

New Zealand  
Conservation Management Group  
(CMaG)



## Annual Conference

1 – 3 June 2004  
Hamilton

Major Theme:  
New Zealand Conservation – achievements  
and challenges

Secondary Theme:  
NZ Fauna as education/advocacy tools?

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# Programme

## Tuesday 1 June 2004

**Venue:** *Hamilton City Council Reception Lounge, Ground Floor, Garden Place*

1pm to 6pm Joint Meeting of CMaG Species Co-ordinators and ARAZPA NZ Fauna Taxon Advisory Group

## Wednesday 2 June 2004

**Venue:** *Rydges Le Grand Hotel, Victoria Street, Hamilton*

8.20am Registration

9.00am Opening address and welcome  
Lynn Anderson (Chairperson, CMaG)  
Jill Prew (Hamilton Zoo)

9.20am **Keynote Address**  
Hon Chris Carter MP, Minister of Conservation

9.50am Bruce Clarkson, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Biodiversity and Ecology at the University of Waikato  
Bruce has a lifelong interest in growing and researching native plants and in recent years has become heavily involved with community projects to restore indigenous ecosystems.  
*Ecological restoration in Hamilton City*

10.10am Morning tea

10.30am Jim Nicolson, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Conservation, Wellington  
*Further progress in Implementing New Policy for the Captive Management of New Zealand Protected Species*

11.15am Gordon Stephenson, author of 'Wetlands: exploring NZ's shy places', Trustee Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust, Trustee National Wetland Trust  
*Glaciers and Volcanoes – The Story of New Zealand Wetlands*

11.30am Geert Van Eyken, Curator of Birds and Reptiles and Team Leader for the Islands in Isolation theme at Wellington Zoo  
*CMaG only for native species?*

11.45am Leigh Marshall and Avi Holzapfel, Waikato Conservancy, Department of Conservation  
*Captive colonies in species recovery – a Waikato perspective*

12.00pm Lunch

1.00pm Tony Billing, Westshore Wildlife Reserve / Chairman, Kiwi Captive Management Advisory Committee  
*Recent Developments and Improvements in Kiwi Captive Management*

1.15pm Melissa de Britt, Senior Education Officer, Taronga Zoo, National Coordinator – ASX Frog Focus  
*Fauna as Education Tools: An Australian Perspective*

1.30pm Richard Jakob-Hoff, Senior Veterinarian, Wildlife Health and Research Centre, Auckland Zoo

*Development of a Wildlife Health and Research Centre for New Zealand*

- 1.45pm Kara Goddard, Bird and Reptile Keeper, Hamilton Zoo  
*Kokako hand-raising at Hamilton Zoo*
- 2.00pm Ian Fraser, New Zealand Program Officer, ARAZPA  
*Species Management Update: Achievements and Challenges*
- 2.15pm Peter Smits, Curator of Birds, Hamilton Zoo  
*Restoration of native forests using Hamilton Zoo's FreeFlight Sanctuary as a model*
- 2.30pm Todd Jenkinson, Keeper Native Fauna Section, Auckland Zoological Park  
*Auckland Zoo's Native Fauna Encounter*
- 2.45pm Sue Barker and Sarah Ross, Auckland Zoo Educators  
*What's happening up the hill?*
- 3.00pm Afternoon tea
- 3.15pm Dr Frank Molinia, Reproductive Physiologist and Programme Leader, Landcare Research  
*Reproductive sciences for conservation of native New Zealand fauna*
- 3.30pm to 4.45pm CMaG Annual General Meeting
- 6.30pm Conference dinner and Awards evening

**Thursday 3 June 2004**

**Venue:** *Rydges Le Grand Hotel, Victoria Street, Hamilton*

9am Bus to Hamilton Zoo

**Venue:** *Hamilton Zoo*

9.30am Morning tea

9.45am Free time to wander the Zoo

12.00 noon Bus from Hamilton Zoo to Rydges Le Grand Hotel

**Venue:** *Rydges Le Grand Hotel, Victoria Street, Hamilton*

12.45pm Lunch

1.45pm Detailed species updates including:  
- current status in the wild  
- progress made with captive programmes  
- future plans for captive programmes

5.00pm Formal Conference ends

## Friday 4 June 2004

9am to 5pm

Optional post-conference bus tour of significant Waikato Wetlands hosted by Keith Thompson. Keith recently retired from the University of Waikato as a senior lecturer. He is an ecologist specialising in wetlands management, especially peatlands, in several different continents.

## About Conservation Management Group (CMAg)

The mission of the New Zealand Conservation Management Group (CMAg) is to aid the conservation of New Zealand native fauna through co-ordinated captive management programmes. Our organisation's objectives are –

1. Facilitate the integration of ex-situ conservation with in-situ recovery programmes.
2. Support and co-ordinate captive management programmes for New Zealand native fauna.
3. Advise and make recommendations to relevant statutory bodies on captive management issues.
4. Facilitate the professional development of people involved in co-ordinated captive management programmes.
5. Gather, collate and disseminate information relevant to the advancement of these objectives.

## About Hamilton Zoo

Hamilton Zoo is a relatively young zoo, having started life as a pheasant farm during the 1960s. Murray and Gloria Powell laid the foundation for a zoo that has grown to become a credit to them and the people of Hamilton.

Purchased by Hamilton City Council in 1976, a programme of continuous redevelopment has resulted in the present facility; designed for the recreation and education of visitors as much as the conservation and daily welfare of the animals.

Hamilton Zoo is committed to continued improvements and developments, and participates nationally and internationally in captive breeding programmes intended for the long-term protection and preservation of threatened and endangered species.