



J S Watson Conservation Trust Grants

The Trust invites applications from individuals or conservation groups for financial assistance for conservation projects over the 1988-89 year.

The criteria for assistance are:-

1. The conservation of the plants and animals 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 in which they live.

A total of \$4,000 is available 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.

For further details, and application forms, write to P O Box 631, Wellington.

Applications close 31 July 1988.

Summer Camp

The Marlborough Branch summer camp is to be held at Innes House, Blenheim, 22-27 January 1989.

Innes House is a secondary school hostel, and motor camp or motel accommodation will also be available.

An interesting programme of day trips and evening activities is being arranged and we hope that family groups from all over the country will be able to share some of Marlborough's summer activities.

Those interested in attending should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Mrs J Davies
Secretary, Marlborough Branch
Batty's Road
Blenheim

Wilderness Areas in New Zealand

I am researching the use of wilderness areas (designated, proposed and de facto) in New Zealand — wilderness being defined (as in the official Wilderness Policy), as undeveloped outdoor areas which remain "wild" and remote and which have no maintained facilities such as huts or tracks. If you have visited such an area in the last six months, or plan on visiting one within the next year, please contact me at the address below, leaving your name, address and area visited. Some of you will be contacted and asked to complete a questionnaire on perceptions and use of wilderness areas. The information gathered is to be used as part of a PhD dissertation.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

John Shultis
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University of Otago
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Annual General Meeting

The 64th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on 25th June 1988 at Host Harvey, 16 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington, at 8.30 am.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Apologies.
2. Declaration of Councillors.
3. Minutes.
4. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
5. Remits.
6. Appointment of Auditors

This will be followed by a National Council Meeting.
The Annual Report for 1988 is enclosed with this journal.

Tauranga Summer Camp

Aongatete Lodge — Tauranga —
January 16th to January 23rd 1989
The Three Bees Camp
(Birds Bush Beaches)
Kaimai-Mamaku Conservation Park
Comfortable Lodge — Good Food
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Tours, P O Box 36,
Wanganui
or Manager AA Travel,
P O Box 440, Wanganui

Errata

Pg 29, February 1988 issue: Please note that the truck itself has been dumped, and the portable sawmill is cutting swamp kauri.

Books Received

**The Vegetative Cover of
New Zealand, P F J Newsome**
\$38.50 (NWASCO) This long-awaited publication gives us the first overview of New Zealand's vegetation cover. A 150-page booklet describes characteristic features of each of the 47 vegetation types, and has colour photographs of each type.

The accompanying 1:1,000,000 scale maps are useful for assessing the extent of each vegetation type in some detail.

The publication has three minor defects; estuarine vegetation is omitted; kauri forest appears to be lumped into lowland podocarp-broadleaf forest without any explanation; and discussion on the relationship between vegetation, moa and Maori takes little account of the wealth of new research in this field over the past decade.

Despite this the book is a good up-to-date reference work on our native and exotic vegetation cover.

Vegetation of Stewart Island, H D Wilson \$35.75 (DSIR)

Hugh Wilson's latest work is the accompanying volume to his *Stewart Island Plants* field guide. It describes the plant communities of Stewart Island, with interpretation of the influence of man, possum and deer on vegetation types and threatened plants (*Stilbocarpa*, Cook's Scurvy grass). The final section discusses the rare and restricted plant species on Stewart Island.

A useful book for any plant enthusiast heading off to cool, damp climes

Outdoor Recreation in Otago — A Conservation Plan, Bruce

Mason \$30 or \$22.50 to FMC members (*Federated Mountain Clubs*) Bruce Mason has produced a document packed full of information on the recreational opportunities of Central Otago's block mountains, along with some description of the special conservation features of the region. Those working on the PNA Programme should study this Plan for pointers on what areas should be reserved for recreation. This will be a valuable resource document for years to come, although some aspects such as land tenure and zoning are bound to date soon — so buy your copy now from FMC, PO Box 1604, Wellington.

TRAMPERS ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK GUIDED WALKS AND LAUNCH SERVICE 4-Day Guided Walk \$440 (Adult)

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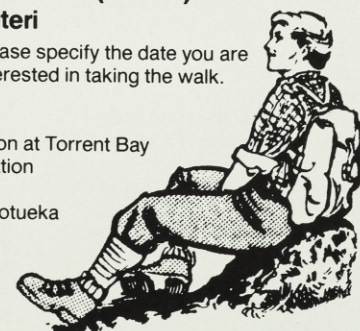
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For further details and colour
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