



Christmas 2018



Meri Kirihimete

Season's greetings from the sunny **Hawke's Bay**.

This year, why not grow our land by giving a native tree or even better, a Guardians membership or a botanical calendar to the ones you love!

Did you know?

The 2nd ever celebration of Christmas in New Zealand occurred during James Cook's first expedition in 1769. The crew of the Endeavour marked the occasion by feasting on 'Goose pye' for their Christmas dinner. There were no geese, so the crew had to improvise – with the magnificent gannet that had been shot in preparation for the feast by the ship's noted botanist, Joseph Bank!



Calendar out now!

A fundraiser for your environment

2019

Working together for a better environment



\$20

This beautiful calendar is out now!

Generously donated by [Plant Hawke's Bay Ltd](#), proceeds will help Biodiversity Hawke's Bay undertake plant conservation work across the Bay.

Calendars are A3 in size and feature native plants with gorgeous work by Hawke's Bay artists.

To order, text Deputy Chair of the Biodiversity Guardians, Marie Taylor on 0274 424 536 and reserve yours today.

Don't delay, order yours today!

Congratulations

Our Guardians Management Committee and our Foundation Board are made up of some seriously talented people who are dedicated to our community and protecting Hawke's Bay's landscape.

Congratulations to Guardians Deputy Chair, Marie Taylor, who was awarded the Supreme Winner of the NZI Rural Women New Zealand Business Awards this year and to Board Deputy Chair, Des Ratima NZOM, who was awarded Linden Estate Leader of the Year award at the PAN PAC Hawke's Bay Business Awards. Both Marie and Des have spent many years working hard to protect our native biodiversity and we are very proud of all they have achieved.

Highlights of 2018



We were at the **Better Home and Living** show.



We launched our **Action Plan** to a crowd of 200 in May.



Children from 16 local schools wowed us at the **Hillmac Electrical Speech** contest with their speeches on Biodiversity in their backyard. The finals were held at the National Aquarium.



We were honoured to have Minister Eugenie Sage as key note speaker at our **Biodiversity and Business** event in October.



The Guardians were at the **Royal A & P show** in the Nature Shed and got to meet lots of lovely show-goers.



Our Forum Event, **Bio Buzz 2018** was held at Aramoana in Central Hawke's Bay and attended by over 80 people.

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

You can join Biodiversity Hawke's Bay online at <https://www.biodiversityhb.org/what-can-i-do/join-donate/> or contact our project manager for direct debit options.

Have a safe and bio-licious season, see you in 2019!

Ka kite anō, Biodiversity Hawkes Bay

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