



JULY 2023 Monthly talk

Making Room for Rivers – Why it matters

Tuesday 11th July, 2023 @ 7.30 p.m

PN City Library Palmerston North (George Street Entrance)

Speakers: Tom Kay, F&B Fresh Water Advocate and
Professor Ian Fuller, Physical Geography, Massey University



Pohangina River in Flood after Cyclone Gabrielle, 2023



Manawatu river in flood

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Professor Ian Fuller will give a short presentation about the science behind Tom's talk.

Tom will be talking about how the way we have managed our environment has exacerbated flooding and disaster risk, the impact of flood protection engineering on our rivers and communities, and the approach we could be taking instead.

Constraining rivers changes their natural form, reduces groundwater recharge, and destroys wetlands and other habitat for native fish and birds. Numerous rivers across Aotearoa have been straightened and constrained, with thousands of hectares of river and wetland habitat destroyed in the process.

Making room for rivers allows the land adjacent to rivers to flood safely, while providing for a whole range of other benefits such as riparian planting, wetland restoration and carbon sequestration, increased groundwater recharge, river habitat restoration for native fish and birds, and more recreation opportunities for people.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

FOREST AND BIRD 2024 CALENDARS AND DIARIES

- The F&B 2024 Calendars and Diaries will be here, for sale, at the beginning of August.
- The price is the same as last year.
- If you would like to pre-order, please email manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz and let us know what you would like. We will advise you when the calendars and diaries arrive.
- The calendar and diaries will be on sale from our August Monthly meetings onward.
- Just a note, snail mail is taking a lot longer.

 

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

For our 65th year as a Branch and F&B Centennial, we have several special events planned.

1. In August we will be holding a tree planting event – date to be advised
 2. On Tues 10th October we will be holding a Birthday event.
 - Alison Ballance is coming to give us a talk about her life as, documentarian, presenter and author. Her latest book is "Takahē: Bird of Dreams".
 3. In November we are offering a bus trip to Bushy Park Reserve with an option for a cream tea and a tour of the homestead – date to be advised.
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F&B CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE AND SANDERSON DINNER AND AWARDS

Forest & Bird's Centennial Conference is being held on **Saturday 29 July in Wellington** and there is still time to register for this event – see below

Centennial Conference 2023: Inspiring bold leadership in a time of crises

Is it time to redefine conservation in Aotearoa? What will it take for decision-makers to take climate and biodiversity seriously? How are our rangatahi going to change the world?

Join us for a full day of candid kōrero around these critical questions at our centennial conference, at Te Papa Tongarewa in Pōneke Wellington on Saturday 29 July.

Hosted by Jesse Mulligan, the conference will feature:

- A no-holds-barred State of the Nation address by Forest & Bird Chief Executive Nicola Toki
- A keynote speech from Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Rt Hon. Simon Upton, who is demanding action as the country is battered by one natural disaster after another.
- Thought-provoking panel discussions with business and community leaders, rangatahi and leading conservationists, and journalists.
- A celebration of 100 years of passionate advocacy for te taiao at the Sanderson dinner, with guest speaker historian and environmentalist, Dame Anne Salmond.

To view the conference programme and to book your place, visit: www.forestandbird.org.nz/events/centennial-conference-100-years-conservation

EARLY REPORT OF 2023 GARDEN BIRD SURVEY



AUGUST 2023 Monthly talk
Tuesday 8th August 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.
PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

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.

welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

I do hope I shall see you at our July monthly talk – it should be an interesting one.

I hope you are keeping warm.

Until next time

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