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April 2018 Newsletter

F&B APRIL 2018 MONTHLY MEETING & AGM

TUESDAY 10th APRIL, 2018 @ 7.15 p.m. (Prompt start)

Palmerston North City Library, George Street entrance

Our Annual General Meeting **will start promptly at 7.15 p.m.** and
Our Monthly Talk will follow **immediately** afterwards

**Talk: "Turitea Reserve - Palmerston North's Biodiversity Reservoir:
Achievements in predator control and ecosystem recovery"**



Speaker: Peter Handford, GroundTruth

Peter will talk about the work that has been done, and being done, in the Turitea Reserve above Palmerston North's Reservoir and how the ecosystem is recovering.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

New approach to manage myrtle rust



Photo: Supplied / DOC

The fight against the plant disease myrtle rust is changing gear, with a greater focus on a science programme to increase our understanding around the disease.

Date: 06 April 2018

Source: Department of Conservation and Ministry for Primary Industries

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the DOC say the fight against the plant disease myrtle rust is changing gear, given the prevalence of the disease across susceptible parts of New Zealand.

Myrtle rust has now been confirmed in the Tasman region at the top of the South Island, which means the disease has been found across almost all regions identified as most vulnerable based on habitat suitability and wind patterns.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2018/new-approach-to-manage-myrtle-rust/>

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hihi Top-Up Translocation



It has been a hot and difficult season for our hihi population at the Sanctuary. However, we are planning for a small top-up translocation of female hihi from Tiritiri Matangi, to be released into Bushy Park Sanctuary on Sunday 15 April. If you would like to attend this special occasion, please contact Mandy for more details - Ph 022 698 2388, mandyb@bushyparksanctuary.org.nz

The relocation will increase our number of breeding females and the genetic diversity of our population. We are seeking funding support for this project and would welcome any donations. The Bushy Park Trust Forest account number is 06 0793 0247707-05 and please tag any donations "hihi".

REEL EARTH FILM FESTIVAL:



<https://www.reeearth.org.nz/films>

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Now in its 13th year, the **Reel Earth Film Festival** runs in Palmerston North in from 1st-31st May. The **Opening Night event**, presenting prizes for the **Short Film Competition**, and screening the winning films, is on May 1.

Every year people make great films telling environmental stories the world needs to hear. **Reel Earth** includes the most entertaining, thought-provoking and relevant recent environmental films, as well as short film competition for all ages. Films will be screened in Palmerston North and nearby, in places you expect - and places you don't. The successful film+talk series happens again this year, plus special events for kids and youth. Tickets will be available on **Eventfinda** and at the door. Cost \$3 - \$5; some screenings are free.

ENVIROMENTAL/CONSERVATION DATES APRIL 2018

World Earth Day – Sunday, 22 April 2018

F&B MANAWATŪ MAY 2018 AND THE APRIL MONTHLY TALK Tuesday 8th April, 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

TALK: "The little things in our wetlands: a forgotten fauna in a forgotten habitat"



GREEN STONEFLY (*Eustheniidae*: *Stenoperla*)

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Speaker: Professor Russell Death, Freshwater Ecology, Massey University

This is the second talk in the series about Wetlands. Russell will be talking about the invertebrates and other fauna that make the Wetlands their home.

CONSULTATIONS

<https://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/current-consultation/long-term-plan-2018-28>

Horizons Regional Council is consulting on their 2018-28 Long-term Plan (LTP) from 16 March to 16 April. The LTP sets out how Horizons Regional Council plans on managing the Region's natural resources for the next 10 years. This includes identifying the activities we propose to deliver and what rate contributions will be required to help cover the estimated costs for each year.

Our consultation document will be available from 16 March, and highlights what we believe are the most significant issues addressed in the more comprehensive supporting document (also available from 16 March). In addition to this material, there are factsheets available below that address a number of changes in the river management area. These factsheets have been sent to some households and will be available at all community meetings held to discuss the proposals.

our views on this proposal are important in assisting Horizons in making a decision on whether to make the changes proposed. **We welcome submissions before 16 April 2018.**

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/news-events-and-culture/news/council-finalises-10-year-plan-proposal-for-public-consultation/>

Palmerston North City Council today approved the draft 10 Year Plan documentation for public consultation from 19 March. It outlines the opportunity the city has right now, identifies key projects to unlock this opportunity, and seeks the community's feedback.

The detailed information on all of the draft 10 Year Plan proposals is included in the Consultation Document and supporting documents and strategies signed-off today, which will be available at the www.bigpicture.pncc.govt.nz or the Council office and service centres from 19 March. Councillors will also be out in the community talking to the community about the Plan throughout the **consultation period, which runs to 23 April.**

[http://www.mdc.govt.nz/Latest News/Long Term Plan Making tomorrow great today](http://www.mdc.govt.nz/Latest%20News/Long%20Term%20Plan%20Making%20tomorrow%20great%20today)

Manawatu District Council - Our Long Term Plan has been reviewed, some changes made and now we want to hear from you to ensure that it meets our goal to make tomorrow great, today.

These are proposed changes and it is important that Council know if you support or oppose the changes through the **submission process which closes on 3 May.**

Have your say on Molesworth Station

The iconic landscape of Molesworth station, with its dry mountains, empty skies, and vast river valleys, is home to NZ's largest working farm. But its lease is set to expire, prompting a rethink of how the land is used. Forest & Bird is advocating for parts of the station, if not all of it, to be set aside primarily for conservation and recreation

Have your say on the current and future management of Molesworth Station through an online survey. **Survey closes 14 April 2018.**

This consultation is a requirement of the 2013 Molesworth management plan, which recognised that many people were interested in wider access and recreation opportunities at Molesworth. It's important for us to get an idea of how people regard Molesworth and its many values today.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2017/the-future-of-molesworth-station/>

If you are interested in Advocacy, below are some websites you might want to check occasionally:

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/open-for-your-comment/>

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/yourcouncil/consultations/>

http://www.mdc.govt.nz/Your_Council/Consultation

<http://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback>

FOREST AND BIRD MEDIA RELEASES & CAMPAIGNS

F&B National Office regularly puts out media releases. You may have heard them on the radio or on the TV news but if you would like to read the full release on recent media releases, please click on the link below:

<http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/what-we-do/publications/media-releases>

while you on the National Office web site, you can also view the National Campaigns.

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

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