

BOEE Newsletter: Summer 2025

Welcome to this BOEE Newsletter. You are receiving this occasional newsletter if you have registered with our website, taken part in a BOEE event, or indicated you wanted to hear more about our work.

Thank You So we are amidst a very interesting summer which sometimes feels a bit like autumn or winter 😊 As we again move into top gear with our community events it is time to ask for volunteers...remember if you volunteer for three of our activities in a given year, we will put you through the basic (two day) first aid course as a 'thankyou'. We sincerely hope you never need it, but the evidence is overwhelmingly that if you do, it is your whanau and families that will benefit.

So this summer our programme includes a River Day in South Brighton on April 26, jointly with GreenLab, and probably two Dunesdays (23 March and probably another on 11 April). We will start training in a few weeks for the first Dunesday. As many of you have found, our events are two way and both sides benefit from that interaction, so thank you for your support and interest in our work and *mahi*.

Our winter (indoor) events start in July, and we envisage two Speaker Events this year. Currently the titles, speakers and dates are not settled, but we will be in touch as these firm up. If you read this and want to be a volunteer for us, please email to the info address above.

As you are probably aware, our events are free, and tickets are available from Eventbrite. All are welcome. All our events are on bus-routes, and when you book you will be asked to indicate any safety/health requirements you may have, and also the number of children you will be bringing with you. The health/welfare and safety of these children remain your responsibility. As with all our events we would appreciate *koha*.

Events and News

Beyond our community activities, we are also engaged in two technology projects, one potentially in Wellington, and the other in Christchurch. Also a first this year: we are in the process of applying for a significant research grant which will see us engaging with communities around well-being, health and the impacts of climate change.

As you will be aware our Dunesdays are supported by additional expert staff from ESR (The Crown Research Institute), we are very grateful to those staff for their support. Also, the office is also growing, we now have a Chief Scientist and also a Principal Investigator. So enjoy the summer, and we hope to share some of it with you.

Ngā mihi nui.

Simon Watts, Observatory Director.