



Taiao Ora, Tāngata Ora Working Together for Better Biodiversity



#### Late Spring 2019

"Spring makes the world a happy place. You see a smile on every face. Flowers come out and birds arrive, Oh, isn't it grand to be alive?" - Anonymous

## Introducing Debbie Monahan, General Manager

Debbie has recently returned to live in Hawke's Bay after leaving the region at the end of her secondary education. After many years as a chief executive in Wellington, Debbie was looking for something in a new area that would be interesting, a challenge and where she felt she could make a difference. Her role with Biodiversity Hawke's Bay will definitely meet all those expectations.

## Biodiversity Guardians update

The Biodiversity Guardians 2019 AGM was held 9 September and led to some fond farewells and exciting new additions to the Management Committee.

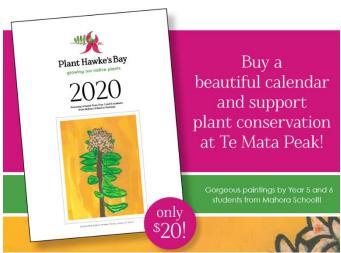
A huge thank you to Troy Duncan, Ngaio Tuika and Matthew Brady for all the work you have put into the Biodiversity Guardians over the time you have been on the Management Committee.

Your committee now consists of Stephanie Murphy, Keiko Hashiba, Christine Cheyne, Denise Fastier (newly elected) and Rod Heaps (newly elected). Kay Griffiths holds her position as Chair, Mark Mitchell as Deputy Chair and Nathan Burkepile as Treasurer.

Members also voted for **Christine Cheyne** to represent the Biodiversity Guardian members on the Biodiversity Hawke's Bay Foundation Board, alongside the Guardian Management Committee Chair, Kay Griffiths.

# Biodiversity Foundation update

It has been a busy Spring for the Foundation Trust Board with the appointment of our new General Manager, Debbie Monahan, and our Administration Manager, Sarah Reddish (no longer in acting capacity). Welcome, Debbie and Sarah - great to have you join the Biodiversity HB team, in your leadership roles. Debbie and Sarah began their tenure on 1 October and hit the ground running with the Foundation AGM and Board meeting.



All profits from the sale of this calendar are being donated to plant conservation work at the ecological hotspot of Te Mata Peak.

Calendars are A3 in size and can be ordered via email with <a href="mailto:planthawkesbay@xtra.co.nz">planthawkesbay@xtra.co.nz</a> by **30**November **2019**, then collect your calendar in the following place in December:

- Mahora School, Hastings
- Te Mata Park Café
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council office in Dalton Street, Napier
- Plant Hawke's Bay

### Farewell & Thank You

The Biodiversity Hawke's Bay team would like to farewell and thank Genevieve Bennett, Project Manager for all her hard work and dedication to the successful start up of Biodiversity Hawke's Bay. Please join us in wishing Genevieve all the best in her new role at MPI. Thank you, Genevieve!!!!!!!

## upcoming Events....

## Bío Buzz Waíroa

Hawke's Bay's Biodiversity Forum - Wairoa Saturday 9th November, 10:00am - 3:00pm



You are invited to our fun-filled family day in our beautiful big backyard. Meet our local eco-gems, learn more about our amazing natural environment and catch up on the Biodiversity Buzz.

#### **Itinerary**

#### **Morning Session**

10.00am Rangihoua (Pilot Hill) and Whakamahia

Lagoon. Learn about the history of the area, biodiversity of Whakamahia Lagoon and the surrounding

environment and bird watching tips

12.00pm Light lunch provided at Wairoa Water

Ski Club

#### **Afternoon Session**

12.45pm Biodiversity session at the Water Ski

Club, hear from Biodiversity HB, QEII, Wairoa eco-gems and local schools

3.00pm Finish



# ADDITIONAL Evening Event: Australasian bittern / matuku experience

6.00pm Meet at 46 Freyberg Street, Wairoa.

You will need your own 4WD vehicle for

this event

# Balls Clearing Community Planting Day



The team at Mammoth are excited to partner with Biodiversity Hawkes Bay, and have enjoyed our recent promotion 'You Print - We Plant' which culminates in donating 380 native plants to the community planting day at Ball's Clearing this Sunday.

The promotion, which has enjoyed three months of radio advertising, has been a great way of doing good in our community, and providing commercial benefit for our business.

We look forward to seeing the impact of our contribution, and to building our ongoing partnership with Biodiversity Hawkes Bay.

Sunday 10 November 2019 at 10am Meet at the Ball's Clearing Carpark Pakaututu Road, Puketitiri Bring a spade

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Many people across Hawke's Bay are already doing great things to protect and restore our biodiversity - together we can do more.

Ka kite anō

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