



September 2016

Catch up with all that's going on at CBRE



VUW signs MoU with WCC

To support Wellington City Council's "Our Natural Capital" Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan, Victoria University has signed an MoU with the council. CBRE welcomes the initiative and looks forward to greater research opportunities for both organisations over the coming years.



Restoring the trees above and the fungi below

Stephen Hartley, Julie Deslippe, Jim Law, and MSc student Garh Fabbro spoke with RNZ on *Our Changing World* to discuss the progress and new research at the Wairio Wetlands restoration project. Listen [here](#)

Making a mockery out of our native plants

A study by PhD student Karl Yager, Professor Kevin Gould and Dr Martin



Schaefer has revealed remarkable similarities between two New Zealand plants, and shown possible use of an age-old defence mechanism previously seen only in animals. To read more, click [here](#)



New Zealand's biosecurity threat from corrupt and poorly governed countries

New Zealand could dramatically reduce outbreaks of invasive species if it selectively chose its international trade partners, research from PhD student Evan Brenton-Rule and Professor Phil Lester. Click here for [more](#)



Forest & Bird scholarship success for CBRE student

Congratulations to CBRE student, Sian Moffitt, the first recipient of Forest & Bird's new \$15,000 university scholarship for young environmental leaders.



Upcoming events

Conservation Week 11-18 September

Stephen Hartley will be among the panel fronting a public discussion on "Predator Free Capital - What would it take?" at the Old Government Buildings 15th September 2016. All welcome. [Click here to register](#)

For other Conservation Week events and activities, click [here](#)



Great Kererū Count 16-25 September.

Last year we had 8,743 sightings and counted 19,640 kererū (interactive results [here](#)). For more information on this year's event, click [here](#)



Save the Date- CBRE 10th Anniversary

As 2016 is CBRE's 10th anniversary, we will be hosting a soiree to celebrate all of the Centre's achievements and announce some exciting plans for the future. Pencil in Wednesday 9 November.. invitations to follow soon!

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



Biosecurity 2025 Consultation Launched

In June, Minister Guy launched the Biosecurity 2025 Consultation at parliament. CBRE staff attended, alongside the Biosecurity 2025 champions, GIA partners, industry and Maori representatives.

The Discussion Document: *Protecting to grow New Zealand* and other information about the consultation document can be found [here](#)

Directors' Corner

Another full newsletter and our decision to hold a celebration for our 10th anniversary is a reminder, amongst the intensity of our working weeks, about the usefulness of taking our opportunities to "smell the roses". We will be bringing together a summary of CBRE's achievements over the last ten years for the anniversary. Please send in your own suggestions about what you think the Centre's most significant contributions have been.

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