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I wish to be a member of the Auckland Branch. Enclosed is my membership fee which entitles me to copies of the Auckland Branch Newsletters and the Society's Scientific Supplement 'The WETA'. *Note: if you are a member of the national body, the ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY of NEW ZEALAND INC, then you will already be getting access to 'The WETA' through that separate subscription.*

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## Auckland Branch of the Entomological Society of New Zealand 2026 Programme

### 2026 APRIL Thursday 23rd – 7:30pm

Evening talk: Dr Richard Leschen- "How Some Beetles Protect Themselves: The Slow Way."



### MAY Thursday 28th – 7:30pm

Evening Talk: John Kean –The unexpected legacy of Mr William Armstrong Boucher (stripper).

### JUNE Thursday 25th - 6:30 pm.

#### Annual Branch Dinner

Pizzas, treats and fun \$15 per person.



Venue: Landcare Research  
– Tootara room  
231 Morrin Road, St Johns  
Wear your favourite Invertebrate themed apparel and accessories – you're amongst fellow bug nerds, so go all out!

### JULY Thursday 23rd – 7:30 pm

Evening talk: Sherly George MPI – Yellow Legged Hornet *Vespa velutina* in Auckland – the response so far.

### AUGUST Thursday 27th – 7.30 pm

Evening talk: Dr Robert Hoare - The Phoenix and the Parrot: the incredible tale of *Titanomis sisyrota* (Lepidoptera). Dr Robert will divulge the latest unexpected chapter in the story of this mythical moth.

### SEPTEMBER 2026 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

#### The 74th Entomological Society of New Zealand Conference

Venue: University of Waikato.

Confirmed plenary speakers include Dr Ang McGaughran (University of Waikato), Dr Neil Birrell (University of Auckland) and Giselle Clarkson (New Zealand Illustrator).

Link <https://ento.org.nz/conferences/>

### SEPTEMBER Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm

#### University of Auckland Student talks.

Venue: Landcare Research Building, 231 Morrin road, St Johns.  
Dave Seldon coordinator. Mb 021 434312.

### SEPTEMBER Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am

Field trip: Kauri Glen – Nth Shore – Dave Seldon  
57 Tui Glen Road, Birkenhead

Meet: Tui Glen Road entrance, park on roadside.

Leader: Dave Seldon Contact Number: Mb 021 434312.

Notes: notes bring drinks, lunch and snacks.

### OCTOBER Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>– 7:30pm

Evening talk: John Keall -The AsureQuality PestLab – what is it and what does it do?

In this talk John will share some insights into the entomological work of AQ PestLab.

### OCTOBER Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Time: 11:00am

Field trip: TBC Franklin Farms Butterfly House  
145 Taha Road, Waimauku, Auckland

Meet: 11:00am

At the carpark paddock opposite the entry - well signposted on the northern side of the road.

Leader: Chris Green Mb 027 236 4374

Notes. Visitor entry fee applies

### NOVEMBER Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – 7.30 pm

#### Evening Talk: Will Frost

Not-So-Friendly Neighbours: Aussie Invasions, Pesky Parasitoids and Tiger Moth Crossbreeding Chaos.

### NOVEMBER Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> – 07.30pm

Field trip: Late Spring Light Trapping with Dr Robert

Location: University of Auckland- Oratia Reserve

Meet: University of Auckland Reserve Oratia.

Leader: Robert Hoare & Dave Seldon

Notes: Oratia Reserve is a 9.5-hectare area of podocarp, broadleaf and kauri forest in West Auckland.

## Early 2027 Programme

**2027 FEBRUARY Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>\*** (\*date to be confirmed)

**World Wetland Day – Matuku link festival**

**Entomology Branch Stall**

111 Bethells Road, Te Henga, West Auckland, Branch Stall Organiser:

Dave Seldon ph: 027 2260428

Link: <https://matukulink.org.nz/about-us/>

Notes: We need 4 people to help on the stall to share AM & PM duties.

If you can help, please contact Dave. no cell phone coverage on site

**2027 FEBRUARY Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm**

**Annual General Meeting:** To be held at Landcare Research,

Tamaki Campus. Bring along your ideas for next year's programme.

Formal meeting is followed by members' photographs.

**2027 FEBRUARY Sunday 28<sup>nd</sup> – 10:30am**

Field trip: Matuku Link

111 Bethells Road, Te Henga, West Auckland,

Leader: Joanna Mackisack

Contact Number: 020 4095 7173

Notes. Bring lunch - The reserve is a 37 hectare block of wetland and forest.

**2027 MARCH Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm**

Evening talk: Dr Chris Green

Benefits to invertebrates after mouse eradication on

Allports Island, Queen Charlotte Sound.

Mice were eradicated off 16ha Allports Island in 1989. A before and

after comparison of pitfall caught invertebrates revealed increased

populations of many species, especially spiders and beetles.

**2027 MARCH Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 10.30am**

Field Trip: Mangemango Reserve to Shelly Park Beach

Meet:-In carpark by barn - 108 Somerville Road,

Somerville, Auckland 2014

Leader: Mark Hillary

Contact Number: 021 257 6898

Notes. Bring Lunch. The main entrance and car parking area are at

108 Somerville Road, next to the barn. The walk includes steps and

some short steep sections. If the weather's wet the path can be

slippery.

Link to: [Path Map](#)

**2027 APRIL Thursday 22<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30pm**

Evening talk: Joanna Mackisack - iNaturalist - Mātaki

Taiao in New Zealand. The benefits of citizen science

records, with tips and tricks for data and photography.

<https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/help-nz>

### EVENING MEETINGS

Meetings will usually be held in the Landcare Research building,

which is at 231 Morrin Road, St Johns and by the third entrance

into the old University campus along Morrin Road.

Parking is available on the road outside. Please ring the

doorbell to gain entrance - from 7:20pm.

Visitors welcome. Please bring along items for our display table; any interesting specimens you have found or photos.

### FIELD TRIPS

**KIT LIST FOR FIELD TRIPS**

Boots or strong footwear

Raincoat or warm clothing, sun hat

Lunch, drink (or suitable snack)

Collecting gear if desired

Pencil and paper

Torch (working)

Insect repellent

Map of area

Car-pooling: If you wish to go on a field trip and want to travel

with someone else, contact the leader of the field trip who will

try and find someone to take you.

**NOTE:** Events in this programme are liable to alteration at short

notice. Please check with the Secretary or President if you wish

to confirm a topic or field trip. In the event of doubtful weather

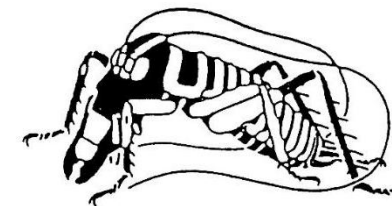
conditions for field trips, contact the trip leader.

Updated information and any changes to events will be added to

our Facebook group page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390917968463847/>

## Auckland Branch of The Entomological Society of New Zealand



## 2026-2027 PROGRAMME

### 2027 COMMITTEE

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