Birds New Zealand

Advice for Society Activities in Covid-19 Alert Level 2

Introduction

From 14 May 2020 New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2 as part of the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following advice is provided to Society Officers and Regional Representatives about procedures that must be followed before undertaking a Society field or regular operational activity.

Principles

The following are the principles any person planning an activity must work within:

- You can travel to undertake bird trips
- Equipment for trip participants to be able to wash their hands will be available,
- The bubble size for parties is 10 or less.
- Be aware that that advice from the Government could change and consequently members of the Society must be prepared to modify plans accordingly.

Actions

- Review your activity against the Hazard and Risks assessment, available here: https://www.birdsnz.org.nz/about-us/manual/forms/
- Document how you are going to run the trip to maintain a group size of less than ten; make sure you discuss with participants.
- Document how you are going to ensure that risks to individuals are kept to a minimum; make sure you discuss with participants.
- Ensure that you can contact trace all people who are on the trip. Record details in a notebook for reference later, if required.
- Keep your distance when out and about (ideally 2 metres).
- Take extra care if you interact with people you don't know. These situations include playgrounds, parks, shopping malls or walking along the street.
- Wash your hands!

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