



## Obituary

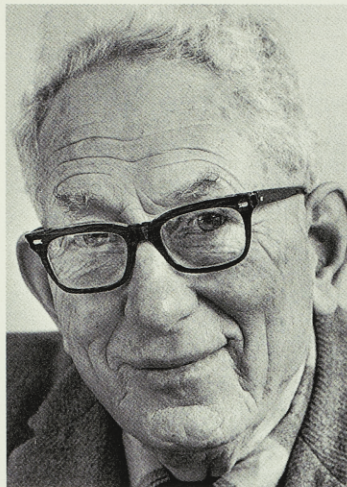
Royal Cullen Nelson, President of the Society from 1955 to 1974, was a person of imposing physical stature and even greater standing as a man of integrity and wisdom.

Born at Petone in 1897, one of a family of eight, though completing his formal education at the primary level he never ceased to learn and grow in his lifetime.

Returning from war service in France in 1919 he worked on farms and in the bush before beginning a final career as Warehouse Manager for R.L. Button.

He was one of the first Boy Scouts in New Zealand, continuing this association throughout his lifetime. He was awarded the "Silver Tui" for his services. Roy Nelson ("Maire" was his Scout name) was a significant person in the lives of hundreds of scouts.

An Executive Member of the Society for many years, he was elected President in 1955. During his term the "Save Manapouri Campaign" initiated by the Society produced the largest petition then seen in New Zealand. Other campaigns included the West Coast beech forests, Maud and Mangere Island to preserve the kakapo and black robin, Waipoua Kauri Forest, deer and opossum control, National and Forest Parks, mining and water soil conservation. During his presidency the Society was granted Royal patronage.



Roy Nelson's personal integrity, and his devotion to its objectives, encouraged people to gift land and money to the Society. His deep knowledge, speaking and writing skills, respect and regard for people, made him an unequalled advocate for the Society. Ministers of the Crown and departmental heads consulted him on conservation matters. He continued his interest in people and environmental issues until his death.

Roy Nelson was a traditionalist who jealously guarded the high ideals for the Society set in 1923 by its founder – the late Capt. Sanderson of Paekakariki.

Mr Nelson died on September 5, 1988 at the age of 91. His many friends and representatives of Scouting, Royal Forest and Bird Society and other organisations attended the funeral. Former President Mr Justice Ellis, was one of three distinguished mourners speaking of Roy Nelson's great contribution to New Zealand society.

**Roy Lynch**

## New Hut Fees

From December, many of the public huts on Conservation land will have a charge for staying overnight. These have been streamlined into a nationwide system of charges that reflect the costs associated with each hut's facilities.

Fully serviced huts (with fuel, cookers, lighting, mattresses, wardens etc) will be \$12/night for adults. Intermediate huts \$8/night; basic huts \$4/night. Quite a few small huts, shelters and bivouacs will be free. Camping beside Fully Serviced and Intermediate huts costs \$4/night. School children will be half price.

You'll be required to buy tickets in advance, from DOC offices or visitor centres, selected tramping clubs or retailers with extended hours. Details of classification of huts are also available from these outlets.

## "Wanted Alive" Conservation Officer

Forest & Bird is seeking a conservation officer to coordinate our Vanishing Heritage — Threatened Species campaign.

The successful applicant would be responsible for assessing the effectiveness of threatened species programmes underway in New Zealand and identifying opportunities for Forest & Bird to protect certain species and their habitats. They would also be required to publicise the campaign, seek financial support from the business community and the public and seek effective laws on plant and animal protection. Qualifications required include a good working knowledge of NZ plants and animals, and experience in their conservation, research, fundraising and publicity skills, and an ability to critically review policies and conservation programmes. Above all we are seeking an enthusiastic candidate to motivate and support our members.

This is a one-year appointment with a longer term dependent on the applicant's fund raising skills. For salary, conditions and a job description, contact: The Conservation Director, RF&BPS, Box 631, Wellington.

# A lot of New Zealand Children Are Taking Nature to Heart

*They're members of Forest and Bird's*

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The Kiwi Conservation Club is about nurturing our children's interest in conservation. It's also about having fun!

Kiwi Conservation Club members receive:

- their own quarterly newsletter full of news, information and ideas for projects and activities
  - a Club badge, certificate and sticker
- Activities – walks, talks, environmental games and projects are regularly organised for club members in many parts of New Zealand.

**Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Teachers**

–The Kiwi Conservation Club needs you to enrol your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or class as a member.



**Support the Kiwi Conservation Club and encourage today's young Kiwis to become tomorrow's conservationists.**

To join the Kiwi Conservation Club complete the membership card within the journal and return it with \$10.00 to: Kiwi Conservation Club, P O Box 631, Wellington.



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DEAR KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB,  
conservation is important to me, because it is helping to save NZ native birds, animals, insects and plants. So when I grow up they will still be alive. Conservation also means I can go to the beach and in the bush and not find lots of rubbish. Our school looks after a bit of Milford beach and cleans up the rubbish. Other countries don't have nice, clean water like we have to swim in and it would be terrible if our country got like that.

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