



Annual General Meeting

The Society's 67th Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting were held in Wellington on June 23. Four new executive members were appointed: Keith Chapple from the King Country, Peter Gardner from South Otago, Gordon Stephenson from South Waikato and Judy van Rossem from Waikato.

Old Blue Awards were presented to:

Josie Driessen (South Auckland branch) for her tireless work in looking after the branch's reserves. John Findlay (Southern Hawke's Bay), a member for 60 years, former chairman, councillor, executive member and on the local Park Board for 18 years. Ron Freeston (Lower Hutt) who has been in charge of the Pauatahanui Reserve development since the early 1980s. Nancy Payne (Central Auckland), long standing secretary of the branch. Fergus Sutherland (Southland, now Otago), retiring member of the executive, former Southland chairman. Cath Wallace, chairperson of ASOC, for her unwavering commitment to the cause of Antarctic conservation.

Retiring national secretary Joan Leckie was farewelled by retiring president Alan Mark who spoke of Joan's nine year's loyal work for the

Society as national secretary, as well as her contribution as a former chairperson of the Upper Hutt branch.

In a moving speech Joan spoke of the changes to the Society and the achievements of the conservation movement during her time as secretary. She told councillors that branch members were the heart and soul of the Society. She said the next decade would be a tremendously challenging one for conservationists and called on councillors to continue with their efforts to safeguard the environment.

In recognition of the valuable work she has performed for Forest and Bird, Joan was created a Distinguished Life Member.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Helen Clark, delivered the Sanderson Me-

morial Address. In it she announced the Government's indigenous forest policy, including an interim ban on the export of native woodchips, and plans for sustained yield forestry.

New Society President

Mr Gordon Ell was appointed president of the Society at the June Council meeting. He replaces Dr Alan Mark who has been president of the Society for the last four years.

Gordon Ell has been vice-president of the Society since 1984 and a member of the executive since 1982. A resident of the North Shore in Auckland, he is a book consultant, TV producer and a publisher with his own publishing company Bush Press.

He is Forest and Bird's representative on the new New Zealand Conservation Authority.



New president Gordon Ell (left), past president Dr Alan Mark (right) and retiring national secretary Joan Leckie.

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Subscription Rates

The subscription rates for membership of the Society have been altered slightly to cover inflation and expanded conservation campaigns. Last year the Society ran at an all time loss. Kiwi Conservation Club subscriptions remain the same.

The rates for 1990/91 are as follows:

Kiwi Conservation Club single	\$10
KCC family, groups, schools	\$20
Students, schools	\$25
Single	\$40
Family and Groups	\$40
Senior (over 60)	\$30
Senior family	\$30
Corporate	\$275
Life	\$475

(Inc GST)

Waikato Branch Conservation Grant 1990/91

Applications are invited for a \$3500 grant to support a conservation project during the summer of 1990-91.

There is no restriction on the type of project as long as it helps protect NZ's plants and animals, though relevance to the Waikato-Coromandel area would be an advantage. Acceptable proposals would include fencing bush, acting as a wildlife warden, research on a conservation topic, an educational or journalistic project.

Each applicant should set out the aim of the proposal, outline of how it will be carried out, estimated cost, other sources of revenue, evidence of ability and two referees. Applications should be sent to: Forest and Bird, Waikato branch, PO Box 11092, Hamilton.

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NEW BOOKLET "Somes Island - Matiu"

The Lower Hutt branch of the Society has published a 16-page 4-colour booklet on Somes Island, the quarantine station in Wellington Harbour. The Branch knows the island intimately having been involved in a revegetation and rat eradication project for the past nine years.

This interesting booklet touches on topics such as the Maori occupation of Somes Island, the quarantine activities, the internment camps, and the wildlife and vegetation.

For copies of this publication send \$5.60 per booklet to Jack Cox, 12 Cleary St, Lower Hutt.