

Latest newsletter from Centre for Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology, Victoria University of Wellington



## October 2015

Catch up with all that's going on at CBRE



### Enhancing biosecurity against pest threats across the Pacific

The New Zealand Aid Programme (MFAT) has awarded a \$1.5 million contract led by CBRE post-doctoral researcher Dr Monica Gruber, to prevent, eradicate and manage invasive ants from the Pacific Islands

- [Read more](#)



### New Climate Change Study - 14-nation, 3-year collaboration includes Tongariro National Park site

Dr Julie Deslippe and students established an alpine plant community experiment on Mt Ruapehu to test whether the world's alpine plant communities will become a net carbon source or sink as climate warms. They enjoyed incredible views of "Koro" after his first dusting of snow on April 1st.

### Improving cat welfare may reduce environmental impact

CBRE researchers, lead by Wayne Linklater, have been surveying



veterinarians and cat owners to understand their attitudes and beliefs about cat welfare and behaviour - [Read more](#)



## CBRE hosts Restoration Day

CBRE in collaboration with DOC, WCC, and GWRC hosted Restoration Day up on the Kelburn Campus May 22. Community restoration groups from all around the Wellington region took part in workshops to share insights on best practice and to strengthen local networks and collaborations. The keynote address was given by Professor Charles Daugherty.



## CBRE hosts inter-disciplinary research across VUW

CBRE has been visiting other schools over the last few months - providing lunch and stimulating discussion - towards bids for larger, trans-disciplinary research funding. The Schools of Chemical & Physical Sciences and the Geography, Earth & Environmental Sciences hosted CBRE earlier in the year. Architecture & Design hosted us most recently - [see here](#)



## Student Success Better Management of our Rarest Kiwi

Rachael Abbott's PhD research examined the best ways to translocate the rowi, the rarest species of kiwi, which has a population of around only 400. [Read more.](#)



## Student Success

### Baby gibbon fostered by CBRE student

A CBRE masters student became an impromptu foster mother for an endangered baby gibbon during his studies in Cambodia - [Read more](#)



## In Short..

CBRE member wins prestigious award - Professor Phil Lester receives the RSNZ James Cook Fellowship - [Read more](#)

## Directors' Corner

If you would like to create a scholarship or award, or discuss our research capabilities, please contact Wayne or the VUW foundation

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