



APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Hello to you all,

Tuesday, 8th March, 2016
Sound and Vision Centre, Palmerston North City Library,
George Street, Palmerston North

MANAWATU BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will start promptly at 7.15 p.m.

Followed immediately by:

MONTHLY MEETING TALK @ 7.30 pm

“Beech Mast in 2016 and its possible consequences”



Beech forest, Eglington Valley, Fiordland
Image: DoC



Rats eating eggs
Image provided by: Nga Manu

Speaker: Kevin Hackwell,
F&B Group Manager for
Campaigns and Advocacy.

Just two years after the previous beech forest mast event we are faced with the likelihood of another heavy beech seed year and its related rat and stoat population irruptions. Kevin will talk about what can we learn from the record 2014 Battle for Our Birds pest control response that will secure the safety of our endangered forest species this year?

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

MANAWATU BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following Committee Members will be standing again for the year 2016/17:

Chair: Anthea McClelland

Treasurer: Pete Sebborn

Minute Secretary: Steven Northover

Proposed new Committee Member:

Advocacy: Sarah Coughlan

The Manawatu Committee are seeking members who would like to serve on the Committee as a General Committee Member - please let me know.

If you would like to nominate someone, or be nominated to serve on the 2016/17 Manawatu Committee, please let me know by 12 noon on Tuesday, 12th April.

F&B APRILTRIP

Our trip this month follows on from the Talk about this year's beech mast, so we are going to a beech forest.

Sunday 17th April

Alice Nash Memorial Heritage Lodge
in the scenic Oroua River valley

Take an easy hike to Alice Nash Memorial Heritage Lodge in the scenic Oroua River valley of the Ruahine Forest Park.

Depart: 0900 a.m. - sharp

Meet: Car pool - meet on Church St, opposite Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side). If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

Please take: Water, lunch/snacks, raincoat, stout footwear and a walking pole if you usually use one.

Description of the walk:

From the carpark a steadily graded track descends to the Park boundary. Shortly after this a picturesque arched wooden bridge crosses high above a narrow gorge in Umutoi Creek. The track, a former logging road, continues on through beech forest to Heritage Lodge situated with a spectacular view up the Oroua River.

Information about the area:

The Oroua River is one of the main rivers flowing out of western Ruahine Forest Park and is a very popular area for hunters, trampers and fishers. Tracks from the valley give access to the Ngamoko Range and further up to the Whanahuia Range. Regenerating forest on the edge of the park is evidence of past logging in this area. A mix of red beech and broadleaved forest occurs further in.
