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DECEMBER 2019



December 2019 Annual Social Meeting
Tuesday 10th December 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
at the Manarawoa Pavilion (See map below),
Palmerston North Esplanade (behind the Café Esplanade)
(Please note the change in time and location)

Please join us for Christmas Treats –
Please bring some Christmas Treats to share

Talk: Katipō Spider (*Latrodectus katipo*)

Speaker: Arnim Littek



We are holding our December Social Meeting at the Manawaroa Pavilion (See map above) and Arnim Littek will be talking to us about Katipō spiders, which is an endangered species of spider native to New Zealand. Katipō are mainly found living in sand dunes close to the seashore. They are found throughout most of coastal New Zealand except the far south and west. The katipō is particularly notable in New Zealand as the nation is almost entirely devoid of dangerous native wildlife; this unique status means the spider is well known; despite being rarely seen. After Arnim's talk we will celebrate the end of the Branch's year and the upcoming holidays

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated
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www.forestandbird.org.nz

EVENTS

Apollo Butterfly Park

Event date: Sunday 8 December (2nd Sunday of each month)

Event location: 70 Apollo Parade, Milson, Palmerston North

Love seeing monarch butterflies flitting around Palmy? Help maintain this special butterfly habitat.

Edwards Pit Park

Event date: Sunday 15 December 1:30-4pm (3rd Sunday of each month)

Event location: Featherston Street, Palmerston North

Help planting natives, weeding and mulching in this historic quarry, which is now a lush urban park visited by native birds.

Craft with "Waste" Materials

Event date: Saturday 21 December 1-3pm

Event location: **Te Manawa, 326 Main St Palmerston North**

Upcycling Club 1 aims to help people in Palmerston North as well as surrounding areas create something beautiful and useful using recycled

materials.

Foxton Beach New Year Fair

Event date: Thursday 2 January 2020

Event location: [Dawick Street Reserve, Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach](#)

The Water and Environmental Care Association organise this festive day to raise funds for their work. If you would like to have a stall, contact WECA on 021 0868 5886 or email weca.newyearfair@gmail.com.

Children's rides, paintball, food of all kinds, clothing, plants, fruit and vegetables, jewellery, garden ornaments, bric-a-brac, collectables, carvings, healing therapies, balms and bargains – the Fair has something for everybody. [Wildlife Foxton](#) will have native and exotic lizards on display, plus bird feeders, books and weta motels on sale.

Wildlife Foxton Open Day

Event date: Friday 17 January 2020

Event location: [48 Harbour St Foxton 4814](#)

Check out the native geckos, skinks and fish on display, and learn how you can help to protect these species, through habitat protection and responsible pet ownership. Say hello to the Centre's resident cockatoos. Bird feeders and weta motels on sale too.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rat Control in the Gorge

From 1 December

The Department of Conservation will be placing poison bait in bait stations, to control rats in the Manawatū Gorge Scenic Reserve. This is an ongoing operation, and bait may be present in bait stations throughout the year. Click the link for more information.

Native bird species depend on native trees for their food supply. Rats eat seeds and seedlings, compete with native wildlife for food and directly prey on birds, eggs and insects.

Carbon Emissions Trading

Submissions close 17 January

This bill seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by amending the Climate Change Response Act 2002 through changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme

Resource Management

Send comments by 3 February 2020

The Resource Management Review Panel has been tasked with preparing and delivering comprehensive reform proposals on the resource management system for public consultation by mid-2020. An Issues and Options paper has been released, to start a conversation about issues to be considered and addressed by the review and some initial thoughts on possible options.

The future use of Huia Street Reserve

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/the-future-use-of-huia-street-reserve/>

We're proposing some changes for how Huia Street Reserve, on the corner of Park Road and Fitzherbert Avenue, might be used in the future. Council's preferred option is to enable the sale or development of the reserve for housing.

Have your say :Submissions are open until 4pm on Monday 10 February 2020.

DOC Sounds of Science podcast

https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/podcast/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Whats%20up%20DOC%20November%202019&utm_content=Whats%20up%20DOC%20November%202019+CID_747cee2d6caa3bfe037ef80ef1e18948&utm_source=Email%20newsletters&utm_term=Emma%20Williams%20and%20dog%20Kimi

A behind the scenes look at how DOC cares for New Zealand's unique native species and natural environment.

The DOC Sounds of Science podcast is hosted by our Threatened Species Ambassador Nic Toki.

Nic interviews our conservation experts and scientists to bring you a deep dive into some of the work happening in the conservation space.

Episode 5: Bitterns

Episode 3: Our Lizards

Episode 1: Marine mammals

Goal, tactics and new technology for Predator Free 2050

https://www.doc.govt.nz/pf2050-goal-tactics-technology/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Whats%20up%20DOC%20November%202019&utm_content=Whats%20up%20DOC%20November%202019+CID_747cee2d6caa3bfe037ef80ef1e18948&utm_source=Email%20newsletters&utm_term=remarkable%20innovations%20being%20developed%20for%20market#innovation

Predator Free 2050 aims to eradicate stoats ('stoats' includes all three mustelid species of stoats, ferrets and weasels), rats and possums. Because, collectively, these animals inflict the worst damage of all the introduced pests on New Zealand's plants and wildlife.

Milestone goals

To succeed, we're aiming at a series of milestones and supporting our progression with new tactics and inventive technologies.

By 2025, we will:

- eradicate predators from blocks of at least 20,000 hectares (without the use of fences)
- suppress introduced predators on a further 1 million hectares
- eradicate all predators from offshore island nature reserves
- achieve the capability to eradicate at least one introduced predator.

If we do not see you at our December Social Meeting, the F&B Manawatū Committee wish

The year of 2020 be...
A year of Health & Happiness ...
A year of Peace & Prosperity ...
And also, a year of Love & Laughter

Francois Vallee

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