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MANAWATŪ BRANCH

March 2018 Newsletter

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F&B Manawatū April AGM & Monthly Talk

F&B MARCH 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

TUESDAY 13th MARCH, 2018 @ 7.30 p.m.

**CHANGE OF VENUE: Palmerston North City Library
George Street Entrance**

Talk: "Little Penguins (Kororā) -- The Living Taonga of the Kāpiti Coast"



Photo: © Paul Gibson

Kororā or little penguin (*Eudyptula minor*)

Speaker: Speaker: Ken New, Places for Penguins project

Ken will talk about the little Penguins or little blue penguins (kororā) and the work 'Places for Penguins Project' is doing around the Wellington area. The Project aims are to provide safe nesting sites for little blue penguins to protect them from car strike and predators. 'Places for Penguins' currently builds and places nest boxes on the seaward side of the

road, monitors nests and monitors traps and bait stations. 'Places for Penguins Project' is a Wellington Forest & Bird project based on Wellingtons South Coast and was started in 2007

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

WORKING PARTIES

Apollo Butterfly Park

11th March, 2018

2nd Sunday of each month

Love seeing monarch butterflies flitting around Palmy? Help keep the **Apollo Butterfly Park** looking beautiful, and the butterflies happy.

Ahimate Reserve Formerly Waitoetoe Park

Sunday 25 March, 2018

Last Sunday of each month

Planting. All Welcome, any time between 10am and midday. Meet at the sandwich board at 10, or look for the balloons in the park, along the riverside track.

Sycamore Weeding

Saturday 17 March, Pohangina

Come and help the Department of Conservation weeding invasive sycamore at Pohangina base. Lunch provided. Contact Abi Wightman <awightman@doc.govt.nz> or phone 027 540 5412, to register or find out more.

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.

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 the 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.

PLASTICS IN THE OCEAN – RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE



If you are interested in the subject of plastic in the ocean, then some of the links below maybe of interest to you. The yachts in Volvo Ocean Race have been doing research on the amount of microplastic in the ocean as they go around the world. On leg 3 between Capetown and Melbourne, the tests found micro plastics in the Antarctic waters.

- www.volvoceanrace.com
- [http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10695 Everything-you-need-to-know-about-micro-plastic-data-collection.html](http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10695_Everything-you-need-to-know-about-micro-plastic-data-collection.html)
- [http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10872 Microplastic-particles-found-in-Antarctic-waters.html](http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10872_Microplastic-particles-found-in-Antarctic-waters.html)
- [http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10507 Millions-of-micro-plastic-particles-found-in-European-waters.html](http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10507_Millions-of-micro-plastic-particles-found-in-European-waters.html)
- [http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10868 This-is-something-I-am-so-proud-to-be-a-part-of.html](http://www.volvoceanrace.com/en/news/10868_This-is-something-I-am-so-proud-to-be-a-part-of.html)
- http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11983980
microplastic

Waka voyage opens eyes to NZ's ocean plastic scourge

- http://www.nzherald.co.nz/environment/news/article.cfm?c_id=39&objectid=12001640



ROYAL SOCIETY MANAWATŪ BRANCH

March Meeting

Tuesday, 20 March, 7.30 pm Palmerston North Central Library, George St. P.North

"Seven Years in Fiji: An Academic's Life in Paradise"

Speaker: Dr John Lowry Massey University

John Lowry is a geographer with a broad background in geospatial science applications addressing human-environment interactions. Prior to coming to Massey University in July 2017 he was Senior Lecturer at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Suva, Fiji where he was instrumental in developing a three-year Bachelor of Science degree programme in Geospatial Science. While in Fiji John's research interests focused on GIS applications in public health, urban ecology, and disaster risk assessment in the developing country context.

Citizen Science Symposium

<http://www.landcare.org.nz/News-Features/Features/CitSciNZ2018>

Monday April 9, 2018

Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

Te Papa Tongarewa, the Museum of NZ will host NZ's first symposium dedicated fully to investigating citizen science. Creating an in-depth and shared understanding of citizen science activities and potential, shaping future directions for citizen science in NZ.

A Citizen Science EXPO! in the form of displays by symposium and workshop participants will take place Mon April 9 in the main Te Papa foyer (L1).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/562568314089979/>

Sat & Sun April 7-8

A series of hands-on ecological monitoring workshops will take place 2 days prior. For an overview, read our [Inventory](#) of Citizen Science Projects, Programmes, Resources and Learning opportunities and Case Studies.

Workshops April 7-8: Supporting hands-on practical learning

Workshops designed for community members are an opportunity to quantify restoration efforts, learn new skills and trial with new tools both in the field and indoors. And they're all free of charge thanks to the generous support of workshops leaders (with some details around transport TBC). *Participants can come to workshops without having to attend the April 9 Symposium.* Here's a summary of what is planned (more details and registration to follow shortly on the [event webpage](#)

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

REEL EARTH FILM FESTIVAL: [Short Film Competition](#) Closes 19 March, 2018

Filmmaking talent in the Manawatu is about to be showcased again, in the [Reel Earth Short Film Competition](#). The 2017 entries were outstanding, and [PNCET](#) is excited to host the comp again in 2018. This is part of the thirteenth [Reel Earth Film Festival](#), which aims to engage, entertain and inspire people on environmental topics through the powerful art of film.

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".

ENVIRONMENTAL/CONSERVATION DATES

March

3 March

World Wildlife Day -

[World Wildlife Day](#) is a global celebration of wildlife and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

3 – 11 March

Seaweek

[Seaweek](#) is a national celebration of our marine environment.

Thurs, 22 March [World Water Day](#) –

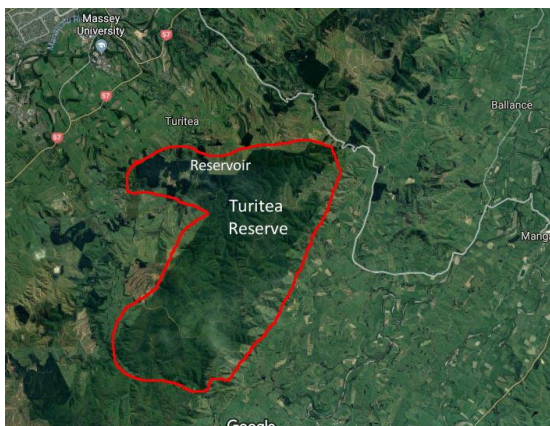
Sat, 24 March [Earth Hour](#)

F&B MANAWATŪ APRIL, 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE APRIL MONTHLY TALK

Tuesday 10, 2018 @ 7.15 p.m. Start of AGM Followed immediately by the April Talk

**Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North**

**"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.

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

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