

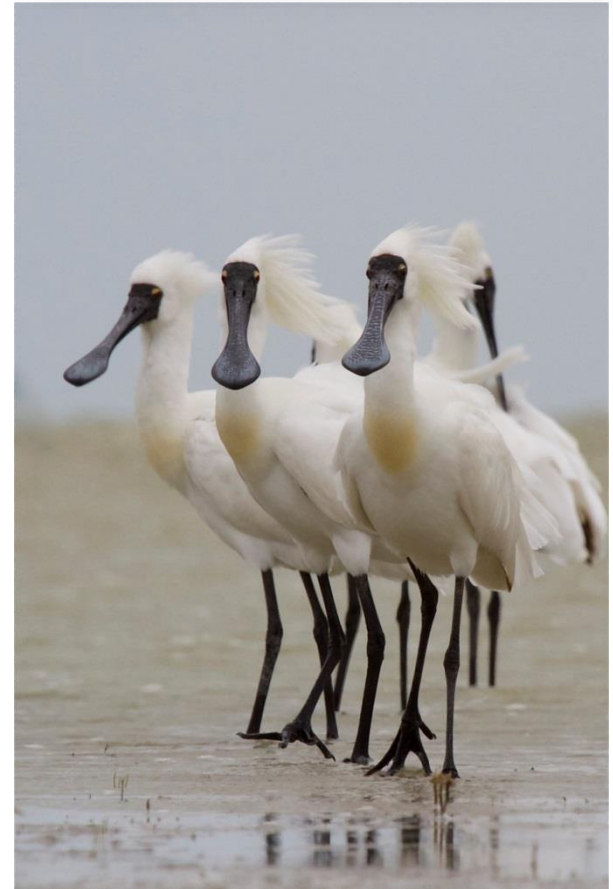
# Waihora Ellesmere Trust Annual Report 2018/19



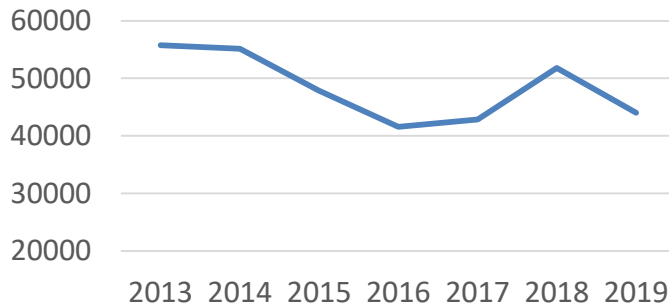
Photo by Graham Dean: Winner of LittleRiver Photographic Competition 2019

# The Trust

- Membership of around 60 individual/family members plus 3 organisations
- 370 subscribers to the newsletter/ 564 Facebook followers
- 2 staff members - General Manager and Finance Manager
- MOUs with Ecan and SDC
- Community agreement with DOC
- Funding & support from SDC, Ecan
- Regular updates to website and social media (Facebook, twitter, instagram)
- Regular newsletters



# 2019 Te Waihora wetland bird survey –with partners, Birds NZ, CCC and DOC, to organise a census of wetland birds on the lake.



Pied Stilt numbers increased



44,034 in 2019  
51,807 in 2018  
42,852 in 2017  
41,590 in 2016  
47,858 in 2015  
55,164 in 2014  
55,728 in 2013

Black billed gull – showing a declining trend

# Predator Control – Yarrs Flat

## Predator Free Trapping Workshop



The Waihora Ellesmere Trust with the Department of Conservation are hosting a Predator Free Trapping Workshop. Come and hear from a number of speakers and talk to the experts regarding trapping mammalian predators. There will be displays and information on a number of traps.

The Waihora Ellesmere Trust with the support of the Department of Conservation are beginning a predator control program at Yarrs Flat Wildlife reserve on the shores of Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere. The reserve is an outstanding area for wetland birds including migratory species. The Trust is looking to build a team of volunteers to service the traps.

Lincoln Envirotown are working on a number of initiatives to get people trapping in their backyards and local reserves. You will have the opportunity to speak to these community groups and to register your interest in their projects.

**Date:** Saturday 27th of July

**Register at:**

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/predator-free-trapping-workshop-tickets-63182938871>

**Location:** Lincoln Events Centre



# Talking to Groups/Attending Events

- Schools, Waterwise and others
- Presented to the Wetland Conference in Napier (Birds of Te Waihora)
- Little River Show and Photo Competition
- Weed Liaison Group
- Facilitating SWARF group
- Member of the Selwyn / Waikirikiri River working group.
- Two Lake Healing cycle tour



# Restoration Activities

- YHA Greenfoot print Planting – happening this Friday
- Assisting Te Ara Kākāriki (TAK) with Community Plantout and Kids Discovery Day
- Facilitate SWARF meetings
- Children’s University – resource for Harts Creek



# What's coming up for 2019/20

- The 2019 Living Lake Symposium (November 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Two Lakes Healing cycle tour (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Field trips for members and supporters
- Continue community trapping programmes (Predator Free 2050) namely Yarrs Flat
- Working to promote recreational and restoration opportunities at the lake, including with DOC, local schools and others
- 2020 bird survey (Feb 2020)
- Promoting our Living Lake Research & Monitoring Fund
- And lots more.....

