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## In the News

So in case you missed it, here are some snippets of environmental news since the last newsletter.

### Politics

[Concern \(Wellington\) supercity consultation too short](#)

[Air, water focus in ECan's \\$1.8b plan](#)

### Conservation/Ecology

[Wildlife killed by purple dye spill](#) [Auckland]

[Orca turn out in force at Raglan Harbour](#)

[Auckland Council backs Maui's dolphin campaign](#)

[Penguins injured by barracuda attack](#)

[Great whites set up in Kaipara](#)

[Judas the goat betrays his brethren in Kaitake Range](#)

### Water

[Quarries want to dig into Christchurch groundwater](#)

[Oil spill off Taranaki coast](#)

### Human Health

[DDT found amid red zone waste](#) [Christchurch]

[Mine clean-up to cost \\$3m](#)

## Consent Hearings/Developments

[EPA rejects second seabed mining bid](#) - More information about the Chatham Rock Phosphate Ltd: Application for marine consent is available from the [EPA website](#)

[Auckland water application could take up to a year to process](#)

[Tindall urges port-work halt](#) [Auckland]

[Anne Gibson: Downtown tower makes a bold statement of identity](#) [Auckland]

[Councils favour \\$10 million plan](#) [195-berth marina on Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown]

## Climate Change

[Scientists call for 'geoengineering' tests to find ways to cool the planet](#)

[UN climate chief tempers expectation on Paris deal](#)

[Buried tea bags in the name of science](#)

[Perth gets buzz from wave power](#)

## Editorial: Local Government Reform

By Craig Redmond

With an eye on the upcoming Symposium I am interested in sharing the thoughts of members in particular regards to local government reform. I have previously expressed thoughts on some of the missed opportunities for New Zealand to have a National Environmental Protection Authority which would provide regional environmental policy and rules based on science, not the agendas of elected officials.

But now that the Auckland Super City Council has been in place for over four years, what have we learnt about amalgamation, do we think it has been a success or is it still too early to tell? Are they trading environmental protection for overseas investment or have they got the balance right?

With consultation happening on whether Greater Wellington shall become Super Wellington and no doubt other amalgamations will be considered (potentially alongside RMA reforms and the restoration of elected members at the Canterbury Regional Council), this year's Symposium is touching on a very pertinent topic.

So get along and form an opinion or share your thoughts at the Symposium - because a diversity of ideas can lead to magic.

If you can't make it to the Symposium and you have an opinion you would like to share on the topic of local government reform or any other, then please do email [nznewsletter.eianz@gmail.com](mailto:nznewsletter.eianz@gmail.com)

## Professional Development Opportunities

The following Professional Development Opportunities are available and as always, all EIANZ events are available on the calendar of our home page <http://www.eianz.org/>

### **EIANZ New Zealand Symposium 2015**

In Wellington on 27th March the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) is hosting a one day symposium -focussed on achieving good environmental outcomes in changing times.

This symposium has been designed to provoke thought on how we might operate within these changing structures and continue to focus on what really matters to make a difference. In addition to speakers, there will be opportunities to network, generate discussion and learn how it can be applied to your own work.

Prior to the Symposium (on 26th March) there will be a Student and New Professional Field Trip to Waiwhetu Stream and the Opus Research Facility.

More information on both events including a conference programme and registration details are available at [www.eianz.org](http://www.eianz.org)

For more information, see the [symposium flyer](#), [draft program](#), contact [nz@eianz.org](mailto:nz@eianz.org) or register [online here](#).



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SYMPOSIUM

# Focusing on what matters

Achieving good environmental outcomes in our changing times

9am-5pm, Friday 27 March 2015  
Wharewaka, Wellington Waterfront

Keynote speaker: Rod Oram

EIANZ members \$200; non members \$250

Students \$50

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[www.eianz.org](http://www.eianz.org)

In these times of change and reorganisation it is important to maintain a focus on positive environmental outcomes. Our role as environmental practitioners is to deliver excellence in practice within the structures and policies in which we operate. This symposium will explore the effects of two significant structural changes – local government reform and freshwater management. It will provoke thought on how we might operate within changing structures and continue to focus on what really matters to make a difference.



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Student and New Professional Field Trip

## Restoration & Research

*in the Hutt Valley*

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Bus tour departs Wellington at 12:30

13:00 – 15:00 Waiwhetu Stream

15:30 – 17:30 Opus Research Facility

17:30 – 18:00 Drinks & nibbles

EIANZ members free Non members \$25

### WAIWHETU STREAM

**Explore the Waiwhetu stream:**

Learn about its ecological significance and restoration

**Speakers include:**

- Alistair Allen (Greater Wellington Regional Council)
- Marilyn Merrit (Friends of Waiwhetu Stream)



### OPUS RESEARCH FACILITY

**Tour the new Opus Research Facility:**

- Visit specialist laboratories, training rooms and their 25 m wind tunnel
- Discover the latest research into local and international projects.
- Meet Opus staff and network with Opus' Emerging Professionals Group



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## **WILD THINGS: addressing terrestrial, freshwater and marine biodiversity**

**11-13 August 2015, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland**



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**Mark your diaries now! Don't miss New Zealand's leading environmental conference.**

Biodiversity loss is the greatest environmental challenge that currently faces New Zealand. Despite our best endeavours, the country's wealth of endemic species is dwindling away. Under the current trajectory, kiwi will be functionally extinct on the mainland within two generations. In addition to losses on land, we are also facing threats in both the freshwater and marine realms.

Biodiversity loss is an economic challenge, with New Zealand's natural heritage forming the basis of a burgeoning tourism sector and supporting many of our export industries.

*Wild Things* will investigate the underlying reasons for biodiversity decline and look constructively at how we might turn it around. The conference will examine how to rebalance the conservation management system, so that it is well funded and better aligned, and can more effectively harness innovation. We will focus on the nexus of biodiversity and development, and how new or improved tools like offsetting might be applied to achieve 'no net loss' or even 'net gain'. We will also look ways to mobilise New Zealanders behind the biodiversity challenge and to overcome the implementation gap.

*Wild Things* will be a national conversation, amongst all sectors, about the way forward on biodiversity. It will be particularly relevant to agencies involved in biodiversity management (including central government, regional councils and local authorities); iwi/hapū exercising kaitiakitanga over biodiversity; biodiversity-relevant private sector industries (tourism, land development, agriculture, forestry and fishing); biodiversity scientists and resource management professionals; and community groups and individuals involved in biodiversity conservation on the ground.

**Biodiversity loss is not inevitable. We have a choice.**

## Canterbury Branch Event

### Canterbury Green Drinks

Our last “drinks and catch up” event for the year will be a pre-Christmas celebration too, held on **Wednesday xxxxx, from 5-30pm @ Bean Scene Café and Cargo Bar, Lincoln Road, Addington** (Cargo Bar is open for drinks and food prior to this, for early birds).

All members are welcome! And please feel free to bring friends and colleagues. No charge.

**Date and Time: Wednesday 4th March, from 530pm**

**Location: Bean Scene Cafe**

**Speaker: P ene Ferguson, Environmental Specialist Consultant with the World Bank**

**Topic: Infrastructure with Benefits – What the Upper Cisokan Hydropower Project is doing for endangered species in West Java, Indonesia**

The Canterbury Branch of the NZ Chapter of EIANZ hopes to see more of you at these Wednesday gatherings and at CPD events held during the coming year. If you have any questions, comments, or have a great idea for a future speaker, get in touch with your local branch by email. If you have any questions, or have a great idea for a future speaker, get in touch with your local branch by [email](#).

## Bay of Plenty Branch Event



Hi

Come along to a guest lecture by Hayden Smith of Sea Cleaners who is spreading the word during Seaweek about keeping our oceans clean.

**Date:** Thursday 5 March 2015

**Time:** 5pm - 7pm

Light refreshments from 5-5:30pm, lecture followed by discussion and questions

**Venue:** Coastal Marine Field Station: 58 Cross Road, Sulphur Point, Tauranga

**RSVP:** [fielarkson@doc.govt.nz](mailto:fielarkson@doc.govt.nz)

More information is available at <http://seaweek.org.nz/>

## Certified Environmental Practitioner

### For those thinking of applying

The CEnvP website provides some useful application tips and advice – these are the things that will help with the processing of your application. See <http://www.cenvp.org/apply/applications.php>

One of the bits of advice is to take the requirement for continuing professional development seriously. This is probably one of the areas where the more information you can provide as part of your application the better. The CEnvP website says it is worthwhile to submit a CPD log for the past year. I'd go a step further to say submit the log, along with an outline of your proposed CPD activities for the forthcoming 12 months. If you don't submit it as part of your application, you are likely to be asked to bring it along to your interview.

Another important tip is to submit a complete application. Missing information slows down the processing of your application and in the worst case; you will be deferred to the following round of interviews.

If your workplace or local EIANZ branch would like to learn more about the application process or the Scheme, please get in touch. There are a number of CEnvPs around the country who are more than happy to come and talk to you about the benefits of Certification and the process of applying.

We encourage suitably qualified practitioners to participate in this important initiative for the environment profession. For more information about certification criteria and the application process, please visit [www.CEnvP.org/apply](http://www.CEnvP.org/apply)

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## Call for Articles and Ideas

We will be putting out this newsletter quarterly and need interesting and informative articles every time!

Have you...

- Finished an interesting project?
- Attended a training course you found valuable?
- Have some photos that you just have to share?
- Got some ideas for other things you would like to see in this newsletter?

***If so, we would love to add your two cents to the newsletter.***

If you would like to share, please do send any suggestions, articles, photos to [Craig Redmond](#).

The next newsletter will be out at the end of February, so please send any submissions through by 23 March 2015.

## Have your details changed?

It is important for us to keep your details up to date. If you have recently moved house or job, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by sending an email to [newzealand@eianz.org](mailto:newzealand@eianz.org) to ensure that your details are up to date.

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### Committee Members:

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[Steph Brown](#) (CEnvP) Coordinator

[Geoff Meadows](#)

### Other Key Roles

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Newsletter Editor: [Craig Redmond](#)

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