

## Care of Creation Blog – October 2018

Last month the rules about Kauri dieback kept our Auckland A Rocha people away from their work among birds in the Waitakere forest area and it seems that is likely to continue. It does not stop planting and weeding days along streams where other trees are growing.

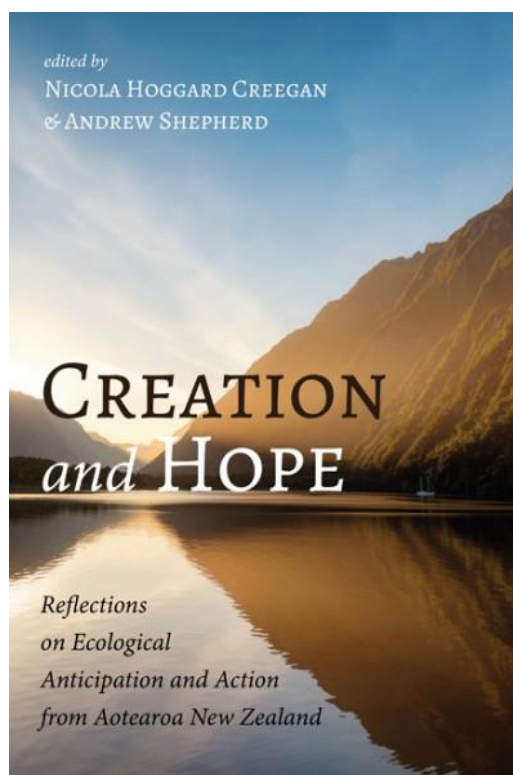
Anglicans Climate Action Network has presented its case in Synod and John Allen its field worker is still showing at Pukekohe how parishes with a little land can share in teaching better land use. He also has on paper figures on carbon use to help families see where they stand with travel and other energy uses. See Cherished Earth – Papa-Tu-A- Nuku for more.

Nicola Hoggard-Creegan and Andrew Shepherd have produced a book editing the views of a number of people on what scientists and people of faith think about our position regarding the natural and spiritual worlds. I show the details here. There is also the set of discussion booklets of the Rich Living series on Climate Change, Water and Food by Andrew Shepherd which can be had free thanks to support from Tearfund New Zealand. A Rocha sees its best example of care of birds in New Zealand at Mt.Karioi protecting a kind of penguin but takes up Climate Change as a logical follow on as it affects all life.

*Creation and Hope: Reflection on Ecological Anticipation and Hope from Aotearoa New Zealand*

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Edited by Nicola Hoggard Creegan & Andrew Shepherd



We live in an ecological age. Science in the last few hundred years has given us a picture of nature as blind to the future and mechanical in its workings, even while ecology and physics have made us aware of our interconnectedness and dependency upon the web of life. As we witness a possible sixth great mass-extinction, there is increasing awareness too of the fragility of life on this planet. In such a context, what is the nature of Christian hope? St Paul declares that all of creation “will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.” How are we to imagine this “freedom” when death and decay are essential to biological life as we currently experience it, and when the scientific predictions for life are bleak at best? This book explores these questions, reflecting on how our traditions shape our imagination of the future, and considering how a theology of hope may sustain Christians engaged in conservation initiatives. The essays in this volume are partly in dialogue with the groundbreaking work of Celia Deane-Drummond, and are set in the context of global and local ecological challenges. With contributions also from Yael Klangwisan, Myk Habets, Philip Church, Stephen Pattimore, Sue Burns, Kath Ruston, Selwyn Yoeman and Scott Kirkland

Available from the Publisher or Amazon, or in Auckland by contacting Nicola at [hoggard.n@gmail.com](mailto:hoggard.n@gmail.com) Dunedin Launch coming up on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

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