



**October 2024 Monthly talk**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 @ 7.30 p.m.**

**PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North**  
(will be streamed via zoom – see below for the link)

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**Speakers:** Justin Tamihana, Ngatai Kikopiri Reservation Trustees Manawātū Estuary Management and  
Dr. Phil Ross, Marine Ecologist at Fisheries New Zealand



Toheroa are a large clam treasured by Māori coastal communities (Credit: Phil Ross)

Justin and Phil will talk about the toheroa collapse and what work is being carried out to help its recovery

The toheroa, an iconic surf clam and taonga species, were once plentiful on the west coast beaches of NZ and were a world-renowned kaimoana. But populations collapsed in the 1960s after decades of unsustainable harvest, and harvesting was banned. Despite more than 50 years of protection, wild toheroa populations haven't recovered. But now, it might be on the way back.

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