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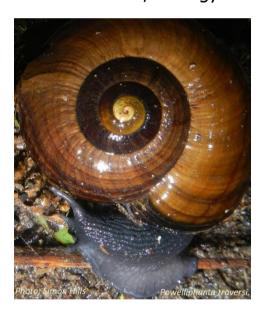
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# MAY 2023 Monthly talk Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: Pupurangi of Horowhenua, working with *Powelliphanta traversi*Speaker: Simon Hills Senior Lecturer, Zoology and Ecology, Massey University



Simon will talk to us about one of the most threatened of New Zealand's invertebrates – the *Powelliphanta* snail. These are not your common garden snail. *Powelliphanta* are giants of the snail world - they are also beautiful, and their oversize shells come in an array of colours and patterns, ranging from hues of red and brown to yellow and black.

They are as representative of New Zealand's unique evolutionary history as the kakapo, moa or kiwi.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

#### LIVE STREAMING OF THE MONTHLY TALK

We have temporarily stopped offering a live stream of our Monthly `meetings. I am looking into how we can live-stream via zoom rather than Microsoft teams. Once the technology can be worked out, we will start again. If you have any comments, please email: manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

## F&B MANAWATŪ MONTHLY TRIP

It is with regret, we will not be running a trip this month for two main reasons.

- 1. We do not have a Trip Coodinator
- 2. We currently do not have anyone who holds a current first-aid certificate.

Trip Coordinator: Someone who would like to organise a Branch trip once a month. We used to run successful trips based on the subject of the monthly talk, but these were disrupted by Covid - e.g. if we had a Coordinator and a first aider, then we could have run a trip to view where the Powelliphanta snail can be found.

First Aid – it is a H&S requirement by F&B to have one first-aid certified person on each of our trips. If you would like to train to be a F&B First aider, please email <a href="maintaintenanch@forestandbird.org.nz">manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz</a>. Forest and Bird will pay for the cost of the training.

### F&B MANAWATŪ CELEBRATING 65 YEARS AS A BRANCH THIS YEAR

We are in the process of planning events to celebrate 65 years as a Branch as well as F&B Centennial. We have on the table

- A planting event
- A Birthday Party
- A Keynote speaker

If you, as a F&B Manawatū member, have any suggestions as to how we should celebrate our 65 years, please send your suggestions to the Branch at:

 $\underline{Manawatu.Braanch@forestandbird.org.nz}$ 

#### F&B MANAWATŪ 2023-24 COMMITTEE

At our Annual AGM last month the following were elected onto the Manawatū Branch 2023-24 Committee:

Anthea McClelland – Chair Pete Sebborn – Treasurer Charlotte Andrew Isabella Beens

Margaret McKenzie

Bronwyn McManus Bruce Philpott Victor Susa Nicky Stone

#### **F&B NATIONAL 2023 AGM**

F&B's Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting: will be held <u>online</u> on Saturday 24 June 2023. More information to follow.

#### F&B CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE AND SANDERSON DINNER AND AWARDS

Forest & Bird's Centennial Conference is being held on **Saturday 29 July in Wellington** and will bring together leaders in their fields for a full day of discussion and debate around some of the biggest challenges facing Aotearoa. This will be followed by the Sanderson Dinner. More information about the event will be published soon.

## **Working Bee at Rangitikei Forest Remnant**

**Saturday 13th May** – 10.00 a.m. (on-site) to mid afternoon

Volunteers are invited to join a community weeding bee at an old growth river terrace remnant on private land near Mangaweka.

- Carpooling is available for those wanting to share transport.
- Weeding will include cutting out sycamore saplings and other weeds and using herbicide gel to prevent regrowth.
- A reasonable level of fitness is required.
- Gloves and tools can be provided, as well as good company, snacks and hot drinks! If interested please contact Sally at 021 256 9641 or email <a href="mailto:sallylpearce@yahoo.com">sallylpearce@yahoo.com</a> by Wed 10th May, to register your interest and find out more.

#### MISC. INFORMATION

**Regular Events** 

Join in!

**Every Tuesday & Wednesday** 

Menzshed Sharing skills and friendship.

Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday Wildlife Foxton Trust.

May 10. Green Drinks.

May 20 Upcycling Club 1 workshop at

Te Manawa

Workshops and talks

Be informed.

May 1 Natural Pesticides Workshop

May 7 Foraging Workshop

## May 13 Preserving Workshop

## **Working Bees**

# **Get your hands dirty!**

May 7 Ahimate Reserve

May 7, 21 <u>Dune Garden Working Bee.</u>

May 13 Green Corridors Summerhill

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

May 14 and 28 A Rocha Nursery

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

May 14 Apollo Butterfly Park

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

May 21 Pit Park Roslyn

A restored urban native bush habitat.

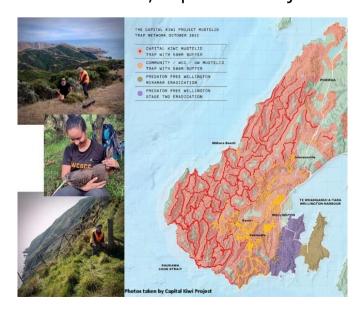
Most Sundays Manawatū Estuary Trust

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

# JUNE 2023 Monthly talk Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: Kiwi take to Wellington hills - Capital Kiwi Project
Speaker: Paul 'SCRATCH' Jansen, Capital Kiwi Project and DOC



Scratch will talk about the Capital Kiwi Project whose mission is to restore a large-scale wild kiwi population to Wellington's backyard.

It is the country's largest community-owned mustelid-trapping project and the second largest anti-stoat network after DOC's Murchison Mountains programme.

In September 2022, a permit was granted by DOC for the transfer of up to 250 N.I. brown kiwi over the next 7 years. November 2018 marks the arrival of the first 13 birds.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

That is all for this month – I shall look forward to seeing you at our Monthly meeting.

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