

## A pied shag duet



Photographer Brian Chudleigh recently captured this delightful pair of pied shags closely examining a power pole.

## Forest and Bird HQ moves house

**I**N THE 68 YEARS of its existence, Forest and Bird's Wellington headquarters has occupied a variety of habitats.

One of our first homes was in the *Evening Post* building. After the Second World War Forest and Bird occupied several different offices in the inner city. In the late 1970s the Society bought the 7th floor of Central House, 26 Brandon St. At that time Forest and Bird's membership stood at 25,000, and there were three conservation and three administration staff.

Today Forest and Bird has 60,000 members, with eight administration staff in Wellington to service them. There are now eight conservation staff.

With the Central House office bursting at the seams, it became obvious the Society would have to re-locate elsewhere. After a lengthy search for new premises, the Society has now bought and refurbished for its new headquarters the Anglican City Mission at 172 Taranaki St (two blocks from Courtenay Place). Built in 1940, the City Mission building has three floors in an art deco design.

The new premises, dubbed the Forest and Bird Environment Centre, houses a street

level shop, a public resource area, a library and a public meeting room able to seat at least 100 people. The centre is available for use by the Wellington area Forest and Bird branches, other environmental groups, students and the general public.

Members will always be welcome to visit and use the environmental resource material, help work on Society campaigns and projects or socialise with staff and other members. 🦅

