



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 OCTOBER 2016 TRIP (Overnight)

Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th October, 2016

LAKE ROTOKARE, nr. ELTHAM, TARANAKI

THERE ARE STILL SPACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR OVERNIGHT TRIP TO:



Rotokare Scenic Reserve is a stunning 230 hectare forested hill-country catchment, extensive wetlands and 17.8 hectare natural lake. This pest-free, fenced paradise is a home to iconic kiwi, extraordinary fernbirds, saddlebacks that were recently translocated from Bushy Park and many other native animals.

The approximate price for this trip is \$50 plus petrol (if you car-pool)

This includes:

- Accommodation at the Eltham Presbyterian Camp - shared rooms and cabins.
- Rotokare Project presentation and guided walk around the Rotokare Scenic Reserve
- Catered dinner
- Night Tour of the Rotokare Scenic Reserve

On Sunday, before you return to Palmerston North, you could:

- Look around the Reserve again
- Explore Stratford and/or Egmont National Park
- Visit the Tawhiti Museum at Harewa (well worth a visit)

If you are interested in going on the Trip, please register your interest with our Trip Coordinator, Julia Panfylova. Also contact Julia if you have any questions about the Trip. Email: J.Panfylova@gmail.com or ph. 021 050 5741.

P.S. Bushy Park Developing Relationship with Rotokare Scenic Reserve:

Several Bushy Park Forest & Farm Committee members, Board members and volunteers recently visited Rotokare Scenic Reserve near Eltham. Bushy Park is our nearest fenced sanctuary and we have a strengthening mutually beneficial relationship.

Many of their staff and volunteers assisted us at the time of the rat incursion into Bushy Park Sanctuary and we have previously assisted a translocation of tieke/saddleback to Rotokare. We have now also agreed to the translocation of 30 toutouwai/North Island robin to Rotokare sometime between April and July 2017.

We are pleased that the strength of Bushy Park's toutouwai population is deemed able to comfortably support the current small population at Rotokare.