



## MARCH 2019 MONTHLY TALK

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,  
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

**Talk: Albatross conservation and the future of ecotourism in NZ**

**Speaker:** Anne-Sophie Pagé, F&B Committee Member, Massey University



The success of New Zealand's tourism industry is a result of three unique components; scenery, culture and wildlife. Having grown up on the Otago Peninsula, Anne-Sophie Pagé has always considered species such as the Northern Royal Albatross and Yellow Eyed Penguin fellow locals. However, with six years of wildlife guiding behind her, it is becoming evident that uncontrolled tourism and wildlife can no longer coexist.

This presentation will provide insights on how New Zealand wildlife, if approached in the right way, can be used as a tool in fostering emotional connections with the environment which is crucial in the fight against climate change.

All Welcome – gold coin donation appreciated

Royal Cam highlight 2019: weighing and supplementary feeding 5 March

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k\\_h9Wn5KZqs&index=2&list=PLL6KEI0oZPfuJNwOXi8\\_uXgHTCCK7vatF](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_h9Wn5KZqs&index=2&list=PLL6KEI0oZPfuJNwOXi8_uXgHTCCK7vatF)



Watch the young albatross live at:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/albatrosses/royal-albatross-toroa/royal-cam/>

## MARCH 2019 MONTHLY TRIP

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

Exploring the Ramsar site dunes at Foxton



*Ramsar Site Sand Dunes at Foxton Beach*

*Photo: from Web*

Our guide for this trip is Arnim, who is independent dune researcher, and he will take us to have a first-hand look of the 50 ha of dunes within the Ramsar site boundary, and the ephemeral wetland areas therein.

He will introduce us to the dune vegetation and wetland flora and explain why the dunes are such a special place.

**Depart:** Palmerston North **at 08.00 a.m.** (Sharp) \*\* Please note depart time

**Leaders:** Jorinna Prinz

**Meet:** Palmerston North: Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).  
If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

**Fitness Level:** moderate (most of the trip will be in the sand dunes)

**What to bring:** Please bring snacks, lunch, water, raincoat and stout footwear and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

**For more info & Register:** Contact Jorinna Prinz –  
Email: [Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz)



## ADVANCE NOTICE

### F&B MANAWATŪ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 @ 7.15 p.m.**

The F&B Manawātū Branch is looking for nominations for the positions listed below to serve either on, or off, the 2019-20 Committee.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to put your hand up for any of the positions below, please email Anthea at [manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz) by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

- Chairperson
- Secretary (could be split to be Minute Secretary & Corresponding Secretary)
- Events Coordinator
- Publicity & Communications Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- F&B Youth Coordinator
  
- Treasurer\*\*
- Advocacy\*\*
- Health & Safety\*\*
- Trips\*\*
- Webmaster\*\*
- Programme Coordinator\*\*

\*\* The 2018-19 Committee Members have indicated they will put their name forward to carry on for the 2019-20 Committee

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## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Stream Cleaning

About: In partnership with Horizons Regional Council we will be cleaning the stream at McCraes bush from weeds and debris. This is potentially dirty work so old clothes, gum boots, a hat and water bottle are advised. To make this a success and get some great results we would love 15-20 people to come and help.

Horizons will be kindly providing a sausage sizzle post event for all volunteers.

Where: McCraes Bush, Ashhurst

When: Saturday 23rd March, 9:30am 11:30am.

Registration: Registration is not necessary, if you do want to come please pop us an email so we know numbers for the sausage sizzle and turn up on the day. If there are any questions, please get in touch on [info@recap.org.nz](mailto:info@recap.org.nz) or contact Helen on 0279184855.

## Sustainable Coastlines Litter Project Training Workshop

### **Foxton Beach Surf Life Saving Club**

**Thursday 14 March, 8:30am - 12:30pm**

Wildlife Foxton has 7 – 8 spaces available for this workshop. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the Litter Project, and how your group can participate: data collection methods, Health & Safety planning and reporting requirements. The Litter Project is a three-year programme led by [Sustainable Coastlines](#) that aims to create a grass roots solution to beach litter in New Zealand. Sustainable Coastlines have developed a national beach litter monitoring programme, based on United Nations Environment Programme marine debris survey methods. Sustainable Coastlines will be working with community groups & organisations to conduct beach litter surveys. They will provide the training and tools required for these groups to take part in this project as Citizen Scientists. RSVP to?????? [infowildlifefoxton@gmail.com](mailto:infowildlifefoxton@gmail.com), or ring Nola on 06-363-5300 between 2 and 5pm.

## Plastic Pollution Challenge

### **Citizen Science - Plastic Collection**

Plastic pollution is an urgent global issue. The Plastic Pollution Challenge aims to collect data from 40 randomly selected sites on streams running through Palmerston North. You will have a hands-on chance to learn about the scientific method we are using, as well as increasing awareness of the issues around plastic pollution in our own back yard. A strategy will be developed using this data, to improve the situation in our streams, rivers and oceans. For the safe management of these cleanup events, [please register here](#). If you want to organize your own team on a different date, please also register at this link.

10am 16th March	Awapuni
3pm 16th March	Awapuni
10am 23rd March	Highbury
3pm 23rd March	Highbury
10am 30th March	Milson
3pm 30th March	Milson
10am 6th April	location TBA
3pm 6th April	location TBA

## Wildbase Recovery Tours

The Wildbase Recovery centre is now open for tour bookings, four days a week. Free 90-minute tours can be booked. Take a look around this world-class facility for native wildlife to rehabilitate after treatment at Massey University's Wildbase Hospital.

## Spruce Up Your Swim Spot

Horizons Regional Council are inviting the community to get involved in cleaning up popular swim spots at weekend events over the next few weeks. Spot prizes, a free BBQ and 'Nice' blocks – plus every family that comes along will go in the draw to win a grocery voucher. **Saturdays 10:00am to midday** at the following locations:

<b>23 March</b>	Kimberley Reserve, Levin
<b>30 March</b>	Ferry Reserve, Woodville
<b>6 April</b>	Bulls Bridge, Bulls

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

*Anthea*

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