

Invitation to  
**'COSSI' Open Day**  
**'Conservation Organisations Sharing Sausages and Information' Open day**

**9 am. Saturday 25 March 2017**

**Meet at the Tawharanui Woolshed.**

If you have not been to Tawharanui recently or if you have never been to Tawharanui, here is your opportunity to see returned endangered species, established forest and wetland plantings, the Ecology Bush and its bird life, the Grey-faced Petrel Project, and the TOSSI Nursery (which has produced 200,000 plants) – all within a combined farming, recreation and conservation mainland open sanctuary.

Come and see how Tawharanui is progressing.

**The Program**

**9.00 am** - Meet at the Tawharanui Woolshed for morning tea and introduction

**10.00 am** - Park Tour - to be chosen from below

**12.00 pm** - Barbecue and salad lunch back at the Woolshed

**1.30 pm** - Park Tour - to be chosen from below

**3.30 pm** - Finish

**Park Tours - Participants make a choice of two of the following tours.**

1. Guided visit to the Nursery where nearly 20,000 seedlings are nearly ready for this season's planting, followed by a walk in the Mangatawhiri Wetland, the Lagoon Bird Hide and then the new Heritage Trail. Starts on foot from the Woolshed.
2. Visit the intended gannet nesting site with models, and a 30 minute walk to active grey-faced petrel nesting colonies. Participants will be collected at the woolshed and transported closer to the sites.
3. Guided tour through the Ecology Trail, visit to Anchor Bay, the Info Hut, NZ dotterel nesting site, followed by Ecology Bush where we will encounter saddleback, robins, kaka, pigeon, bellbirds, pateke, possibly takahe and more. Participants will drive to Anchor Bay Car Park to start the tour.

Please come prepared with good walking shoes, water, sun screen, sun hat and rain coat and cash for TOSSI merchandise. Please note - each of the tours involves approximately an hour of walking.

Numbers will be limited so please reply early to prevent disappointment.

Please reply to [alison.purple@xtra.co.nz](mailto:alison.purple@xtra.co.nz)

write the full name of those coming and the affiliated organisation.

**RSVP by Friday 20 March**

We see this day as a valuable opportunity to share knowledge and experience

Within the Conservation Community.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Stanes. TOSSI Chairperson.

**Tawharanui Open Sanctuary Society Incorporate**