

## Care of Creation Blog – February 2019

Now that January holidays are over Auckland groups have been making plans for the year. A Rocha Auckland committee members met on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and planned to continue the three projects we have, Oakley Creek, Unsworth Heights and Matuku Link.

March 9 Matuku Link – planting in wetlands. April 13 Unsworth Heights -weeding. May 11 Event (details to come). June 8 Oakley Creek – planting. July 13 Matuku Link. August 10 Event (details to come). September 14 Unsworth Heights. October 12 Oakley Creek. November 9 Final Event – Celebration for the year.

Anglicans CAN (Climate Action Network) meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> got on to some matters needing agreement on who could best share information on discoveries and interaction with other groups within and without our church. The vision is of a network which passes on news to members and recognises work and ideas from other churches and religious and secular groups. This was too much for the few attending to settle and will be continued at another meeting. Auckland Libraries have Drawdown, Ed. Paul Hawken giving a list of things to do, and Psychology for a Better World, by Niki Harre , suggesting how to get people to understand why we should act.

NZCIS (Christians in Science) has a series of events. All are invited to a lecture by Ev Worthington on **Understanding and Practicing Forgiveness** at Maclaurin Chapel, at 7pm, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> February. This is the first of occasional NZCIS lectures in partnership with Prof. Joseph Bulbulia, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Auckland. Commonwealth Professor Emeritus Everett Worthington from the Department of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University has published over 38 books. He has also developed the REACH Forgiveness model. In April Justin Barrett, Author of *Born Believers* will speak. More information comes later. Ask Nicola Hoggard Creegan <hoggard.n@gmail.com>

I look forward to reporting on the activities of these groups in Auckland, seeing the Care of Creation Committee as continuing the work of reporting to the Auckland diocese on what is being done in this area by some of its members. A Rocha introduced people to care of birds and then other living creatures, Climate Action is now required as we see the planet God has given us being damaged, and the world of science informs and puzzles us, as we lay what microscopes and telescopes show us alongside scriptural truths. There is so much we do not know.

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