

Upper Clutha Conservation Network

Newsletter
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Welcome to the latest issue of the Upper Clutha Conservation Network Newsletter. This summer has seen fine and favourable weather for people and pests. It has been great to see some good conservation work done by groups around the region.

Community Conservation Partnerships Fund



Reminding everyone the 2015/16 Community Conservation Partnerships Fund / Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori is now open for expressions of interest.

The purpose of the fund is to inspire and enable community-led conservation growth.

In the first year \$8.5 million was allocated across more than 100 community organisations.

The fund is directed at practical, on-the-ground projects. These projects will maintain and restore the diversity of our natural heritage and enable more people to participate in recreation, enjoy and learn from our historic places, and engage with and value the benefits of conservation. Applications that have explored and developed any opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with others are encouraged.

Applicants need to submit a three page Expression of Interest (EOI) indicating how their community project will contribute to the purpose of the fund. Expressions of Interest must be received by the Department via the DOC website or email (ccpf@doc.govt.nz) no later than 5 pm on Thursday 2 April 2015.

www.doc.govt.nz/ccpf: [Find resources for potential applicants \(including guidelines, Expression of Interest form, and last year's successful applicants\) here.](#)

Pest Detective

[Pest Detective](http://www.pestdetective.org.nz) (www.pestdetective.org.nz) has photos, diagrams, tips and tools to help you figure out what pests you are dealing with and advice on the best way to control them. You can search by the clues left behind - droppings, footprints, fur, kills - even eye shine at night. You can also contribute to the online resource by adding photos of critters and the evidence they leave. Pest Detective works on mobile devices, so you can access information in the field (assuming you can get a signal!)



Upper Clutha Conservation Taskforce

With guidance from the Shaping our Future Steering Group, the Taskforce have been finalising their recommendations to ORC and QLDC. These recommendations have been developed from the information gathered from the community at the Conservation Forum in May last year.

The next step will be for these recommendations to be presented to the community at another forum.

The Task force have also provided a letter of support for an application to the Ministry for the Environment Community Environment Fund for improving the monitoring of freshwater quality. This would see some great baseline data being collected in our region. The catch is that the Ministry will only fund the collection for one year and then it needs to transfer to a community based voluntary model.

Please contact Chairperson Megan Williams Ph 027 229 1607 or mswenterprises@kinect.co.nz if you have any questions about the Taskforce

Pest Off Workshop

A group of predator control experts are being brought together by the Upper Clutha Conservation Taskforce and DOC for a **full day pest control workshop**, to share best practice, discuss pest behaviour and answer questions about pest control.

The workshop will be held on **Saturday 28th March 9am - 3pm** at the St John's Ambulance Meeting room. If you are interested in attending please contact Andrew Penniket andrew@deepandmeeningful.co.nz

