



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone
A belated Happy New Year.

F&B Manawatū February 2023 Monthly Meeting/Talk Tuesday 14th February @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

(We are also offering this meeting on-line via Microsoft Teams – info below)

Talk: NZ Carnivorous plants

(this is a repeat of December 2022 talk, but this time with photos which were missing in Dec.)

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 via Microsoft Teams, go to the link below:

N.B. You do not have to have Microsoft Teams on your computer to join.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 433 480 505 430

Passcode: CkxtsF

OR please email manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz and we will email you the link

F&B Manawatū February 2023 Trip

To look for carnivorous plants

Where: Back Track, Kahuterawa, Palmerston North

Date: Saturday 25th February, 2023

Time: 1.00 p.m.

Meet: Summerhill carpark (in front of New World), Aukautere

Fitness Level: moderate

What to Bring: bring snacks, water, raincoat, good footwear and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

For more info & Register: Contact Margaret McKenzie ph: 022 473 1096

Email: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

F&B MEMBER'S PROJECT REPORT - POUTUA RESERVE WALKWAY, Summerhill, P.North

In March last year a notice was posted on the branch newsletter asking for volunteers to look after an area of Poutua Reserve walkway at Summerhill.

The purpose of the project is to improve and maintain the area and, in due course, have signage erected showing that the work has been undertaken by local Forest and Bird members and so be a means to promote Forest and Bird.

Since April last year seven regular volunteers have met every second Friday morning for 2 hours and have in fact succeeded in doing a larger area than originally intended.

The group has had the support of Palmerston North City Council and Todd Palenski (Contractor to PNCC), providing over 1000 plants, and assisting with ground preparation (getting rid of gorse and blackberry) and planting.

Donations from members of wool from food delivery boxes have been gratefully received and used as mulch around plants.

It is intended to continue with further plantings, especially native trees at the Ruapehu Drive end of Poutua. Most of the plantings so far have been 2 varieties of flax, cabbage trees, carrex grasses and muhlenbeckia. The plants are thriving, and the team is looking forward to planting time again in winter.

If there are Forest and Bird Members who are interested in getting involved this year, please contact Margaret McKenzie - ph: 022 473 1096

Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge

Stream clean-up series for Summer- Autumn 2023.

[Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge](#) is kicking off a series of stream clean up events around the city starting with Renfrew Place on 4th February. There will be four other events over the next six weeks focusing on different stream 'hot spots'.

These events are an opportunity to help restore the wellbeing of our local streams, understand the extent of the plastic pollution issue in our city and think about what we can do about it. Bring yourselves, bring your kids, and be prepared to meet likeminded people, enjoy some sunshine (?) clean up a tract of stream and learn more about what is ending up in there and why. [You can register for events \(these are free\) here.](#)

**The Egg Project;
Support Ruahine Kiwi.**

[Click here to purchase and donate.](#)

Working Bees

Create better places and communities

- **Feb 11** [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)
Help maintain corridors of native trees.
 - **Feb 12 and 26** [A Rocha Nursery](#)
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.
 - **Feb 12** [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..
 - **Feb 19** [Pit Park Roslyn](#)
A restored urban native bush habitat.
 - **Most Sundays** [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)
Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.
 - **Feb 5, 19** [Dune Garden Working Bee.](#)
Every Sunday, Monday,
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As some of you may know Forest and Bird celebrates their Centennial in 2023. In addition, F&B Manawatū Branch celebrates 65 years in the Manawatū. Both F&B National Office and F&B Manawatū Branch will be celebrating throughout next year. All events will be advertised.

I hope we shall see you at our February talk.

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