

## AGM and council meet in Wairarapa

THE SOCIETY'S annual general meeting and council meeting was held in Masterton on 25-27 June.

The council adopted a policy on tourism. This aims to ensure that protection of the natural environment is of paramount importance in the planning, marketing and management of tourism in New Zealand. The policy supports the establishment of a tourism trust fund to contribute towards facilities and education about the

adverse impacts of visitors on the natural environment. Copies of the policy are available from head office.

Ending years of debate about the future of Bushy Park, the council also agreed to a recommendation from the executive and the Bushy Park Management Committee to sell the house and grounds for a nominal sum to a specially established local trust. The trust would be better placed to attract capital for the development of the house into a self-financing accommodation and conference venue. The bush itself will remain in society ownership.

Booker-prize-winning novelist Kerri Hulme delivered the Sanderson Memorial Address and delighted councillors with her gentle but incisive observations of life as a conservationist in Okarito.

Old Blue awards for outstanding contributions to conservation in this country were presented to Alan Webster for his contribution to the Gisborne branch, Isabel Morgan for service over many years to the Napier branch and the Kiwi Conservation Club, Ian Wilson for developing the Far North branch and efforts to protect Northland's natural heritage, Ines Stager and Peter Kellor for their conservation projects in the South Canterbury area and their work with the KCC, and Debbie McLachlan for her cou-

rageous efforts to preserve South Westland's great rainforests.

Debbie's award was accepted on her behalf by next-door neighbour Kerri Hulme.

Olga Langford, former national

Coalition (of which Forest and Bird is a member).

Over the last two years nearly ten awards have been presented to schools and city councils for their policies on the use of rain-



*Snapshots from the society's 70th birthday celebration at the annual meeting in Masterton: Sanderson lecturer Kerri Hulme with West Auckland secretary Ken Catt; Old Blue recipient Ian Wilson; Jim Ackerley (Ashburton), Joe Crandle (executive), Alan Evans (Federated Mountain Clubs) obscured, and Barbara Marshall (Mana); retiring executive member Judy van Rossem and new executive member Christine Henderson.*

secretary (1974-82) was given distinguished life membership by the council. Sadly, as this issue of the journal went to press, we learnt of Mrs Langford's death. An obituary will appear in the November issue.

A new national executive was elected during the weekend. President, Gordon Ell, deputy president, Jon Jackson, and treasurer, David Underwood, were re-elected unopposed, while four new executive members, Christine Henderson (Southland), Di Lucas (South Canterbury), Colin Ryder (Wellington) and Claire Stevens (North Shore) were elected to the executive committee.

The executive decided to lodge a water conservation order for the Whanganui River. It also decided to appoint a consultant to examine the society's management and administration. The consultant will be Deborah Battell from KPMG Peat Marwick who has particular experience with voluntary organisations.

## Friends of the rainforest

DO YOU KNOW of an organisation, school, business or local government body that has carried out some action to help save the Earth's rainforests? If so, they could qualify for a *Friend of the Rainforest Award* from the New Zealand Rainforests

forest timbers. These include Christchurch and Dunedin City Councils, and several schools in Christchurch. The awards are an excellent way of acknowledging the good work being done to halt the many ways in which New Zealanders contribute to rainforest destruction in their day-to-day lives.

So, if you or your branch know of an organisation that is worthy of the award, by deciding, for instance, to use plantation timbers instead of rimu, balau or kwila, let Lisa Rae at Forest and Bird head office know.

## Pacific bibliography

FOREST AND BIRD has recently published *Rainforest Destruction and Conservation in the South Pacific: a preliminary bibliography*. The bibliography was compiled by Paul Blaschke for the Pacific Environments Group and can be obtained from Forest and Bird Mail Order for \$8 plus \$2 post and packing.

## Ron D. and E.A. Greenwood Environmental Trust

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including the promotion of a wider care and understanding of such resources. More information is available from the trust at PO Box 10-359, Wellington.

## Summer camps

THE TAURANGA branch is holding a camp at Paraparaumu from 9 to 17 January. The camp will include a day trip to Kapiti Island. Contact Reg Janes, 364a Waihi Rd, Tauranga. Central Auckland branch is organ-

ising another South Island trip, this time the southern half, from 26 December to 9 January. Inquiries to Nancy Payne, 61 Kurahauo St, Mission Bay, Auckland 5.

Please include a stamped addressed envelope.

## New reserve

HERBERT John Morgan, a retired member of the Waikato branch has gifted a property in the south-west Coromandel to the society. The 11-hectare property contains kahikatea, rimu, mature miro and good specimens of kauri. Some of the cleared land on the property is being replanted with native species by a committee from the Waikato branch.

The society's newest reserve will be known as the W.F. and M.E. Morgan Reserve. Thank you Mr Morgan!

## Correction

SHARP-EYED members might have picked the parakeet in the papaya tree in Tim Higham's *Island Magic* in the last issue, as something other than a Reischek's parakeet as stated in the caption. It was the New Caledonian parakeet, another subspecies of the red-crowned parakeet. The editor is totally to blame.