



MANAWATU BRANCH

F&B OCTOBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 11 October, 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

PN City Library, Sound and Vision Zone,
George Street, Palmerston North

“Changing River Channels: Living with the Manawatu River”



Speaker: Dr Ian Fuller, Associate Professor in Physical Geography,
Physical Geography Group & Innovative River Solutions, Massey University

Synopsis: The Manawatu River is unique in New Zealand, being the only river to cross the ranges that divide east from west, which it does through the Manawatu Gorge. The catchment drains a diverse range of landscape terrains, including hard greywacke, and softer limestones, mudstones and sandstones.

Ian will be talking about the catchment, geology, diversity of channel types within the catchment and modification by human activity, which has changed river channels in the catchment, both directly by deliberate intervention, and indirectly through land-use change.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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F&B Manawatu 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

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