

# NATURE TALKS

## Conservation on Aotea/Great Barrier Island: past and present

**Dr Barry Scott**

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**When:** Tuesday 18 March 2025, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum



**Photo credits**

Windy Hill (left)

Barry Scott (centre)

Glen Edney (right)

Aotea/Great Barrier Island is a spectacular and rugged 28,500 ha island on the outer edge of the Hauraki Gulf. It is home to a range of threatened ecosystems, plants and animals, as well as an array of invasive organisms that threaten this diversity. In this talk, Barry will describe past and current conservation efforts, as well as two projects he has established at Awana on the island's east coast to protect a Grey-faced Petrel/Ōi breeding site, and restore and protect an estuary ecosystem containing two rare plant species. He will also outline various other conservation initiatives being undertaken on Aotea, along with the challenges these face and how they are being overcome.

**Nature Talks** is a series of bi-monthly talks offered by three local environmental groups—*Birds New Zealand (Whanganui Region)*, the *Whanganui branch of Forest & Bird*, and the *Whanganui Botanical Group*—in conjunction with the Whanganui Regional Museum. The topics all relate to New Zealand's environment, natural history and conservation. The talks are held on the third Tuesday of every second month (unless notified otherwise should the speaker be unavailable on that particular day).

The talks are held in the Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum (Watt Street entrance), starting at 7:30 p.m.

Entrance is free

(although to help cover costs, a koha is always appreciated from those who can afford it)

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