carefully budgetted, allowing for tight control on all expenditure. However, even with a substantial increase in subscriptions we cannot make ends meet. Telephone and postage rates have skyrocketed, and Journal printing costs are up, however, this is partially compensated by increased earning from our mail order service.

Over the last three years the Society has developed very professional conservation staff and made major gains in protecting New Zealand's heritage in the Coastal zone, the South Island High Country, West Coast and North Island forests, in protecting wetlands and threatened wildlife. We must maintain that work and also need to respond to demands from our members for a Conservation Officer in the north and for increased conservation education work.

Your subscription is vital to the Society's funding. Remember that this magazine is the most tangible benefit of belonging to Forest and Bird, but it is only a small part of our activities. With your help we can employ 11 conservation staff working around the country.

Of course, members benefit in other ways - they can stay at lodges, buy exclusive products through the mail order service, join weekend trips and attend interesting natural history talks.

Look on your subscription with Forest and Bird as an investment in your children's and your grandchildren's future.

We count on your support.

Subscriptions

As from 1st July 1987 all new members will be joining for the 1988 year, and their subscriptions will continue until 31st December 1988.

The following rates will apply as from 1st July 1987:

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