

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

F&B JUNE 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 13th June, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

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

“Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project”

Speaker: Dean Richards, Conservationist



Dean will talk about his role with the Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project.

Macquarie Island is a very special and unique place. It is the only island in the world composed entirely of oceanic crust and rocks from the earth's mantle.

Over the past 200 years, a number of alien invertebrates, mammal and bird species have been introduced to Macquarie Island. Some have had serious impacts on the island's native flora and fauna.

A major project to remove the last remaining mammal species - rabbits, ship rats and mice was undertaken between 2007 and 2014. In April 2014, after nearly three years of monitoring with no sign of surviving individual rabbits, rats or mice, the project was declared a success.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B MONTHLY TRIP

Our next Monthly Trip will be in July. Date and location will be announced in the July Newsletter.

F&B MANAWATU NEWS

F&B MANAWATU YOUTH

The Manawatu Branch has recently created a Youth Group – ages 15-29. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining this group, please contact Julia Panfylova at julia.fox.panfeeloffa953@gmail.com

AWARDS DURING MAY 2017 - F&B MANAWATU YOUTH

F&B Manawatu Awards for Best Environmental Film and Best Environmental Film with local content at the Reel Earth Film Festival Youth Event



F&B Manawatu hosted the Youth Event - Movie and Pizza - during the Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival in May. About 50 people watched the film “The Messenger”, a beautiful documentary about the bird crisis worldwide, and talked to an Avian ecologist, Dr. Phil Battley.

Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival held a Young Filmmakers competition, and, at the Youth Event, F&B Manawatu awarded prizes to two young filmmakers. The F&B Manawatu Awards went to:

Sarah Ridsdale, 2017 Best Environmental Film for “Dog Island Motu Piu”

Arlo McMillan, 2017 Best Environmental Film with local content for “Plastic – it’s got you covered!”

Presented by Anthea McClelland, Chair, Manawatu Branch

A F&B MANAWATU COMMITTEE MEMBER RECEIVES AN AWARD AT THE PALMY YOUTH NETWORK AWARDS NIGHT DURING 2017 YOUTH WEEK

Congratulations to Julia Panfylova, who won an award - 'Make a difference Award – Youth Voice', in recognition of all her hard work in the youth sector. She was one of fourteen recipients to walk away with an award at the Palmy Youth Network Awards Night.



Julia Panfylova with Brent Barrett, Palmerston North City Councillor

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

F&B National Office has invited two of the F&B Manawatu Youth to participate in, and meet with, other F&B Youth at the National AGM/Conference which is being held in Wellington from 23rd – 25th June, 2017

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.

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY WITH RANGITĀNE O TAMAKI

Sunday 18 June 9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Join [Rangitāne o Tamaki](#), for what sounds like a great a day of planting, history and nature. Taking place, first at Ferry reserve and then Bluff Rd near Woodville.

Te Waha o Te Kuri

As part the Tū Te Manawa Project, the 'Te Waha o Te Kuri' whare is the first of eight whare to be constructed along the Manawatū River between 2016 - 2018.

The purpose of the Tū Te Manawa Project is to enhance both iwi/hapū and community involvement in restoring the Manawatū River. The project also aims to generate interest in

community science, and an increased appreciation of the river and what it should mean to us and future generations.

This is the second planting day for Te Waha o Te Kuri with 600 native plants to be planted, the first was held in November of 2016 with 400 planted.

WHERE: Te Waha o Te Kuri (Ferry Reserve) & Bluff Road Riverbed

Community planting sessions are taking place on Sunday 18th June 2017, with the community invited to look around Ferry Reserve, Bluff Road Riverbed and the Manawātū River, listen to local history and help to plant a few native plants. All you need are your gumboots, gloves and a spade. Food will be provided.

TIME: 9.30am-2pm

MEET: 9:30am at Ferry Reserve, Woodville (SH 3, Manawatu Gorge -Eastern Side)

MEET: 12:30pm at Bluff Road (SH 2, Between Woodville and Mangatainoka)

What to Bring: Gumboots, gloves, a spade and lots of enthusiasm.

Please RSVP to **brigham.kingi@rangitane.co.nz by Tuesday 13th June 2017**

POSTPONEMENT NOTICE: More FM. Postponement date will be **Sunday 25th June 2017.**

COMMUNITY PLANTING CLOSE TO MANGAWEKA

Saturday 24 June

Join Forest & Bird volunteers and others to plant native trees at a privately-owned river terrace bush remnant, close to the Ruahine Ranges and Mangaweka. This planting day is part of a long-term community and Horizons supported bush restoration project.

If you are interested - contact Sally by Tues 29th March - sallylpearce@yahoo.com

Ph:021 256 9641 for more information and to register.

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.

Meet in the park near the Buick Crescent entrance, next to Sharon Place.

For more information, contact Rachel at rachel@inspect.net.nz

CONSULTATIONS, SUBMISSIONS AND REPORTS

Thanks to Environmental Network Manawatu

PN District Plan - Tangata Whenua & Resource Management

The city council has "publicly notified Proposed Plan Change 16 to the tangata whenua section of the plan and is calling for submissions from residents", where the "health of the Manawatu River and the identification and preservation of sites of places cultural and natural significance to Maori were also recognised as significant planning issues." **Consultation period ends on the 15 June!**

FOREST AND BIRD NEWS

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

F&B NATIONAL 2017 AGM/CONFERENCE

Join us in Wellington from 23 - 25 June for our annual general meeting and conference. This year our theme is "[recruiting heroes to defend nature](#)".

Hear from a great mix of speakers on freshwater protection, climate change, and defending conservation land. Join politicians for a cross-party political panel about how they plan to protect nature in the lead up to the election.

Check out the [draft programme](#) and [register online](#) today

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/> 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.



On [Auckland Museum](#) Facebook page they posted:

On World Environment Day (5th June), let's salute one of New Zealand's most bullheaded birders: Captain Val Sanderson. After fighting in two wars, Sanderson came back to find his beloved bird sanctuary on Kapiti island riddled with pests, so he fought to bring back the birds by kick-starting Forest & Bird - an organisation that now has over 80,000 members & supporters. <http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph/features/captain-val-sanderson>

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION NEWS

Battle for our Birds



2017 Budget announcement

This year we're undertaking one of the largest predator control programmes in our history. Budget 2017 will provide us with \$21.3 million to fight rats and stoats across more than 800,000 hectares of land. [Read the media release.](http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2017/budget-2017-21m-to-battle-for-our-birds/) <http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2017/budget-2017-21m-to-battle-for-our-birds/>

Monitoring results

DOC scientists have been monitoring key bird and bat species to measure the effects of the Battle for our Birds programme.

[See our monitoring results](#)

Dirty Dozen competition

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/war-on-weeds/the-dirty-dozen/>



There are 13 common weeds threatening our native habitat – a baker's dozen – that you and your community can help bring under control. We call them the Dirty Dozen.

When these weeds compete with native flora and fauna for sunlight and water, they can severely alter natural landscapes and threaten the survival of native plants and animals.

New Zealand has about 3,000 introduced plants that are running wild. Of these, 350 are considered environmental weeds because they threaten our nature. The Dirty Dozen are some of the worst offenders.

The good news is that together we can stop them spreading to more of our precious natural places.



DOC has put a bounty out for the Dirty Dozen common weeds. Submit sightings to be in to win \$100. **Competition closes 30 August 2017.**
[Download Dirty Dozen posters.](#)

Look out for Myrtle rust



Myrtle rust is a fungal disease that severely attacks plants in the myrtle family including pōhutukawa, mānuka and rātā. It is now in New Zealand.

Contact MPI on 0800 80 99 66 if you see it in New Zealand.

<http://nzppi.co.nz/documents/pests/factsheet-myrtlerust.pdf>

Advice for specific groups

Refer to our information sheet for specific advice for:

- beekeepers
- feijoa growers
- other orchardists
- nursery owners
- home gardeners
- walkers and trampers.

[Download the information sheet](#) [PDF, 160 KB]

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

GARDEN BIRD 2017 SURVEY

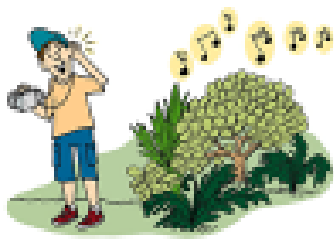
This year's survey: 24 June - 2 July 2017

Birds are important indicators of the health of New Zealand's environment, and to help us



discover and learn more about NZ garden birds, participate in this citizen science project. Learn more about the NZ Garden Bird Survey [here](#) - there are lots of new activities and resources to keep everyone entertained.

Doing the survey:



<http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/science/plants-animals-fungi/animals/birds/garden-bird-surveys/taking-part>

All you need to know to take part: how to do the survey, submit your observations and identify birds.

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

ADVANCE NOTICE

F&B MANAWATU BRANCH JULY 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

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

Palmerston North City Library, George Street Entrance

Talk: 'Tū Te Manawa – Tū te Mātauranga' – 'Inspired to Share Knowledge'

Speaker: Hone Morris Project Executive, Tū Te Manawa project and Academic Coordinator at Massey University, Palmerston North

Hone will talk about the Tū Te Manawa project. The project received half a million dollars to build eight whare (information kiosks) from the source to the sea (of the Manawatu River). Hone will outline the different sites on a map where eight whare will be built. Each whare will include identification and measurement of sentinel species.

Additionally, there will be a riparian planting programme and a fish pass installation. The project 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 whare will provide information to teach the wider community about the whakapapa and the korero of the awa and its native flora and fauna.

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

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