



## GUIDELINES FOR OBITUARIES

The Society wishes to develop a culture of recognising the efforts of members and those people in New Zealand who have contributed to bird study. The following guidelines aim to provide a standard for even recognition of contribution by members and non-members, old and young, who have made a difference to the Society and New Zealand ornithology, locally, nationally or internationally.

Information that a member or other New Zealand ornithologist has passed away should be communicated to the Executive Officer as early as possible.

Council will decide on the appropriate recognition for each person, based on the extent and magnitude of the person's contribution to the Society and New Zealand ornithology, and following consultation with those who knew the deceased. Council may also approach people outside Council to compose the obituary.

The desirability of a memorial volume could also be discussed, with ramifications for funding and editorship, scope and theme, and time frame to be considered.

To assist the Society's editors in channeling obituaries into the appropriate publication, and ensure timely publication, the following criteria shall be applied:

- **Notornis:**  
For the most meritorious individuals. Candidates for this level of recognition include Fellows of the Society, former long serving Presidents, or those people who have national or international recognition as ornithologists.
- **Birds New Zealand:**  
For those whose contribution has been more limited, but still with national importance. Candidates for this level of recognition include national Officers of the Society or leaders in a particular field of ornithology in New Zealand.
- **Regional newsletters:**  
For those whose contributions have been purely at regional level (without office in the Society).

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