



## APRIL 2025 MONTHLY MEETING and AGM

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30 p.m.**

PN Central Library, Mezzanine Floor (Main entrance) \*\*Note new location\*\*

The Manawātū Branch AGM will start at 7.15 p.m.  
followed by the Monthly Talk  
(The talk only will be streamed via zoom – see the link below)

**Talk: Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary and the lizards of Central Otago**

**Speakers:** Anna Yeoman, Ranger at Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary and author



Jewelled gecko with Anna Yeoman



Otago Skink

Photos: provided by Anna Yeoman

The native drylands of Central Otago are home to a rich diversity of geckos and skinks, many found nowhere else on the planet. Sun-basking on the schist rock outcrops, and foraging in the fruiting native shrubs, these species were a huge part of the native fauna. However, due to habitat loss and predation by introduced mammals, they're now increasingly endangered. Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary, a community-run sanctuary near Alexandra, is focused on restoring the ecosystem and reintroducing lizard species. Seven years into operation, they're beginning to have some success.

**Zoom Link:** <https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/82250818112?pwd=NiG86DP9ldZElyW60i2IHMiEXe2rfD.1>

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