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MANAWATŪ

Celebrating

**60
YEARS**

AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The date entry in the Tribune's 'What's On' section was incorrectly entered under the wrong date.

Our August Monthly Meeting is being held, as usual, on Tuesday at the P.N. City Library – not as shown in the Tribune 'What's On'.

Please pass this information on to anyone you might know to make sure they know the correct date. Thank you.

F&B AUGUST 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

Sound and Vision Centre, Palmerston North City Library,
George Street, Palmerston North

Talk: WHAT IS A NATIVE BIRD?

Speaker: Dr Mike Dickson · Curator of Natural History, Whanganui Regional Museum



Photo: Pukeko public domain



Photo: Harrier Hawk by Brian Gratwicke

In New Zealand, we distinguish between native birds (legally protected and often under threat) and introduced birds (almost no legal protection, often hunted or eradicated). But this distinction collapses when we look at the archaeological and fossil record. Some of our birds are self-introduced, some arrived after Polynesians but before Pākehā, and others have ancient roots. "Native good, foreign bad" is too simple a rule for managing our biodiversity; Mike's arguments may well change the way you view nature and conservation in New Zealand.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B MONTHLY TRIP

Our next Monthly Trip will be in September.

F&B 2018 CALENDAR & DIARIES

F&B 2018 Calendars and Diaries will be on sale at our Monthly meetings from August



- As we only order a certain number of F&B 2018 Diaries. If you want to ensure you receive a copy of a F&B 2018 Diary, please email Anne Spring (who is our Calendar & Diary Coordinator this year) at annespring@clear.net.nz to order a Diary. Your order will be available to the Branch monthly meetings, unless otherwise arranged.
 - The price has not changed from last year
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INTRODUCING FOREST AND BIRD YOUTH

F&B MANAWATU YOUTH

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Manawatu Branch Youth Group, please contact Julia Panfylova at julia.fox.panfeelloffa953@gmail.com

F&B Manawatu Youth Group are running a Photo Competition - [Forest & Bird Manawātū Youth](#).

The finalists photos will be displayed at Square Edge Community Arts during EnviroFest in October. So Get Wilder, and [share your snaps](#)! If you know of anyone, who is in the age range, who would like to enter, please pass the details on to them.



GETTING WILDER!

MANAWATŪ YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

How do you connect with nature?

Whether you have a love for plants, animals, exploring, tramping, conservation or volunteering show us how you get amongst all the goodness that nature here in New Zealand has to offer!

Enter your best photo's as the finalists will be displayed at Square Edge during EnviroFest in October.

So Get Wilder, and share your snaps!

PRIZES INCLUDE

- 8x12" Bruce Watt photoprint
- Awesome Pukaha Mount Bruce Prizes
- Nature Identification Books
- Special Body Shop Prize
- Beautiful Forest & Bird Calendars 2018

CATEGORIES

- Nature is Everywhere
- Outdoor Adventures
- Inspired to Support

Plus a "Peoples Choice" award

OPEN TO AGES

- 13 → 29 years old

ENTRY LIMIT

- Max 1 photo per category. We want your best shots!



Bruce Watt



ENTRIES ARE OPEN NOW!

CLOSING
SEPTEMBER 1ST



F&B MANWATU MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER, 2017

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Location: **September Meeting** will be held at the P.N. City Library, George Street entrance
October & November Meetings will be held at the Globe Theatre, Main Street (next to Te Manawa Science Museum)

Tue 12th Sept "Survival on the Edge – Development of the Wildbase Research Centre"

Speaker: Professor, Brett Gartrell

Director of the Wildbase Research Centre, Massey University.

Tue 10th Oct "NZ Threatened Species"

Speaker: Nicola Toki, Threatened Species Ambassador for DoC

Tue 14th Nov "Nature in Crisis"

Speaker: Adelia Hallett,

F&B Climate Change Advocate

Tue 12th Dec December Social –

Celebrating 60 years in the Manawātū

(Location to be advised)

FOREST AND BIRD NEWS

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/forestandbird/> for up-to-date Forest and Bird and environmental news.

Campaign Updates

Go to: <http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/campaigns> to find out about the Forest and Bird current Campaigns.



Forest & Bird recently exposed secret Government plans to open up the Buller Plateau for more coal mining. This would be a disaster for the area's unique biodiversity, as well as the climate. We need your help to stop these plans. Will you tell the Prime Minister that the Buller Plateau is too precious to mine?
Too precious to mine

Use our [submission template https://action.forestandbird.org.nz/](https://action.forestandbird.org.nz/) or use [our guide to write a personalised letter](#).

The Freshwater Rescue Plan

<https://www.freshwaterrescueplan.org/>



Our rivers & lakes are being polluted, our fresh water contaminated.

The Government can solve these problems if it's willing.

The Freshwater Rescue Plan presents 7 steps the NZ Government can take immediately if it is serious about protecting & restoring our waterways.

For Te Hauora o te Taiao (health of the environment), Te Hauora o te Wai (health of the waterways), & Te Hauora o te Tangata (health of the people), it is crucial that the Government takes meaningful steps immediately to address the ongoing contamination of fresh water. Like any problem, the solution is to address it step by step.

On 8 June 2017, freshwater scientists, public health advocates, tourism industry representatives, environmental organisations, doctors & academics presented the Freshwater Rescue Plan, 7 steps the Government can take immediately to address the ongoing pollution of rivers & lakes, and the widespread contamination of freshwater in Aotearoa.

To read more about the Fresh Water Rescue plan, go to:
<https://www.freshwaterrescueplan.org/the-plan/>

WORKING PARTIES FOR AUGUST 2017

APOLLO BUTTERFLY PARK WORKING BEE

Sunday 13 August 9am - 11am,

2nd Sunday of every month from 0900a.m. – 12noon

Help out with a working bee to keep the **Apollo Butterfly Park** looking beautiful and the butterflies happy.

WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE

Sunday 27 August 10 - midday

Last Sunday morning of every month

This totara forest remnant forms part of the riverside walkway and the local community have been planting and weeding to enhance this beautiful area of Palmerston North. Come and help out with a working bee that will include weeding, mulching and other general maintenance, followed by refreshments.

Meet in the park at the Buick Crescent entrance, which is next to Sharon Place.

CONSULTATIONS, SUBMISSIONS AND REPORTS

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2017/new-assessment-of-the-threatened-status-of-new-zealand-freshwater-fish/>

*DOC seeks submissions about any changes in status of New Zealand freshwater fish. **Submissions close 31 August 2017.***

This is a call for submissions about any changes in status of New Zealand freshwater fish, to inform a revision of the assessments for this group in the New Zealand Threat Classification System.

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DoC have a list of their consultations – go to this link

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2017/>

ADVANCED NOTICE

EnviroFest 2017: Energy, Food and Water



What is EnviroFest?

EnviroFest is a three-week celebration (2nd – 23rd October) of new and existing environmental projects, events, and activities in the Manawatū. This festival aims to increase community awareness about environmental sustainability in a positive and enjoyable way. This year we are concentrating on three topics Energy, Food, and Water. We are encouraging community groups, business, schools and tertiary institutions to become part of this exciting festival.

<http://pncet.org.nz/envirofest-2017/>

F&B MANAWATU BRANCH AUGUST 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 12th September, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library, George Street Entrance

Talk: “Survival of the Edge – Development of the Wildbase Research Centre”

Speaker: Professor, Brett Gartrell

Director of the Wildbase Research Centre, Massey University.

In global comparisons of biodiversity loss, the native wildlife of New Zealand is clinging to the edge of existence. Many species have been lost and others only survive because of intensive conservation efforts that combat the major drivers of population decline which include the destruction, degradation and fragmentation of native ecosystems, and a prolonged and continuing invasion of a suite of introduced animals.

The mission of Wildbase is to promote and implement collaborative research in wildlife health, with a particular focus on the interactions of wildlife health with the conservation of New Zealand fauna, human health, and domestic animal health. More simply, we aim to provide veterinary services to the conservation of New Zealand native fauna.

Currently, we provide medical and surgical services to wildlife through the Wildbase Hospital, diagnostic pathology services for terrestrial wildlife and marine mammals through Wildbase Pathology, and Oiled Wildlife Response training, preparedness, and spill response both in New Zealand and internationally.

The veterinary perspective is often on the edge of mainstream conservation thought but we have a valuable contribution to make not only to the health, but also to the welfare of animals in conservation programmes

That’s all for now – hope to see you at one of our Monthly Meetings

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