



NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Hello,

F&B NOVEMBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 8th November, 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

2nd Floor, PN City Library, (Please note change of Location)

George Street, Palmerston North

TALK: “Palmerston North’s Green Corridor from Range to River”



Pari Reserve, showing impressive growth on plantings done as recently as 2010

Speaker: Russell Poole, Chair Green Corridors

Synopsis: Russell will trace the development of Palmerston North's Green Corridors from their inception in 2001. Progressively areas alongside the Turitea Stream and in the Aokautere gullies alongside small creeks, ephemeral streams and wetlands have been revegetated by volunteers, with sponsorship from the Palmerston North City Council, Ricoh, and Guardian Tree Services and help in kind from PNCC, Horizons, and IPU.

The great majority of plantings are eco-sourced.

The long-term objective is to restore native vegetation, to provide habitat for birds and aquatic species, and to create an amenity with attractive walkways for residents of Palmerston North and neighbouring districts.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B NOVEMBER 2016 TRIP

DONNELLY FLAT, Mt. HOLDSWORTH, near Masterton

Saturday 19th November, 2016



Leader: Russell Poole, Forest & Bird Member

The walking track to Donnelly Flat passes through some of the best mixed podocarp/broadleaf forest in the Tararua Range and is home to a diverse range of bird and insect life. From the road end, the track passes Holdsworth Lodge over a steel bridge, which spans the Atiwhakatu Stream, and onto Donnelly Flat. This delightful glade has a couple of hectares of grass flats, a safe stream close by, picnic sites, and toilets. The track is entirely on a benched and drained gravel surface, with no river crossings.

There is an option to explore a couple of other tracks beyond Donnelly Flats.

The drive from Palmerston North to Holdsworth Lodge via Masterton is about 1.5 hours. The walk itself could take a leisurely 2-4 hours, allowing for time to identify flora and fauna.

Optional extra: Have afternoon tea in the cafe at Aratoi/Wairarapa Museum of Art and History in Masterton before returning trip to Palmerston North.

DEPART: 08.30 a.m. sharp from Palmerston North

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

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring lunch, water, raincoat/warm clothes, good footwear, walking poles (if you usually use them), binoculars - and do not forget your camera. If you have ID guides on birds, trees, insects, etc., you might want to bring them as well.

Level of fitness: medium

For more information: Contact Julia Panfylova

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FOREST & BIRD 2017 DIARIES AND CALENDARS -

These make marvellous gifts for friends and family – here in New Zealand and/or Overseas;

The advertisement features two products. The top product is the 'New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2017', which includes a cover image of a bird on a branch and a calendar grid for January 2017. The bottom product is the 'New Zealand Conservation Diary 2017', which includes a cover image of a bird and a weekly diary page. Both products are priced at \$15.00 and \$20.00 respectively, with recommended retail prices of \$17.99 and \$24.99.

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New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2017
Forest & Bird
Featuring superb photographs of our extraordinary wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers.
Weights less than 200g for economic postage.
Envelope included.

Recommended Retail Price \$17.99
Your price \$15.00

New Zealand Conservation Diary 2017
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Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.

Recommended Retail Price \$24.99
Your price \$20.00

The F&B Calendars and Diaries are available for sale at the F&B November Meeting.

If you want ensure your Calendar and/or Diary, please could you email Kevin Hanks (who is one our Calendar & Diary Coordinators this year) at kevnrob@hotmail.com

WORKING PARTIES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

SIXTUS LODGE TRUST WORKING BEE

Saturday 12 November 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join Sixtus Lodge Trust Board Members, in the foothills of the Ruahine Ranges, for their Working Bee at the Sixtus Lodge Outdoor Education Centre.

If you are interested view the [Sixtus Lodge website](http://www.sixtuslodge.co.nz/) (<http://www.sixtuslodge.co.nz/>) or phone David on 358 0926 for further information.

APOLLO BUTTERFLY PARK WORKING BEE

Sunday 13th November, 2016

Help out with a working bee to keep the **Apollo Butterfly Park** looking beautiful and the butterflies happy.

WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE

Sunday, 27th November 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This totara forest remnant forms part of the riverside walkway and the local community have been planting and weeding to enhance this beautiful area of Palmerston North.

Come and help out with a working bee that will include weeding, mulching and other general maintenance, followed by refreshments.

Meet in the park at the Buick Crescent entrance, which is next to Sharon Place. For more information, contact Rachel at rachel@inspect.net.nz

WANTED – Hosts to have traps on their Property and to service traps to control rats, stoats, and possums.

I received the letter below from Paul Horton, Te Ao Turoa Environmental Officer Tanenuiarangi Manawatu Incorporated. He is seeking people willing to host and service traps. If you are interested, please contact Paul.

*“The plan which will evolve over time is this
We (Rangitāne o Manawatū) are supporting the “predator free community initiative currently being rolled out across the country.*

We also have a major stake in the Wildbase Recovery Unit being built in the Esplanade, and we have identified, during works on the new cycleway and pending works at Te Motu o Poutoa (ANZAC Park), there are high numbers of feral pests in close proximity to the animal rehab location and blue duck and brown teal breeding unit, and there is the opportunity to create a predator free buffer zone around the Wildbase Recovery unit.

This work is further supported by recent activities undertaken by PNCC to trap predators in the esplanade and localised Eco-friendly community groups, under the umbrella of the national predator free initiative, we are adding to this network.

We are seeking like-minded people in the vicinity of the Wildbase Recovery Unit to host, and service traps, to control rats, stoats, and possums.

The Te Ao Turoa Environmental Centre operated out of the Maxwell’s Line Marae will collate the trap data for this work, and offer some level of expertise on pest biology to aid in achieving the best results for this work.

My background spans nearly 20 years in species recovery and development of best practice monitoring and control of pest predators.

Happy to discuss any aspect of this if needed.

My full contacts are below

Regards

Paul Horton



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Plaza Coffee Grounds Collection Project

Nelson Lebo is working with the plaza to organize the collection of coffee grounds for composting. During November he would like to meet with anyone interested in helping with the regular collection and composting. Contact Nelson **by email** or phone 3568199.

Manawatu Estuary Trust AGM

Saturday 19 November 2pm

The Manawatu Estuary Trust Inc. is a community conservation group dedicated to looking after the Manawatu River Estuary. Check out the feature about MET **in ECO's recent newsletter** then head along to the AGM and get involved.

Kiwi Recovery Plan

Feedback required by 27 January

The national Kiwi Recovery Plan is the all-encompassing strategy that provides clear guidance to DOC and kiwi conservation partners about the priority work required to achieve the recovery of kiwi species. A national strategic plan is a critical part of ensuring the work that is spread across many partners, five species and throughout the country is coordinated to work towards shared goals of kiwi recovery.

UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT MONTH

Forest and Bird December 2016 Monthly Meeting

This is our Annual Social Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 13th December 2016

WHERE: Esplanade Education Centre, Palmerston North Esplanade

TIME: 6.45p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Talk: To be advised

That is about all for this month - I do hope I will meet you at one of our Monthly Meetings.

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