



## Native Planting Maintenance Workshop

Paremata Flats, Saturday 8 August  
10am – 12.30pm.

Learn practical techniques to control weeds and maintain native tree plantings at this free workshop with Nelson Nature ecologist and restoration expert Zac Milner from Kaitiaki o Ngahere.

The workshop will cover:

- Weed identification and ecology
- Weed impacts
- Weed control principles and techniques
- Planting maintenance - necessity, timing, etc
- Knapsack and spray use

Whether you've got 200 or 10,000 trees to look after, this will be a great opportunity to discuss general restoration themes with an ecologist and fellow participants. Snacks and refreshments provided.

Please email [asita.langi@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:asita.langi@ncc.govt.nz) for enquiries or to register.

**When:** Saturday 8 August 10am-12.30pm.

**Where:** Paremata Flats Reserve, Maori Pa Rd. Delaware Bay. (On the left, approximately 1km from the intersection of Cable Bay Road and Maori Pa Road). Meet at the entrance gate.

## Funding round open for Environmental Grants

The Nelson City Council Environmental Grants Scheme provides an opportunity to apply for funding to support projects that improve the environment.

Applications are now open for the first funding round for 2020/21 - applications close on Monday 31 August 2020.

If you are a group or individual working to improve the health of Nelson's natural environment, you may be eligible for a grant.

For more information on the scheme email [nelson.nature@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:nelson.nature@ncc.govt.nz) or visit

[nelson.govt.nz/environmental-grants](http://nelson.govt.nz/environmental-grants)

## A date for your diary



This year's Great Kereru Count will take place from 18 – 27 September. This will be the seventh year of the count, and Tony Stoddard of Kereru Discovery, who coordinates the Count says, "Each year the number of people taking part grows, proving just how much New Zealanders love Kereru."

The Great Kereru Count was set up to help us get a better understanding of kereru numbers and distribution across New Zealand.

The Great Kereru Count is an annual citizen science project and the more people who participate, the better the understanding we will get on how kereru are doing in the Nelson Halo and across the country.

So don't miss out – mark the date in your diary for counting these fabulous birds. Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for info about how you can get involved - we will be holding our annual Great Kereru Count native tree give away in September. To find out more, go to:

[greatkererucount.nz](http://greatkererucount.nz)



## Nelson Halo group report – Birdlife Centre of New Zealand

This active Halo group is caring for one of our iconic Nelson reserves – the Centre of New Zealand.

The group received an environmental grant from Nelson Nature to buy more traps and increase their trapping network.

The group is being supported by Nelson Nature as part of the Nelson Halo project. If you're interested in finding out more about what is happening with trapping in your neighbourhood or starting a group, get in touch with: [nelson.nature@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:nelson.nature@ncc.govt.nz).

Group member Gretchen Holland says:

"June was a busy month for the Birdlife Centre of NZ trapping group. Last month we caught nine possums and 30 rats in our 200 trap network. We've also had a big increase in mice caught or stealing bait without setting off the traps.

Late in June participants in the NMIT Trainee Ranger programme joined us in the reserve to improve access to traps and monitoring tunnels. The Birdlife CoNZ working bee helped make the servicing of traps easier with well-placed steps, removal of woody weeds (barbary and old man's beard) and improving the trapping tracks deep within the reserve."

Photo below - some of the volunteers who helped Birdlife Centre of NZ in their latest working bee. Left to right – Anna, Reece, Zachary, Evie, and Dylan.

