



May Monthly Meeting 2026

Tuesday 12th May from 7.00.pm.
PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North
The talk will be streamed see below for link

Talk: The Natural World of Moonshine Valley

Speaker: Barry Scott, Conservationist, Palmerston North



This talk will provide an overview of the natural world of two PNCC reserves in Moonshine Valley (Aokautere) – Moonshine Valley and Tutukiwi – and efforts to restore and protect the flora and fauna. These reserves comprise remnant podocarp forest which was once dominant throughout this region.

Moonshine Valley reserve (4 Ha) is a small strip of land that runs across the valley from the East to the West and will in the future provide a walkway link between Pacific Drive and Polson Hill. Tutukiwi (13 Ha) is the more significant piece of forest with some magnificent rimu, kahikatea, hīnau, totara and tawa trees. The reserve is named after the native orchid *Pterostylis banksia* found along the Mangaotane/Bryants stream which flows through this reserve. The stream has kōura (freshwater crayfish), kākahi (freshwater mussels), giant kōkopu and tuna/longfin eel

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