



OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Hello,

F&B OCTOBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

TALK: "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

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. This 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.

ALMOST YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY

FOREST & BIRD 2017 DIARIES AND CALENDARS - NOW AVAILABLE

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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.

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The F&B Calendars and Diaries are available for sale at our Monthly Meetings until they are sold out.

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

GREEN CORRIDORS - PLANTING DAYS

Every Wednesday in October - All Day

Summerhill Drive, Palmerston North

Green Corridors runs regular volunteer planting days (half or full days) for casual volunteers most Wednesdays, in the Summerhill Drive area through winter and spring (weather dependant).

Planting often takes place along rough terrain and on hillsides so you must be physically fit.

Phone Courtney on 353 2904 or mobile 021 035 8019, or email courtney.starterplants@outlook.co.nz, by 4 pm the preceding Tuesday, if you are interested in participating.

KAHUTERAWA STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT - PLANTING WORK-PARTY

DATE: Saturday 22nd October 9.00 a.m.- 12 noon

We will plant a couple of the blocks of the Kahuterawa Stream downstream of Keeble's Bush, near the confluence with the Manawatu River. Mainly we will be planting mahoe, cabbage tree and Cyperus ustulatus. The area involves a trek through Keeble's Farm, so meet at the Pit Shed entrance, and we will convoy down in a seemly manner.

MEET: Please meet at the Sign-in book at the Pit Shed entrance to Keeble's Farm at 9.00am.

BRING: Bring a spade (if you have them), boots or heavy shoes, and a snack and drink. Long sleeves are a help as the Cyperus is scratchy and bad-tempered.

There will be no official pick-up in town, but if you need a lift out, please let Jill know and she will organise someone to collect you. CONTACT: Jill is on 358-9088 the night before.

WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE

Sunday, 30th October 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

WORK PARTY IN THE RANGITIKEI

Sat 5th Nov and/or Sunday 6th November, 2016

Join Sally, and the team, for Saturday (or the whole weekend) to plant eco-sourced native trees at a privately owned river terrace bush remnant near Rangiwahia.

For more information: Contact Sally - Ph:021 256 9641 sallypearce@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM FOREST AND BIRD NATIONAL OFFICE

Forest and Bird National Office is moving location in December



<http://www.stuff.co.nz/oddstuff/84294674/tui-sculpture-felt-the-wind-beneath-her-wings-when-craned-down-from-forest--birds-roof>

Tui sculpture felt the wind beneath her wings when craned down from Forest & Bird's roof Izzy, the large tui sculpture that has enjoyed a birds-eye view over Wellington's Victoria and Ghuznee streets for the past 10 years, has taken to the sky.

Forest & Bird, the environmental organisation which organised for Izzy to be built in 2006 by artists associated with Weta Workshop, is relocating about 50 metres up Victoria St in the next few weeks. Izzy had to be craned down from her perch as the current Forest & Bird building would soon be demolished and replaced by apartment buildings.

Forest & Bird campaigns and advocacy manager Kevin Hackwell said it took six workers, including the crane driver, about an hour to lower Izzy to safety. She weighed 200 kilograms and was about four metres long and two metres high, Hackwell said Hackwell was there when Izzy was first lifted onto the roof 10 years ago, and said it was fascinating watching her get craned back down again.

"She is a good flyer; she attracted a small crowd of fans."

Izzy will spend the next few months in storage until Forest & Bird has raised enough money on PledgeMe for her to resume her rightful place looking over the Victoria St footpath.

STUFF – Megan Gattey, September 15 2016



Kiwis for Kiwi Fundraisers

<https://www.kiwisforkiwi.org/>

Kiwis for kiwi is the trading name and call to action of The *Kiwis for Kiwi Trust* - a fully independent charity, officially launched in October 2012 to protect kiwi and their natural habitat with the support of all New Zealanders. Kiwis for kiwi is carrying on the years of dedicated work by BNZ Save the Kiwi Trust, to help protect kiwi and the places they live.

At Kiwis for kiwi, we know that if New Zealanders come together and we all play our own part, we can change the fate of kiwi and secure their future. What better way to do that than getting together with friends, family or colleagues, enjoying some good food and having some fun? The website <https://www.kiwisforkiwi.org/home/> tells you what's on and what famous New Zealanders are supporting this campaign

This year there will be two fun events in Levin to raise funds to save New Zealand's Kiwi birds from extinction. There will be a:

“Great Kiwi Morning Tea”

Date: Saturday 15 October

When: 10 am start

Where: 72 Lindsay Road, Levin

Cost: \$10 per person but bring some extra money for raffles

Coffee, tea, food, and fun will be provided. Children welcomed and there will be games for everyone plus a quiz

RSVP It is essential to register by 12 October, that you are coming for catering numbers.

Contact: Debbie Waldin on cell 027 7822377

Great Kiwibird Scavenger Hunt

Date: Sunday 16 October

When: 10 am start

Where: Koputaroa Hall, Koputaroa road, Levin

Cost: \$20 per carload

This is a fun event for families or friends. It covers about 40 kilometres of driving around Levin and has fun & interesting things to spot and do along the way. Great for kids!

Major Prize is a trip for 2 to Kapiti Island.

Sausage sizzle, fun quiz, many spot prizes on the day.

RSVP: First in first served. Limited to the first 20 registered.

Get in quick and buy your golden kiwi ticket!!

Contact: Danni Fa’au on cell 021 825441

NEWS FROM BUSHY PARK



Peter Frost and Ben Goldsworthy putting up one of the 40 hihi nest boxes throughout the forest, ready for the coming breeding season. Within minutes they were being checked out by inquisitive hihi, and already some have nests being built.

The Hihi Story: Watch a short clip on the story of the recovery of the NZ's hihi population with help from Bushy Park Sanctuary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny00imxZWxg>

(This film clip is well worth a watch)

Ratanui – A Precious Heritage:

Sincere thanks to the Wanganui North Rotary Club for completing new seating and a viewing deck around one of the largest rata in New Zealand located in Bushy Park Sanctuary. Peter Frost has recently measured the tree – circumference of 11.7 m which equates to a diameter of 3.7 m, with an estimated height of 36-39 m. The seating will ensure visitors quietly experience the majesty of our 600 – 1000 year old heritage tree.

UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT MONTH

Forest and Bird NOVEMBER 2016 Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 8th November, 2016

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



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

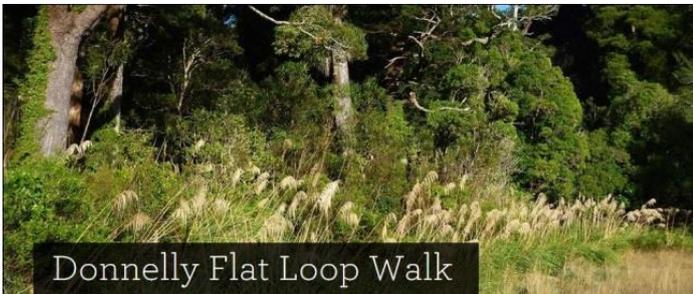
Photo: Udo von Mulert

Speaker: Russell Poole, Chair Green Corridors

F&B November Trip

Donnelly Flats, Mt. Holdsworth, Wairarapa

Saturday 19th November, 2016



The walking track to Donnelly Flat passes through some of the best mixed podocarp/broadleaf forest in the Tararua Range. Rimu, miro and northern rata tower over a canopy of kamahi, red beech and silver beech



As this month is **Save the Kiwi Month**, please enjoy this photo:

This Stewart Island tokoeka was out on a midnight beach walk when this opportune photo was taken.

The Stewart Island Kiwi enjoy a diet of ‘surf and turf’. On the beach they look for sand hoppers and other creatures that live in the sand.

I found the image on Facebook.

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

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