

Key Points of the Young Birders/Birds New Zealand MoU

Young Birders New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by teenagers, devoted to encouraging young people to become interested in New Zealand's incredible bird life.

Our team are all hugely passionate about birding, conservation and the environment as a whole. Thus, we feel strongly about supporting and engaging other youth to share in this passion with us.

We use social media to share conservation stories, both good and bad, we have an email list which anyone can join and our largest venture is *New Zealand Fledglings*, our online magazine. This is free, filled with information on birds, fun stories from our members and other bird related content.

Young Birders NZ is very excited to announce we'll be signing an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Birds New Zealand. This will give us support to continue our hard work. It will also be of benefit to Birds NZ, as it allows us to work in collaboration in a more structured way to engage young people in the Society and its activities.

This MoU will be signed at the Birds NZ 2019 Conference/AGM. In light of this we want to make sure that every member is comfortable with the key points of this MoU beforehand.

These are as follows:

- YBNZ Youth Members will become non-financial members of Birds NZ, thus increasing the youth membership of Birds NZ and giving more young people easy access to the Birds NZ magazine and Notornis.
- Birds NZ will provide support, including financial, to Young Birders NZ in order for us to continue our work encouraging young people into the ornithological field.
- YBNZ will nominate one representative to attend Birds NZ Council meetings, this representative will put forward the views of Young Birders NZ members.
- Birds NZ will continue to lead the organisation of and financially support an annual 'Youth Camp'.
- YBNZ will actively, where appropriate, contribute to the organisation of activities such as 'Youth Camps'.
- Both organisations will, where appropriate, promote each other to their audience e.g. in respective magazines, in promotional content, websites etc.

We will endeavour to have the full, signed MoU online after the 2019 AGM, for you to read.

The whole team at Young Birders NZ is very excited about this, and we're looking forward to working closer with Birds NZ after this MoU has been signed.

If there are further questions about this MoU, please direct them to george.hobson@youngbirdersnz.com