

31st John Child Bryophyte and Lichen Workshop

When: 5pm Friday 2nd December to 10am Wednesday 7th December 2016.

Where: This year's workshop will be hosted in the Coromandel Peninsula at Coroglen.

Who: The workshop is open to anyone and everyone with an interest in the mosses, liverworts, and lichens of New Zealand, from beginner to expert.

Organiser: Betina Fleming, email: fleming.betina@gmail.com

Accommodation: Riverglen Campground (<http://www.riverglencoromandel.co.nz/>), the lodge has been booked for our exclusive use during the workshop. There are two dormitories with a total of 40 bunks. If you would prefer other accommodation there may be cabins available at Riverglen (contact them asap to book one) or there are many other options in the surrounding area – Whitianga, Cooks Beach, Whenuakite, Hahei, and Hot Water Beach are all less than 20 km away and full of tourist accommodation options.

Getting there: Coroglen is about equal distance from Auckland and Tauranga Airports, which are both just over 2 hours' drive away. The small domestic airline Sunair Aviation (<http://www.sunair.co.nz/>) also flies from Tauranga to Whitianga, which is only 15 minutes from Coroglen. Access to the eastern Coromandel Peninsula is usually via the Kopu-Hikua Road (State Highway 25A), and there is usually at least one bus service per day to Coroglen. If you can offer transport for other people to the workshop please let me know.

Meals: Evening meals will be cooked at the camp for those staying at the camp and anyone else who wishes to eat with the group. The Riverglen owners, Gemma and Wayne, will be catering dinners for our group on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. Dinner on Friday night will be self-catered (cooking facilities are available to us) since I am expecting a very staggered arrival.

What to bring: The Coromandel Peninsula experiences high rainfall so be prepared for wet conditions. We may also be doing river-crossings so good (and/or spare) boots and walking poles will be useful. You will also need to bring a sleeping bag and pillow if you are staying in the bunkrooms. The usual list of field gear also applies – warm clothing, waterproof clothing, day pack, lunchbox, water bottle, etc.

Possible field sites: Potential field sites are almost all secondary forest. There are many well maintained popular walking tracks that we can explore, but the extensive DOC reserves mean we are not restricted to tourist tracks. Accessible sites are still being scouted.

Costs: Accommodation at Riverglen Camp: approx. \$20 per night per person,
Food: approx. \$25-\$45 per person per day - \$20-\$30 for dinners, \$5-\$15 for breakfast/lunch,
Transport: for those riding in other vehicles, a mileage charge will apply, and for those who bring their own car and offer transport to others while at the workshop, a subsidy will be offered.

In previous years, the total cost has averaged around \$300-\$350, and this year is likely to be similar.

Tom Moss Award: This award is open to any student studying any aspect of Australasian bryophytes and/or lichens. See <http://www.wellingtonbotsoc.org.nz/awards/moss.html> for details.

Estimate of numbers: If you are interested in attending the workshop this year, please email Betina (fleming.betina@gmail.com) as soon as possible with one of the following:

1. Yes I will be attending the workshop and stay at Riverglen Camp
2. Yes I will be attending the workshop but I will find my own accommodation
3. No I will not be attending this year
4. I do not know if I can attend yet

Please forward this circular to others you think are interested or have not received it.

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