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CHARITABLE TRUST
TARA-ITI

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Dear Members,

In this issue: *A fairy tern weekend*: Volunteer Induction; AGM; Calendars; Fairy tern news; CAA and Fairy tern; Te Arai Fun Run; Membership Fees.

First, welcome to new member: Phyllis Walker of Auckland.

A fairy tern weekend:

Fairy Tern Volunteer Induction

Date: Saturday, 24th September, 2022 9am to 2pm

Venue: Mangawhai Library Hall, 45 Moir Street, Mangawhai

Morning tea provided, but BYO lunch.

RSVP to Nikki Hartley (nhartley@doc.govt.nz) by 21st September if you would like to attend

Next day:

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, 25th September, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Venue: Senior Citizens' Hall, Fagan Place, Mangawhai Heads (behind the Wood St shops).

Please consider joining the committee – there is plenty to do.

After the formal business of presenting reports and electing the committee, our guest speaker will be:

Jacob Ball

We are delighted to have Jake as guest speaker. He has been a Ranger at Mangawhai and will talk about his research into fairy tern foraging around the harbour.

After the meeting there will be light refreshments and a chance to catch up with fellow “terners”.

Please join us. **All welcome**

2023 Calendars



The cover of our beautiful 2023 calendar.

The calendars are in production and ready for ordering.

They are \$20 each and as a special offer to **paid-up** Trust members, we will send them to you **postage free** in New Zealand. Otherwise, add \$5 for postage within New Zealand.

The calendars are A4 size, that is each picture and each calendar page is A4 size with plenty of room to write in appointments by each date.

As a special bonus, January 2024 is included.

TO ORDER:

Email your order to our secretary, Glenys Mather at info@fairytern.org.nz

Direct credit: ASB Wellsford A/c No: 12-3094-0197257-00

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Fairy Tern News

Spring is definitely in the air and birds and people are getting ready for what we hope will be a bumper breeding season.

Rangers have been appointed at the breeding sites and will be introduced at the volunteer induction day.

We hope some of them will also come to the AGM the next day.

Fairy terns have been sighted at breeding sites on the East coast getting on with the business of courting.

Basil Cuthbert took these photos of fairy tern courting with fish at Pakiri in late August.

Also at Pakiri, local schoolchildren are helping to collect shell to enhance the breeding site.



CAA and Fairy tern

Thanks to Chris Patterson for sending this article from the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) Vector magazine. Let's hope it has some effect!



IT'S NOT JUST BREACHING LOW-FLYING RULES

There were 16 complaints to CAA during November and December 2021 about low flying over the breeding habitats of the critically endangered fairy tern.

Probably New Zealand's most endangered indigenous breeding bird, the tara iti (New Zealand fairy tern) is being threatened by regular low flying over its habitats, and in breach of low-flying rules.

There are fewer than 40 of this species of fairy tern left in the world. That includes 12 breeding pairs.

This is, believe it or not, an increase on 1983, when the entire known population of tara iti – at Mangawhai, and at Papakanui Spit in Kaipara Harbour – was made up of three breeding pairs.


At that point, the Department of Conservation stepped in. Among measures to try to prevent the bird's extinction, it successfully lobbied for restricted airspace above their breeding grounds.

Low flying disturbs the tara iti, including forcing the birds out of nests, leaving eggs vulnerable to predators.

Restricted airspace is at Waipu (NZR 105), Mangawhai (NZR 106) and Te Arai (NZR 107). This is all indicated on the relevant visual navigation charts.

DOC asks that pilots consider not flying at all over these areas, but if you must, fly no lower than 1000 ft AMSL.

If you do, you won't be just breaking civil aviation rules, you could also potentially breach the Wildlife Act 1953.

Consider brushing up your knowledge of other DOC land, because some restricted airspace can extend to 3500 ft AMSL. Check these areas in *AIP New Zealand ENR 5.1 – 1 Restricted Areas*. 

Any questions regarding the tara iti, email whangarei@doc.govt.nz

Te Arai Fun Run

Please help us with this fund-raising opportunity.

The Trust has been asked to provide volunteers to help with handing out information and being marshals for this fun run along the beach and into the park at Te Arai.

Date: Sunday, 2nd October, 2022

Place: Te Arai Point Regional Park

Contact: Heather Rogan heatherrogan2017@gmail.com Phone 021 0520 622.

It will probably take about four hours of your time.

People who volunteered to help last time it was held said it was heaps of fun and they raised about a thousand dollars for the Trust.

Please help if you can!

Membership Fees Due

Thank you to all of you who have paid your membership fees!

A gentle reminder to those who haven't. We really appreciate your support and hope you will continue to support us with your membership fees.

Please make your payment by direct credit to our bank account,

Account name: New Zealand Fairy Tern Charitable Trust

Account number: 12-3094-0197257-00

Please include your name and type of membership – life, individual, family, junior, corporate.

Fees for each category are:

Life Membership: \$200

Annual Subscriptions:

\$20 individual membership

\$30 family membership (2 adults plus children aged 15 years and under)

\$5 junior membership (15 years and under)

Corporate membership: \$50 small firms \$150 medium \$500 large

Some people choose to supplement their membership fees with donations which are tax deductible.

Thank you for your support!

Best wishes,

Heather Rogan and the Trust committee