



SERN Field Trip - Central Southland Meander A Focus on Riparian Restoration

Date: Saturday 11th November 2023

Time: 9am depart Feldwick Gates, return 5pm

10.00am: Visit Cowie's farm for a walk along riparian restoration plantings with threatened species among the riparian ecosystems. Commentary from QEII Southland Rep, Jesse Bythell.

Hear about limestone ecosystems, especially the Cowie Covenant with several rare species. Discussion on protection and restoration of small forest remnants in the area by those in the know as the bus meanders.

12.00pm: Lunch at Otapiri Hall

View drone footage of meandering Kowhai Reach by Margie Ruddenklau and some historic photos of Limehills School Kowhai Reach restoration work.

Lunchtime speakers include:

Kowhai Reach - plans, visions

Makarewa & Oreti Catchment groups

Environment Southland Biodiversity Group Update



2.00pm: Kowhai Reach

General discussion at the entrance along with a very short loop walk through the restored area.

A longer paddock walk for the fit folks to a second planting site.

For those staying with the bus – Mark Sutton (QEII) leads discussion on the social history of the area.

Hear about the plans for future restoration plantings.



Please bring your own lunch and beverages. Toilet available at the hall.

RSVP for bus numbers to Edith Jones edithbj8@gmail.com

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