



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

December 2023 Annual Social Meeting

Please bring some Christmas Treats to share

Tuesday 12th December 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: 100 YEARS HISTORY OF FOREST AND BIRD

Speaker: Anthea McClelland F&B Manawatu Chair

After Anthea's talk, we will celebrate the F&B Centennial and the 65th Branch's year and the upcoming holidays. We kept back part of our birthday cake to share.



Anthea will give a presentation showing how Forest and Bird started and how it has evolved over the last 100 years. F&B National Office has delved into the archives and found some interesting facts and figures which I will talk to you about.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B 2023 Centennial Speaker Series

This year, F&B has hosted a series of webinars and below is a list of the topics and links should you either wish to see them or revisit them.

March - Forests for Human Health & Wellbeing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqrRD4BH7LQ>

April - Capturing Conservation History on a Stamp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QugJwYushBQ>

May - Mining Threatens Tāiko Westland Petrels

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OO9hJXWUMto>

June - Conservation Heroes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-awxl48dvA>

August - Nature-based solutions with Tom Kay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA0J3Pd-1Yo>

September - Sustainable Threads: Rethinking Fashion & Design

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cADvmCX052M>

October - NZ's unbalanced conservation strategy: predators & browsers

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rrm_RLPTOM

November - The true damage of invasive species –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4Alc37H_7Y

December - A guide to eco-friendly festivities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCb2UbHcdsY>

Also, F&B has put the speeches from the F&B 2023 Conference on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ForestandBirdNZest1923/videos>

For example:

Simon Upton's speech at Forest & Bird's 2023 Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEW8vtvbOX8>

Bushy Park Tarapurui Forest Sanctuary and historic Homestead Bus Trip

At the end of November F&B Manawatū ran a bus trip to Bushy Park. The some of the participants started with a cream tea and then the Bushy Park Sanctuary team organized guides to show everyone around the Sanctuary. While it was a cold day, the rain held off and everyone enjoyed the day.



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Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Dec 3,17 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)

Dec 9 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.*

Dec 10 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Dec 17 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST

The Egg Project

Supporting the Ruahine Kiwi Project one egg at a time! [You can buy from them and support the project by clicking here.](#)

Wild Ruahine Calendar- A fundraiser for Ruahine Whio Protection

Created locally by volunteer Anthony Behrens (Swampthing) with photos taken by locals, all funds from sales of the 2024 calendar will go towards the community effort to protect the precious Ruahine Whio.



The last season was particularly challenging in our rivers and with a lack of ongoing DOC funding this year the Whio need your support even more. This is your chance to support a very threatened species that lives in our backyard,.

You can email comms@enm.org.nz and buy and collect from the ENM office. Calendars are \$20.

From Papers Past

KAPITI SANCTUARY.

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Written by Capt. Val Sanderson

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(Report by Hon. Secretary.)

This sanctuary was visited on the 24th, 25th, and 26th September. Evidence was apparent that good work had been done in recent months. Many seedlings have been planted out, and, above all, no goats were seen, and it is probable that only a few odd ones are left—a very commendable result, which was considered by some to be almost impossible of achievement, owing to the great cliffs on the western side affording an almost safe retreat.

The limited forest was carrying a good quota of bird life so far as its present condition permits. The sanctuary can, however, be so improved in time as to enable ten times the number of birds to exist there. Robins appear to have increased last breeding season.

Signs of considerable forest regeneration are to be found in many parts.

Indications pointed to opossums having increased during the year. Only one trapper is employed.

As anticipated, the attempt to quit the many wild sheep by mustering has signally failed, as the western cliffs provide a too good get-away.

Much better results still would accrue if operations were supervised by frequent visits to the island of one of the gentlemen composing the Advisory Board, some at least of whom are particularly skilled in matters appertaining to our flora. Such direction is certainly essential, together with closer co-operation between the Advisory Board and the Curator.

If we do not see you at our December Social Meeting, the F&B Manawatū Committee wishes

The year of 2024 be...

A year of Health & Happiness ...

A year of Peace & Prosperity ...

And also, a year of Love & Laughter

Anthea

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