



MAY 2021

It has been very busy with different Council's consultations/submissions.

Environment Network Manawatu has kindly – in their newsletter - made available their advice with the submissions – see below:

EMN advice about consultations

Make Your Voice Heard

Submit to Nature Calls and Long-term Plans in the Manawātū Catchment

Following our consultation sessions with Palmerston North City Council on Nature Calls and the PNCC Long-term Plan 2021 – 2031, it is now time to speak out through the submission process. We are preparing draft submissions in consultation with our members, and making them available on the ENM website.

What you need to do next:

We encourage everyone to take a look, and think about having a say. You don't have to be an expert, and you don't have to fill in every box. Feel free to draw on our drafts at the links below.

[Nature Calls: Wastewater](#)

[Manawatu District Council LTP 2021-2031](#)

[Tararua District Council LTP 2021-2031](#)

[Palmerston North LTP 2021-2031](#)

[Horizons Regional Council LTP 2021-2031](#)

Closes:

Closed

12 May

12 May

14 May

Closed

May 2021 Monthly talk

Tuesday 11th May 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: "What NZ sea lion whiskers tell us about by-catch"

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



Dr Louise Chilvers will talk about her research on the whiskers of sea lions which confirms that the endangered species is at risk from changing environmental conditions, including climate change. The research also points out yet again that the fishing industry remains a significant threat to NZ sea lions.

She collected whiskers from 35 adult female sea lions on the Auckland Islands and used stable isotope analysis to uncover their lifelong diet. Using whiskers was "faster, less invasive and more cost-effective method" of observing diet than other methods, Dr. Chilvers reported.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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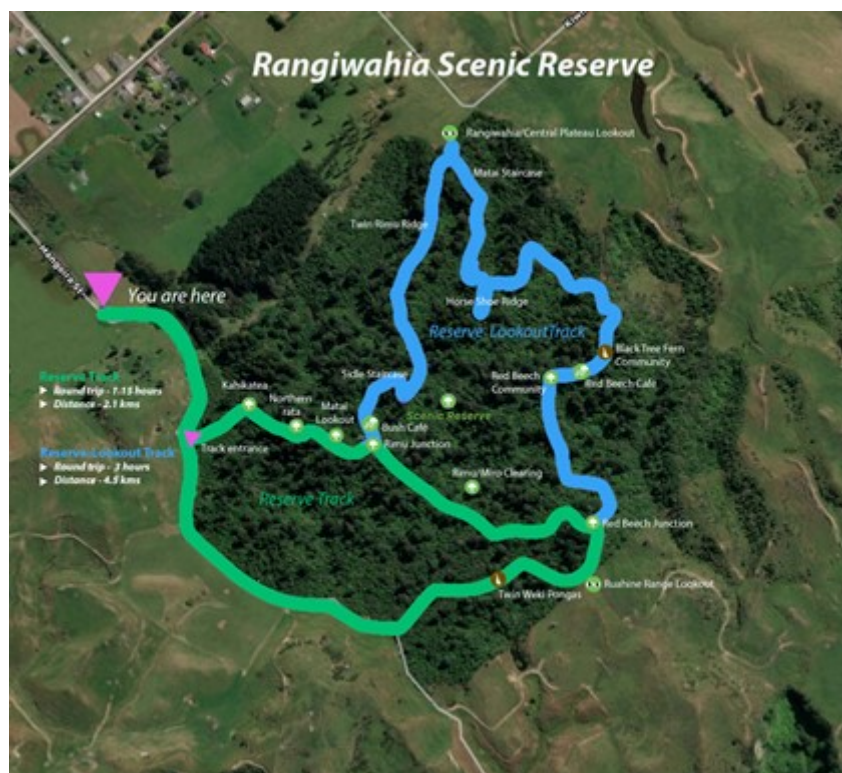
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www.forestandbird.org.nz

F&B Manawatū May 2021 Monthly Trip

Saturday 22nd Month, 2021

Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve



It is one of ten top walks within the Manawatu region. This 130 acre (53 hectares) native virgin bush reserve is situated just south of Rangiwahia Village in northern Manawatu. Rangiwahia has this beautiful treasure, with many magnificent native tree specimens, including rimu, miro, matai, maire, kahikatea, a few totara, rewarewa, several species of rata, including northern rata, 5 varieties of tree ferns and extensive variety of ferns.

Depart: 9:00 a.m. (Sharp) at the meeting point

Leader: Jorinna Prinz & Steve Bielski (Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve)

Meet: Palmerston North: Carpool – 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: Medium plus. There is a steep hill in the Reserve

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.

For information or to register for this trip, please contact Jorinna on manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

WORKING BEES

Click on the link to find out more information about May Working Parties. Environmental Network Manawātū has a calendar of events for the Month <https://enm.org.nz/event>

Gorge Rata working bee Saturday 22nd May.

Join us for a morning's activity tending to the Northern rata trees planted by us at the entrance to the Gorge.

Meet at Gorge carpark 9.30 or carpool from town. please bring snacks, water, raincoat, good footwear, secateurs and gloves.

Please contact Viv McGlynn, 0274 071574

Weeding bees in the Rangitikei

Saturday May 15 and

Sunday May 23:

Volunteers are invited to join a May weeding bee at Te One, a privately-owned old growth forest remnant near Mangaweka that has been the focus of a community restoration project for over 20 years.

We'll be cutting out sycamores and other weeds then brushing the cut surfaces with herbicide gel. Gloves and tools can be provided. A reasonable level of fitness is required.

If it is necessary to postpone due to bad weather the backup dates are Sat and/or Sun May 29/30. Carpooling will be arranged in advance.

If you are interested and available any of those dates please contact Sally at 021 256 9641 or email sallypearce@yahoo.com by the Wednesday before if possible to register your interest and find out more!

Got Pests?

Free traps available for your backyard

Now that it's getting colder, you may be noticing pests on your property. RECAP Ashhurst still have a number of free traps available for rats, possums, stoats and ferrets, as part of the national [Predator Free 2020 vision](#).

For more information, [please email Ian](#) - irassy64@gmail.com

Walk The New Highway – Manawatū new Gorge Road

Sunday 23 May 2021 9:00am – 12:00pm



Come and walk the route of the new Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatu Tararua Highway and see how much work has already taken place. This is a fundraiser for the Woodville School/Woodville Lions Club.

There are 2 options, a 7km and a 13km walk.

The age limit for the 7k walk (approx 2 hours) is 5 years and up, and for the 13k walk (approx 3.5 hours), 10 years and up. Anyone under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by an adult.

A reasonable level of fitness is required.

Tickets go on sale Monday 19 April, and available from the Tararua i-SITE Visitor Information Centre, Ph 0800 TARARUA (827 278), or email info@tararua.com. Tickets can be emailed and processed over the phone, there is an extra \$2.00 fee for this. Last day for purchasing tickets will be 14 May 2021. Time slots for the walks are 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am and 12:00 pm

When: **Sunday 23 May 2021 9:00am – 12:00pm**

Where: Saddle Road, Hope Road, Woodville

Restrictions: R5

Ticket Information: Walk The New Highway: \$25.00

Additional fees may apply

Website: [Tararua District Events](#)

Listed by: [Tararua i-SITE](#)

June 2021 Monthly talk
Tuesday 8th June 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: The History of Edwards Pit Park (Pit Park), Featherston Street

Speaker: Marise Clark, Chair of Pit Park People



Marise will be talking about the History of Pit Park and how this six and a half hectare site was once a Totara forest, before being used as a clay pit for the Hoffman Kiln. After gradually becoming a disused wasteland and languishing for many years, local community groups have rallied together to restore and give new life to this urban space.

The pit is now being well on it's way to being restored as a native habitat, encouraging native birds back into the urban environment, and is a good place to spot some frogs too.

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