



## April 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone

### F&B MANAWATŪ WORKING PARTY

For the first time in a long time, we are starting a Working Party.

The location is close to town, and it called 'The Summerhill/Poutoa Walkway Project'.

Next date for more area preparation is **Friday 22nd April 9.00-11.00 a.m. @ Jasmine Place**



Objective for this project is to restore native vegetation and habitat to encourage increased bird life, in a small area of the Summerhill Reserve/Poutoa Walkway

- This will need people power for clearing and planting and we are asking Forest and Bird members to join us for fun and some effort to give nature a helping hand
- It is planned to happen every second Friday morning for 1 - 2 hours
- PN City Council supports our project
- For more details and to join us, please contact
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### F&B MANAWATŪ MONTHLY MEETINGS

Even though the Government has lowered the 'traffic light' system to Orange, due to Forest and Bird protocols, we are still not able to hold physical monthly public meetings, so, at the moment, our May monthly meeting will be a Zoom meeting.

I will send a notice out when we have booked a speaker for our May monthly meeting.

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## F&B MANAWATŪ APRIL 2022 AGM

We held our 2022 AGM via Zoom and afterwards we had an interesting talk about NZ Flax given by Lara Shepherd, Research Scientist in the Natural History team at Te Papa.

Below is the Branch's Committee for 2022-23 who were voted in at the AGM

Chair:	Anthea McClelland
Treasurer:	Pete Sebborn
Minutes Secretary:	Anthony Kriechbaum
Programme Coordinator:	Anthea McClelland
Advocacy:	Irene Thomas
General Committee	Nicky Stone
General Committee	Margaret McKenzie
General Committee	Robert van Bentum
General Committee	Chris Smith
Corresponding Secretary:	<i>vacant</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>vacant</i>
Health & Safety Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>
Trips:	<i>vacant</i>

### Off Committee:

Website Editor: Francois Vallee  
Helen Heron

We are still looking for a Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Health & Safety Coordinator and a Trip Coordinator. If you feel you could do one of these roles, please email me on [manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz) I currently do these roles and I should appreciate if someone could put their hand up.

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## CONSULTATIONS

1. [PNCC Annual Draft Budget](#). Submissions are Due by 21st April.
  2. [Manawatu District Council Draft Waste Management and Minimisation plan](#). Submissions Due by the 9th of May.
  3. [Horizons Regional Council Draft Regional Public Transport Plan](#). Submissions due 12th of May.
  4. [MFE Transforming Recycling Consultation](#). Submissions are open until 8th May.
  5. [DoC New assessment of the conservation status of New Zealand freshwater fishes](#)  
Have your say on any changes in status of New Zealand freshwater fishes. Consultation closes on 9 May 2022
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## FOREST AND BIRD WELCOMES NICOLA TOKI AS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

New Zealand's largest environmental NGO, Forest & Bird - Te Reo o te Taiao, welcomes Nicola Toki as Chief Executive Kaiwhakahaere. Ms Toki replaces Kevin Hague, who has retired after six years in the role.

Nicola Toki begins her role at Forest & Bird this week and joins the organisation in its 99th year, at a critical time for New Zealand and our natural environment.

"I'm excited to be stepping into the Chief Executive role at Forest & Bird at this crucial time," says Ms Toki.

"As the country responds to the Covid-19 pandemic, we have a unique opportunity to build investment in environmental outcomes that will provide ongoing resilience for New Zealanders. These benefits are wide ranging and include, strengthening environmental protection measures to assist us with mitigating the impacts of climate change, as well as less obvious but well-proven matters such as how nature benefits mental health and wellbeing.

"We are fortunate that our natural heritage is the cornerstone of our national identity in New Zealand - we are all people who have strong connections with our mountains, oceans, rivers and forests."

Forest & Bird advocates for nature in New Zealand and includes close to 50 local branches of active volunteers which are involved in hundreds of community and landscape-scale environmental projects.

"Forest & Bird is a community of mana whenua, farmers, nurses, children, city-dwellers, grandparents, students, and more. Forest & Bird represents the people of New Zealand, who have been speaking for te taiao for nearly 100 years," says Ms Toki.

"We are both the largest and the longest-lived independent environmental organisation in New Zealand. It's a privilege to be stepping into the Chief Executive role for Forest & Bird - Te Reo o te Taiao to continue to ensure that nature has a voice."

[More on Nicola Toki here.](#)

[Image of Nicola Toki here.](#)

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I do hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break  
Best wishes

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