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## AUGUST 2023 Monthly talk

**Talk: Midnight Folk – Velvet Worms ~ nga tangata o te po ngaokeoke**

**Speaker:** Professor Steve Trewick, Evolutionary Ecology, Massey University



Steve says most of the biodiversity of Aotearoa-New Zealand is rarely seen. In the dark, the midnight folk emerge and go about their business. Come and meet them and, in particular, get to know the mysterious velvet worms (ngaokeoke) – the peripatus.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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## FOREST AND BIRD 2024 CALENDARS AND DIARIES HAVE ARRIVED

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### New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2024

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.



Our Price: \$15.00

### New Zealand Conservation Diary 2024



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.

Our Price: \$20.00

- The F&B 2024 Calendars and Diaries will on for sale from our August monthly meeting
- The price is the same as last year.
- If you would like to pre-order, please email: [manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz) and let us know what you would like and give your phone number
- Just a note, snail mail is taking a lot longer if you are mailing overseas.

## F&B MANAWATŪ CELEBRATING 65 YEARS AS A BRANCH THIS YEAR

We have several events to celebrate this anniversary.

### 1. F&B Manawatū 65th Birthday tree planting event on Poutoa Walkway



Access to Poutoa Walkway from Summerhill Drive

**Date:** Sunday 3rd September

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

**Where:** Poutoa Walkway

**For information about parking:** Contact Margaret ph. 022 473 1096

**What to Bring:** BYO morning tea, own spade for planting, sturdy footwear, and clothes appropriate for the conditions

## 2. F&B Manawatū 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

**Where:** Venue still to be confirmed

**Guest Speaker:** Alison Ballance

## 3. Bushy Park Tarapurahi Bus Trip

We are organizing a 40-seater bus to take us to Bushy Park and Homestead



**Date:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

**Dept Time:** 09.00 a.m.TBC, and return to Palmerston North about 4.30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30 approx. plus \$15.00 for a cream tea in the Homestead (optional)

If you would like to express your interest in this trip, please email the Branch – Email: [manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz), give your phone number and number of people

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## F&B Centennial Conference – 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

F&B held a successful Centennial Conference last Saturday. There were some interesting speakers and discussion panels. At the end of the day, there was the annual Sanderson's Dinner at which the speakers were Dame Anne Salmond Historian, author & environmentalist and Connor Wallace | Co-director, Forest & Bird Youth.

Also, Congratulations to all our 2023 Forest & Bird award recipients! Your mahi is inspiring 🍀  
This year's amazing conservationists were:

- 🏆 Kōtuku award | [Raukūmara Pae Maunga Restoration Project](#)
- 🏆 Distinguished Life Member award | [Kevin Hague](#)
- 🏆 Distinguished Life Member award | Ann and Basil Graeme
- 🏆 Old Blue award | Grant Vincent
- 🏆 Old Blue award | Jocelyn Sanders
- 🏆 Old Blue award | Kathy Gilbert
- 🏆 Old Blue award | [Annalily van den Broeke](#)
- 🏆 Te Kaiārahi Rangatahi o te Taiao youth award | Ella Peoples

More information about the award winners please click on 📌  
<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/.../forest-bird...>

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## Conservation Week- Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa 14-20 August 2023.

This year for Conservation Week the theme is around asking Aotearoa to **take action for nature**. knowing there is always something we can do to help our environment and the native and endemic species that make Aotearoa unique.

For ENM member groups conservation is not a week; it represents concentrated, dedicated long term work, mostly from volunteers, to engender lasting change for the benefit of all life in our rohe. We are continually humbled by the incredible mahi that goes on in our sector and as part of conservation week, ENM will be putting a spotlight on this, and looking to celebrate this with the aim of encouraging public involvement, appreciation and understanding.

Locally Horizons Regional Council and Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery Centre will be joining forces this year to provide a conservation themed event for families for Conservation Week. [This will take place on Saturday 19th August between 10am -2pm.](#)

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### Upcoming Plastic Pollution Art exhibition

Regular visitors to the ENM office space may have noticed, a varied and accumulating pile of debris in the corner and asked the very valid question 'Why?' or very possibly 'What??' It does have a purpose; in the name of art and awareness around the health of our streams and awa.

These are items collected from various 2023 stream clean-ups which are going to be used as part of an [art exhibition linked to the work of Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge taking place at Square Edge Community Arts from August 30 -25 September 2023.](#) This has been made possible in part with support from [Palmerston North City Council's](#) Creative Communities Fund.

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### Regular Working Bees - Get your hands dirty!

**Aug 13, 27** [Dune Garden Working Bee.](#)

**Aug 12** [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

**Aug 13, 27** [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed

**Aug 13** [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

**Aug 12** [Keeble's Bush Restoration Planting](#)

**Aug 20** [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

**Most Sundays** [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

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### Consultations - Have your Say

Horizons Regional Council -Active Projects

What is Oranga Wai | Our Freshwater Future?

<https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/oranga-wai>

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### Dennis Dickinson

I am very sad to advise you that Dennis Dickinson passed away on Monday 24 July 2023. He was a long-term member of the F&B Manawatū and a past member of the Manawatū Committee

**SEPTEMBER 2023 Monthly talk**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.**  
**PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North**

**Talk: Birds of NZ - local beauties you may not know about –  
Nankeen night heron**

**Speaker:** Paul Gibson, Whanganui Photographer



Many of you know Paul Gibson's bird photography and books. He has kindly agreed to talk to us and will give us a highly illustrated talk about some local beauties that are very special to our area. With only about 50 birds in NZ, and only found along the Whanganui River, the Nankeen night heron is one of NZ's rarest breeding birds. For the first time in 28 years, we have found nests, and been able to photograph them from nest building to chick fledging. I will also add a little about a godwit with the flag AJD, the subject of a recent book. Paul will have some of his books for sale at the meeting – more about that later.

**All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated**

I do hope I shall see you at our August monthly talk – it should be an interesting one.  
I hope you are keeping warm.  
Until next time

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