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Celebrating

**60
YEARS**

JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

F&B JULY 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 11th July, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

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

“Tū Te Manawa – Tū te Mātauranga – Inspired to Share Knowledge”

Speaker: Hone Morris, Project Executive Tū Te Manawa project & Academic Coordinator, Massey University



Hone Morris will talk about the *Tū te Manawa* project which hopes to encourage whanau to reconnect with the river and become active in the mahi to restore the health of the awa, demonstrate the value of hapū, iwi and communities working together and teach future generations about the river and the land.

The project involves the erection of 8 educational kiosks (Whare Mātauranga) along the length of the Manawatū river. The kiosks will hold information for the public to learn about each site historically, the sentinel species and to become intimately involved with assisting in the monitoring and the restoration of the health of the Manawatū and its tributaries.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B MONTHLY TRIP

Our Monthly Trip is still being planned - date and location will be announced shortly.

F&B 2018 CALENDAR & DIARIES

It is time to order your F&B 2018 Calendar and/or Diary



New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2018



Featuring superb photographs of our extraordinary wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers.

Weighs less than 200g for economic postage.

Envelope included.

Recommended Retail Price \$17.99

Our Price \$15.00



New Zealand Conservation Diary 2018



Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.

Recommended Retail Price \$24.99

Our Price \$20.00



Shortly, the Branch will be placing an order for the F&B 2018 calendars and Diaries.

- 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 pre-order a Diary.
- The price has not changed from last year
- Calendars are not such an issue, but if you would like to place an early order for a F&B 2018 calendar, please email Anne at the above address.

The Diaries and Calendars will be available for sale at the August Monthly Meeting.

INTRODUCING FOREST AND BIRD YOUTH

F&B MANAWATU YOUTH INVITED TO F&B NATIONAL AGM/CONFERENCE

To quote a National Office news item

"Something amazing is happening across New Zealand. Young people (aged between 13 - 25) are coming together to form their own youth committees with the aim of helping to restore and protect our wildlife and wild places. So far, we have three groups of young people who want to change the world. One in the North Shore (Auckland), one in Manawatu, and the beginnings of one in Wellington.

Some members of Forest & Bird Youth joined us in Wellington for the AGM and had some thoughts on what they learned in the video above. They offer some ideas for how they would like to see Forest & Bird grow and change in the future"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co8NP1tKucM&feature=youtu.be>



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

FOREST AND BIRD NEWS

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

FOREST & BIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

To quote Caitlin Carew, F&B Communications Officer:

"It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our AGM Conference in Wellington last

month. There was a fantastic energy in the room - with inspiring speakers, a sizeable youth delegation, and great discussions on ways we can raise public awareness of the nature crisis.

Congratulations once again to all our award winners!

- The inaugural winners of the two branch awards - South Otago and Central Hawkes Bay,
- Our Youth Award winner Oscar Thomas, and of course
- Our Old Blues - Bill Kerrison, Glenys Mather, Russell Bell, Margaret and Malcolm McPherson, Wanda Tate and Dr Jan Wright. [You can read more about Dr Wright's Old Blue here.](http://blog.forestandbird.org.nz/pce-moved-by-her-old-blue-environmental-award/)

One of the conference highlights was hearing from Te Atarangi Sayers of Motiti Rohe Moana Trust, who spoke of the campaign to protect the marine life around Motiti Island following the Rena grounding. Just a few days later the Trust, alongside Forest & Bird, won in the High Court - confirming that regional councils can restrict fishing activities under the RMA.”

We also heard very interesting presentations from:

Nature in Crisis #1: **Marnie Prickett – Fresh water**

Nature in Crisis # 2: **Adelia Hallett – Climate Change**

Nature in Crisis #3: **Jen Miller** – F&B Canterbury/West Coast Regional Conservation & Volunteer Manager

2016/7 Annual Report

The 2016/7 Annual Report is now available. To order copies please call Tanya 04 385 7374 office@forestandbird.org.nz or [you can find it online here:](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/about-us/governance/annual-reports)

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There will be a few copies at the F&B Manawatu July Monthly Meeting

The F&B Board for 2017/8 is:

Mark Hanger – President

Kate Graeme – Deputy President

Graham Bellamy – National Treasurer

Chris Barker *

John Oates

Ines Stager

Tony Dunlop

Lindsey Britton

James Muir

*Chris Barker lives in Palmerston North and will be the Board contact for Horowhenua, Manawatu, Rangitikei, Whanganui, South and North Taranaki Branches

Brent Barrett ended his 2-year term on the Board this year.

Clarifying the facts: Supreme Court land swap ruling

July 7, 2017

The Minister of Conservation and the Government are presenting 'alternative facts' in their response to the Supreme Court ruling yesterday on whether specially protected conservation land can be swapped. Here are some verifiable facts around the issue.

Alternative fact 1: The Minister of Conservation has told journalists that the 22 hectares

<http://blog.forestandbird.org.nz/clarifying-the-facts-supreme-court-land-swap-ruling/>

Campaign Updates



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/>

Fight for fresh water



In less than a lifetime, our fresh water has been mismanaged to the point of crisis.

With your help, we will continue to lead the debate and demand change for our freshwater. We will ensure that our rivers, lakes and wetlands are habitable for our precious native freshwater birds, fish and insects, as well as safe for you and your family to swim in.

Please [support our appeal today](#) with a donation.

WORKING PARTIES FOR JUNE 2017

APOLLO BUTTERFLY PARK WORKING BEE

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.

GREEN CORRIDORS PLANTING DAYS

Wednesday 12, 19, 26 July

Planting with Green Corridors, in the Summer Hill/Turitea Area. Volunteers will need to be physically fit as planting is on hillsides and over rough terrain.

WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE

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

Thanks to Environmental Network Manawatu

<http://www.pncc.govt.nz/waitoetoe>

Waitoetoe Park Development Plan

This 10 year plan is now ready for you to look at and the Palmerston North City Council wants to know what you think. Follow the link above, download the plan and then fill out the online submission form. **Have your say!**

<https://haveyoursay.pncc.govt.nz/#overview>

City Centre Streetscape Plan

The Palmerston North City Council wants feedback on which areas in the central city it should develop first. Check out the plan **NOW!**

PNCC would like to hear about any special trees in Palmerston North

Palmerston North City Council is keen to hear from the community about any special trees that need protection. Notable trees can be on public or private land, native or exotic, and have historical, botanical or environmental value.

Palmerston North's canopy of established trees is often under threat from infill subdivision so if you have noticed any trees that might be worthy of "notable" status, get in touch with the City Council now to nominate. Contact Keegan Aplin-Thane on 356 8199 or

keegan.aplin-thane@pncc.govt.nz."

For more information about notable trees and the Notable Tree Incentive Scheme, see pncc.govt.nz/notabletrees

OTHER CONSULTATIONS, SUBMISSIONS AND REPORTS

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/draft-threatened-species-strategy-consultation>



Have your say on the draft Threatened Species Strategy.

Submissions close 31 July 2017.

Purpose of the strategy

The *draft Threatened Species Strategy* sets out the New Zealand government's plan to halt the decline in our threatened species and restore them to healthy populations. Building on existing commitments and programmes, the draft strategy identifies further steps we need to take not only to restore those species already at risk of extinction, but also to prevent other from becoming threatened.

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

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

From Predator Free NZ newsletter:

PCE Report – More \$\$ for conservation, more support for groups

By Kate Guthrie, 16th June, 2017



“Nearly 2 million tourists came to New Zealand last year. Few if any came to go shopping,” says Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Dr Jan Wright, in her newly released report.

“Wilderness is becoming increasingly scarce around the world, and in scarcity lies value,” she continues. <http://predatorfreenz.org/pce-report-conservation-support-groups>

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION NEWS

DoC's 2017 Royal Cam albatross has been named - Tūmanako (Māori word for hope)



Introducing Tūmanako! This name was voted as the favourite by you. Thanks to everyone that took part in our competition.

New black stilt aviary



Black stilt/kakī
Image: Kiersten McKinley | DOC

[A new breeding aviary](http://www.doc.govt.nz/kaki) for the world's rarest wading bird, the black stilt/kakī, is about to be built in the Mackenzie Basin near Twizel - <http://www.doc.govt.nz/kaki>
*Kakī, or black stilt (*Himantopus novaezelandiae*), is a native wading bird only found in New Zealand. It is regarded by Māori as a taonga species – a living treasure.*

War on Weeds



Rampant weeds are smothering our native plants and destroying our native landscapes. Help stop them now, and join the action to protect our nature.

Invasive weeds are destroying our native plant communities. This invasion is transforming the natural landscapes that make New Zealand unique. It's also killing the native animals that depend on those habitats.

It's happening in our wetlands, coastal dunes, shrublands and bush. The process is too slow to see but never stops. Time lapse photos can reveal the relentless progression of weed invasion. If we are to preserve our natural landscapes and native species, we have to fight a 'War on Weeds'.

To win this war we must all work together. We invite you to join with DOC and conservation groups nationwide to fight the War on Weeds. [Watch a video about a group \(external site\)](#) waging war on weeds in pristine native bush at Lake Kaniere near Hokitika.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/waronweeds>

[War on Weeds brochure \(PDF, 582K\) \(opens in new window\)](#)

From Predator Free NZ newsletter

Liberation of stoats and weasels – a look back in time - By Kate Guthrie 29th June 2017

Why did they do it? What possessed New Zealand's government of the day, its citizens and acclimatisation societies to introduce rabbits and then stoats?



Stoats by A.E. Brehm (Wikimedia Commons)

It's easy to judge in hindsight. But perhaps we should do more than judge. A better understanding of what they were thinking at the time might help stop us making similar 21st Century mistakes today.

So why not take a trip back in time... <http://predatorfreenz.org/liberation-stoats-weasels-look-back-time/>

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 8th August, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library, George Street Entrance

Talk: WHAT IS A NATIVE BIRD?

Speaker: Dr Mike Dickison · 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.

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

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