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F&B MANAWATŪ BRANCH 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 2023 Monthly talk

Tuesday 11th April 2023 @ 7.15 p.m. (Prompt start)

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North
The Manawatū AGM will be followed by the Monthly Talk

Once again, the F&B Manawatū Branch is looking for help on the Committee. It seems that I am asking this question every year. The Committee can only be as effective with an active Committee, and we do need some people to put their hands up. The more people we have on the Committee the more projects we can create and get involved with, particularly as we also have our 65th birthday and the F&B 100yr celebrations to plan, which will involve more volunteers.

The F&B Manawatū Committee is inviting nominations for the positions listed below on the 2023-24 Committee. We have lost 3 Committee Members who have moved on, so if you feel you could put your hand up for the positions below, it would be great.

- 1. Minute Secretary this involves attending the monthly Committee Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The Committee Meeting are generally about 2 hours, or less, in length.
- 2. A person to help the Chair. The person should be familiar with Microsoft Office, particularly, Word & Excel. The Chair would like to lighten the workload and having someone would help greatly this position can be off Committee.
- 3. When we reviewed the replies to the Survey, we recently conducted, several of you said you were interested in joining the Committee. If you were one of those members, please would they contact me.
- 4. We are also looking for someone who is interested in Advocacy and to help organise our monthly trips

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Talk: NZ Carnivorous plants (this is 3rd time lucky to hear and see images of NZ carnivorous plants)

Speaker: Pete Sebborn, F&B Manawatū Committee

Pete will be talking about the different species of NZ carnivorous plants. Why plants have gone to carnivory, the different type of traps and threats to the plants. Carnivorous plants occur throughout New Zealand including the offshore islands.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

If you are unable to attend our Monthly meeting in-person, we are also streaming the meeting via Microsoft Teams. If you wish to join the meeting, please click this link.

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Any queries, please email: manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

F&B MANAWATŪ MONTHLY TRIP

We will not be running a trip this month

F&B CENTENNIAL INFORMATION

On the 28th March it was Forest and Bird's 100th Birthday. On the evening of 28 March, 1923, a small group of prominent citizens met in the Dominion Farmers' Institute, Wellington, for the purpose of forming a society "to cooperate with the New Zealand Forestry League with the object of advocating and obtaining unity of control in all matters affecting wild-life." As a result of that meeting the Native Bird Protection Society was founded,

Its 'objects' were: "To advocate and obtain the **efficient protection of our native birds**, and a **bird day for our schools**, and **unity of control of all wildlife**."

F&B CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS BUSHY PARK'S BIRTHDAY BASH ON SATURDAY 25TH MARCH



402 people came together at Bushy Park to celebrate F&B's centennial. There were a few speeches, and the cake/s were cut, which were delicious. Everyone who attended had a great time, exploring the Reserve and having a guided tour of the historic Homestead.

Another celebration was be held at Forest & Bird's Lenz Reserve in the Catlins on Saturday 25th March, and a third took place at Pelorus Bridge Scenic Reserve in Te Tauihu-o-te-waka Marlborough on Sunday 26th March at which F&B Chief Executive Nicola Toki attended

F&B CENTENNIAL STAMPS









This paragraph was taken from F&B National Facebook page

"Forest & Bird are delighted to mark our centennial with the release of an exquisite set of nature-themed stamps designed by Te Whanganui-a-Tara Wellington wildlife artist Walkerillo

(Rachel Walker) and produced by NZ Post Collectables The four gorgeous watercolour artworks represent the four main areas of Forest & Bird's conservation work – terrestrial, freshwater, marine and climate.

Forest & Bird's Chief Executive Nicola Toki says the

stamp release is a significant and an emotional moment for members of the organisation. "It recognises the efforts of thousands of Forest and Bird members, volunteers, and staff over the past century to preserve our endangered wilderness areas and the critters they're home to. The four artworks depict landscapes and species of significance to the society and its membership: Kāpiti Island, the Catlins, the Waitākere Ranges and the Buller Plateau – each representing current conservation concerns & future work. With kōkako, gecko, tāiko black petrel, a forest ringlet butterfly and so much more – it's hard to pick a favourite."

As well as stamps, NZ Post has also produced other Forest & Bird 100-year collectables including greeting cards, tea towels and prints.

The collection launches on 5 April. More information and a link to order is available here: www.forestandbird.org.nz/centennialcelebrations

MISC. INFORMATION

NEWS FROM ENM (Environmental Network Manawatū)

ENM recently reported in person to PNCC's Sustainability Committee for the first time as Sector Lead for the environment.

Colleagues, friends and stakeholders from the sector were there in abundance to support our korero which was well received with an abundance of excellent questions from councillors.

The sector lead appointment has been a change of direction in ENM's relationship with PNCC. We understand and appreciate this as recognition of the outstanding, long term collective mahi of our people and as a platform to share information and understanding more directly.

Working Bees

- Apr 8 Green Corridors Summerhill
 Help maintain corridors of native trees.
- Apr 9 and 16 A Rocha Nursery
 Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.
- Apr 9 Apollo Butterfly Park
 Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..
- Apr 16 Pit Park Roslyn
 A restored urban native bush habitat.
- Most Sundays Manawatū Estuary Trust
 Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

That is all for this month – I shall look forward to seeing you at our AGM & Monthly meeting. Have a Happy Easter and a good long weekend.

