

# Upper Clutha Conservation Network

Newsletter  
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## Kia Ora

Welcome to the latest issue of the Upper Clutha Conservation Network Newsletter. The cold weather has started, with plenty of rain restoring soil moisture levels in time for planting season.

## Community Conservation Partnerships Fund

Several local groups and partnerships submitted expressions of interest to the Community Conservation Partnerships Fund. Around 300 applications were received nationally. Last year 100 projects were funded. Groups that are being invited to round two should be contacted in early May.



Giv-us (formerly FundView) is an online resource which lists all funding available for community groups. You can search by region or type of project. It is accessible free at Wanaka Library – just ask at the front desk.

If people are keen, we can hold a small evening workshop at the library to look at Giv-us and talk over strategies for writing successful conservation related funding applications. Contact Kimberley Parlane [kparlane@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kparlane@doc.govt.nz) if you are interested.

## WWF Habitat Protection Fund

[Click here to find out more](#)

The WWF Habitat Protection Fund is targeted at local community conservation groups based and working in New Zealand engaged in hands-on ecological restoration or conservation. Groups can get up to \$10,000 over three years. The next round opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and closes on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.



## Outward Bound Scholarship



DOC is sponsoring five places for young conservation volunteers on an Outward Bound course in August. If you know a young (18-26yrs) person who shows commitment to conservation, and who would want to take this opportunity, let us know about them and we can consider putting their name forward.

Key facts:

- The course is an Outward Bound Classic course, held at Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds. It runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August.
- The volunteer completes the application form and writes a letter outlining why they would like to attend.
- Application forms have to be in by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Contact Phil Tisch [ptisch@doc.govt.nz](mailto:ptisch@doc.govt.nz) if you have a candidate in mind.

## Win \$2500 for your group!

Predator Free NZ aims to protect our endangered native species by eliminating the threat of predators. As part of their aim to “inform, connect and inspire, while also examining the economic, social and cultural impact of large-scale pest control in New Zealand”, Predator Free New Zealand is creating a map which collates all pest control activity in the country.

Predator Free NZ is offering the chance to win \$2500 if you add your groups' predator control information to the national map before **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. It should take no more than 10 minutes to complete the online form.

[Click here to enter!](#)



## Pest Off Workshop

The second Pest Off workshop was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. James Reardon and other experts shared their knowledge with over 20 people representing all the major pest control groups in the Upper Clutha Basin. We also had representatives from the Otago Peninsula Biodiversity Group who are doing amazing work towards their goal of a pest free Otago Peninsula.

## Zero Invasive Predators



Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP) Ltd is a partnership between NEXT Foundation, the Department of Conservation, philanthropists Gareth and Sam Morgan and the New Zealand dairy industry. ZIP's vision is ambitious - to ensure the long-term resilience of New Zealand's biodiversity by completely removing rats, stoats and possums from large areas of the mainland, and keeping them out. They research new techniques and methods for pest control, with a focus on methods that anyone can use. The CEO of ZIP, Al Bramley, has offered to come to Wanaka to speak with local groups about what ZIP does and how local pest control initiatives fit in to the national picture. Contact Phil Tisch [ptisch@doc.govt.nz](mailto:ptisch@doc.govt.nz) if you are interested.

Go to <http://www.nextfoundation.org.nz/news/predator-free-nz> to see Al Bramley talking about ZIP.

## Introducing Ruth Harrison

Ruth Harrison joined the Department in April as Senior Ranger, Partnerships. She will be working with community groups and projects for the Department. Ruth's most recent role before joining us was with Volunteer Service Abroad as Partnerships Manager working with New Zealand and Regional Pacific partners to send more New Zealanders to volunteer their skills abroad.

