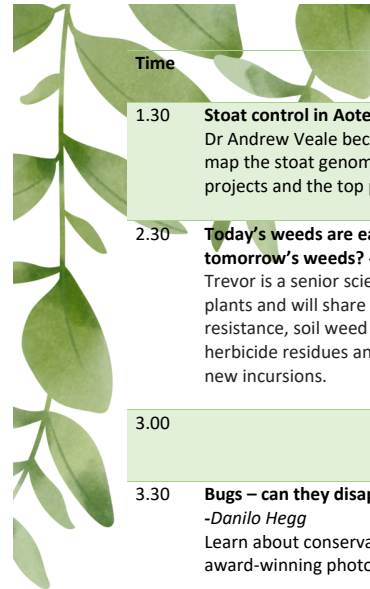
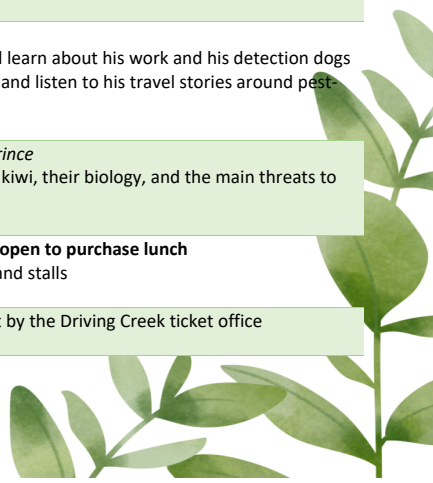




Coromandel's 2nd  
**PESTIVAL**  
 6TH MAY, 2023 | 10 AM – 6 PM  
 DRIVING CREEK RAILWAY GALLERY

Time	For the kids
10.00	<p><b>Conservation Tour with Luke</b> (45mins) - Meet by the Driving Creek ticket office</p> <p>Enjoy a guided walk to an abandoned gold mine and inside the predator-proof fence. Learn about the current conservation work and the history of the Driving Creek property. Children welcome.</p>
10.45	<p><b>Opening Address</b></p> <p>Introduction of the speakers and the stall holders.</p>
11.00	<p><b>Gecko encounter</b> -<i>Doug Ashby</i></p> <p>Learn about our native gecko species with local herpetologist Doug. Doug will share his knowledge of geckos and talk about his experience as a gecko keeper. Children welcome.</p>
11.30	<p><b>Conservation dogs</b> -<i>Richard Johnson</i></p> <p>Take a walk with Richard and his dog Flint and learn about his work and his detection dogs to see what they find lurking around the area and listen to his travel stories around pest-free islands.</p>
12.00	<p><b>A kiwi practitioner and dog handler</b> -<i>Diane Prince</i></p> <p>Come along to Diane's informative talk about kiwi, their biology, and the main threats to their survival.</p>
12.30	<p><b>Lunch break - Café Solo open to purchase lunch</b></p> <p>Exhibits and stalls</p>
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1.30	<p><b>Stoat control in Aotearoa</b> -<i>Dr Andrew Veale</i></p> <p>Dr Andrew Veale became the first person in the world to map the stoat genome. Learn about Andrew's current projects and the top predator in New Zealand.</p>	<p><b>Play with Clay:</b> Hands on clay experience</p>
2.30	<p><b>Today's weeds are easy to identify, but what about tomorrow's weeds?</b> -<i>Dr Trevor James</i></p> <p>Trevor is a senior scientist and a keen photographer of plants and will share his knowledge about herbicide resistance, soil weed seed bank and seed ecology, herbicide residues and persistence, border biosecurity and new incursions.</p>	<p><b>Story time</b> with Sarah</p>
3.00	<p><b>Afternoon tea break</b></p> <p>Exhibits and stalls, snacks provided</p>	
3.30	<p><b>Bugs – can they disappear unnoticed? The humble critters running the world.</b></p> <p>-<i>Danilo Hegg</i></p> <p>Learn about conservation of wētā, cave wētā and related insects from entomologist and award-winning photographer Danilo.</p>	
4.00	<p><b>Kauri protection</b> -<i>Benson Lockhart</i></p> <p>His presentation will give an overview on kauri protection work, including information about kauri, phytophthora, and steps we can all take to protect this iconic species.</p>	
4.30	<p><b>Networking and light refreshments</b></p> <p>All welcome</p>	

