



February 2021

Happy New Year to you all and I trust you had a good holiday break. We are now starting our Monthly Talks for 2021 and I hope to see you at our talks in the Library.

F&B Manawātū February 2021 Monthly Trip

Saturday 27th February, 2021

Rangitikei Reserves

WHERE: Pryces Rahui, and Sutherland's Mangahoe, Rangitikei

F&B Rangitikei Branch looks after 6 Reserves and they have offered to guide us around two of them.

Pryces Rahui: Located on a fluvial terrace of the Rangitikei River, the reserve is dominated by kahikatea, with some rimu and matai emerging over a mixed broadleaf canopy.

Sutherland's Mangahoe: Located south of a volcanic plateau and to the west of the foothills of the Ruahine Ranges, the 12-hectare Sutherland Mangahoe Reserve is made up primarily of Kahikatea podocarp forest - Kahikatea forest with rimu, totara, rewarewa, and occasional matai and miro, over an understorey of tawa. The North West corner of the reserve contains an area of immature Kahikatea forest 20m tall, which is so dense that the tops bang together in wind. The thinking is that the area was a large subsidence which destroyed the original forest, and this new stand is fighting for dominance.

Depart: Palmerston North at 9:00 a.m. (Sharp)

Leader: Jorinna Prinz and Hugh Stewart (F&B Rangitikei Branch)

Meet: Palmerston North: Carpool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepunkt Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).

If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

Fitness Level: Easy

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

If you would like to go on this trip, please email:

Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

For more info: Contact Anthea McClelland– at the above email address.

F&B Manawatū Monthly Talk Programme from March-June 2021

Tue 9 Mar Talk: “Perspectives of a Wildlife Guide”

Speaker: Anne-Sophie Pagé, Massey University

Tue 13 Apr Manawatū Annual General Meeting * Starting at 7.15 p.m.
followed at 7.30 p.m. by a talk

Talk: “New Zealand's native freshwater flora: Living the life aquatic”

Speaker: Paul Champion, NIWA, Principal Scientist - Freshwater Ecology

Tue 11 May Talk: “What NZ sea lion whiskers tell us about by-catch”

Speaker: Prof Louise Chilvers, Wildlife Ecology, School of Veterinary Science

Tue 8 Jun Talk: “Ngā Manu Nature Reserve”

Speaker: Matu Booth, Ngā Manu Nature Reserve Manager

All visitors welcome

Your gold coin donation at meetings is appreciated



<https://www.seaweek.org.nz/>

Seaweek – *Kaupapa Moana* is New Zealand’s annual national week celebrating the sea and is planned to take place from **Saturday 6 March to Sunday 14 March 2021**.

We are using the following theme

Connecting With Our Seas Toi Moana ~ Toi Tangata

Seaweed is hosted by the [NZ Association for Environmental Education](#) (NZAEE) and coordinated nationally by [Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre](#) (MERC). Seaweed focuses on learning about the ocean because it is so important to all our lives, no matter how far you are from it! Our mission is about exciting and inspiring all New Zealanders to renew their connections with the sea! This is not just for children or those involved with formal education – it's a time for all of us to get to know our ocean, its habitats, characteristics and inhabitants better.

We would like to highlight the diverse connections and interactions we have with the sea which makes our lives so intertwined with the health of our ocean environment.

WORKING BEES

Create better places & communities. Click on the link to find out more information about the Working Party.

- **Feb 13** [Feilding Sharing Garden](#)
Plant, weed, take home some produce.
- **Feb 13** [Marton Community Garden](#)
Free, nutritious food for the community.
- **Feb 13** [Green Corridors](#)
A beautiful urban bush network.
- **Feb 14** [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)
Planting for Monarch butterflies, and others.
- **Feb 14 & 28** [A Rocha Nursery](#)
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.
- **Every Sunday** [Timona Park Orchard](#)
Growing fruit for the community.
- **Most Sundays** [Manawatū Estuary](#)
Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

[Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge](#) is gearing up to do more Citizen Science sampling and clean-ups in March and April. If anyone is keen to join a core group of volunteers to help out at the events, [please email Heather](#).

PNCC Nature Calls consultation update

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/news-events/news/nature-calls-consultation-update/>
<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/participate-palmy/have-your-say/nature-calls/>

Public consultation to occur in 2021

The MCA process is helping us narrow down the options and enables Council to bring selected options to you for consideration in a second round of public

consultation in early 2021.

Later next year, Council will choose the best practicable option to proceed with. Once that decision is made, a resource consent application will be prepared and lodged before June 2022.

This process must continue, despite recent developments with the government's Three Waters Reform and the consideration of a new agency or regional agencies that would take control of drinking water and wastewater. As nothing has been confirmed, nor timeframes set, we need to continue to work on our resource consent application to ensure we meet our legal obligations.

KiwiRail regional freight hub

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/participate-palmy/have-your-say/kiwirail-regional-freight-hub/>

KiwiRail is proposing to develop a freight hub near Bunnythorpe. Find out more about this project, what Council's role is, and opportunities for you to provide feedback.

Notice of Requirement and supporting information

KiwiRail has lodged a Notice of Requirement to designate land for the construction and operation of a new intermodal rail and freight hub.

Council officers have reviewed the Notice of Requirement and identified a number of areas where more information is needed to understand the effects of the proposal.

We issued a further information request to KiwiRail on 14 December, which you can read here: [s92 letter: Request for further information](#) (1.3MB pdf)

The next step is for KiwiRail to consider the request and collate any responses it wishes to make. We anticipate a response in the new year.

KiwiRail has asked for the Notice of Requirement to be publicly notified. This will happen after it has responded to the request for further information.

Notification is likely to happen in February/March 2021. In the meantime, you can access the notice and supporting information below, or view hard copies at the following locations: Ashhurst Library, Bunnythorpe School, Feilding Library, Palmerston North Central Library, and the Palmerston North City Council customer service centre.

March 2021 Monthly talk
Tuesday 9th March 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: "Perspectives of a Wildlife Guide"

Speaker: Anne-Sophie Pagé, Massey University



In the light of Greta Thunberg, millions of youth striking for climate action across the globe and the tragic Australian bushfires wiping half a billion animals off the face of the Earth, one wonders where this next decade is taking us. Through the eyes of wildlife stretching from Antarctica to Africa, the coastline of Patagonia and the expansive Pacific Ocean, learn about the hidden realities of what happens when humans channel a whole ecosystem's productive energy into themselves. By veterinary student and seasoned wildlife guide, Anne-Sophie Pagé, embracing her green angst and hopes for the future through the

lens of her research, this talk will not only spur climate action but also highlight the importance of preserving our last wild space.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated
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