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AMENDED PROGRAMME F&B SEPTEMBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING Tuesday, 13th September, 2016 @ 7.00 p.m.

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

MEET THE HORIZON REGIONAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES

F&B have invited the Horizon's Candidates to answer some questions prior to our Monthly Meeting. This is your opportunity to meet the Candidates and ask your own questions. Candidates will speak at 7.15 p.m.

WE WILL FOLLOW WITH OUR EVENING TALK

"Exploring Coastal Fiordland from Preservation Inlet to Doubtful Sound"



Speaker: Vince Neall, Emeritus Professor in Earth Science

Vince will be talking to us about his trip around Fiordland, a beautiful remote, and not often visited, part of New Zealand. He will talk about his boat trip, the geology, the biodiversity and a bit of history of the area.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

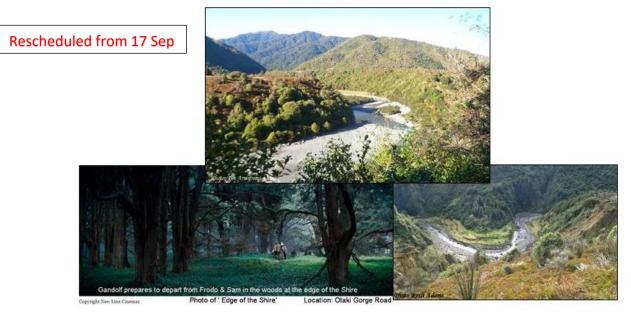
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F&B SEPTEMBER 2016 TRIP SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

"EXPLORING THE OTAKI GORGE AND OTAKI FORKS"



This trip is part of Dept. of Conservation's Conservation Week

Leader: Ian Cooksley, DoC (Retired)

Join us to explore the Otaki Gorge Road, lunch at Otaki Forks and walk one of the tracks around Otaki Forks.

Ian will guide us on our journey giving us a history of the Otaki Gorge as we go.

Maybe we can also find the area filmed as the "Outer Shire" woods in the "Lord of the Ring" films. After lunch there will be an opportunity to walk one of several tracks leading from the carpark. We expect to be back in Palmerston North by 5.00 p.m.

Meet/Depart:Palmerston North08.30 a.m. (Sharp)Palmerston North:Car pool – meet on Church St, opposite
Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).
If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver.

OR: 09.45 a.m. **Otaki - car park on left, south of Otaki river bridge** (just before Otaki Gorge Road). Please advise Julia Panfylova if you will be meeting us there.

What to bring: Please bring lunch, water, raincoat/warm clothes, stout footwear and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

About the trip: Otaki Gorge and Forks are 18 km inland from Otaki township – approx. 1¼ hour drive from Palmerston North. The first 13 km are asphalted, and the last 5 km is unsealed, narrow and winding.

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