



## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Hello,

Our start time for our September has been **changed to 7.00 p.m.**, because we have invited the Horizon's Regional Council Candidates to the meeting. Please see below

### **F&B SEPTEMBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING**

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 @ 7.00 p.m.**

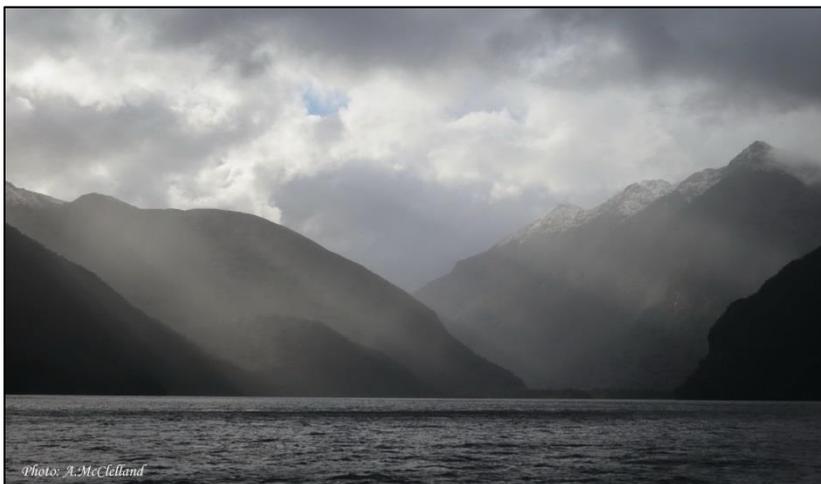
PN City Library, Sound and Vision Zone,  
George Street, Palmerston North

### **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.**

### **OUR EVENING TALK WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER**

**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**

## **F&B SEPTEMBER, 2016 TRIP**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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 North 0830 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: 0945 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:** It is 18 km inland from Otaki township – approx. 1¼ hour drive from Palmerston North. The first 13km. are asphalted, and the last 5km. is unsealed, narrow and winding.

For more information:

Contact Julia Panfylova Email: [J.Panfylova@gmail.com](mailto:J.Panfylova@gmail.com) Phone: 021 050 5741

**THERE ARE STILL SPACES AVAILABLE FOR OUR OVERNIGHT TRIP TO:**

**LAKE ROTOKARE, nr. ELTHAM, TARANAKI**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**



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](mailto:J.Panfylova@gmail.com) or ph. 021 050 75741.

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**CONSERVATION WEEK - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**



Go to: [www.ConservationWeek.org.nz](http://www.ConservationWeek.org.nz)

for further information and a full list of events in the Palmerston North, the region and further afield.

## **FOREST & BIRD 2017 DIARIES AND CALENDARS - NOW AVAILABLE**

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



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**New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2017**

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Featuring superb photographs of our extraordinary wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers.  
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Recommended Retail Price **Your price**  
\$24.99 **\$20.00**

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.

The F&B Calendars and Diaries are available for sale at our Monthly Meeting 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](mailto:kevnrob@hotmail.com)

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## **WORKING PARTIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **GREEN CORRIDORS - PLANTING DAYS**

#### **Every Wednesday in September- 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](mailto:courtney.starterplants@outlook.co.nz), by 4 pm the preceding Tuesday, if you are interested in participating.

#### **Planting Day: Green Corridors**

#### **Sun 18 September 9.30am-12.30pm**

Green Corridors invites volunteers to join a Planting Day in Titoki Reserve. Sponsorship is by Ricoh, corporate partner of Green Corridors over the past eight years

### **WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE**

#### **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:rachel@inspect.net.nz)

## **NEWS FROM FOREST AND BIRD NATIONAL OFFICE**

### **NZ Plant Conservation awards**

Do you know of someone doing a great job of protecting New Zealand native plants? New Zealand Plant Conservation Network is seeking nominations for its annual awards, which acknowledge outstanding contributions to native plant conservation.

The award categories are for an individual, a community group, a plant nursery, a school, a young plant conservationist (under 18 years as of June 30, 2016), and a council.

Nominations close on Sunday 18th September. People can contact Catherine Beard at [cbeard@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cbeard@doc.govt.nz) or go to the NZPCN website [www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz).

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## **OTHER NEWS FROM DoC**

### **DOC has confirmed further Battle for our Birds pest control areas in South Island forests.**

The Department of Conservation has confirmed further Battle for our Birds pest control areas due to rising rodent numbers in South Island forests.

Forest seeding in autumn has fuelled a surge in rat and mouse numbers, which will cause a stoat plague and put vulnerable populations of our already threatened native birds, bats and snails at high risk this spring.

August monitoring results show that rodents have reached threshold levels for damage to native species at seven proposed priority sites under close watch. These are the Beresford Range in Southland, Eglinton, Kepler, lower Hollyford and Waitutu in Fiordland and Haast (true left) and Te Maruia on the West Coast

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2016/more-battle-for-our-birds-sites-confirmed/>

### **Moana, the northern royal albatross and star DOC's royal cam has left Pukekura/Taiaroa Head.**

Moana, the northern royal albatross and star of the Department of Conservation's (DOC) royal cam, has left Pukekura/Taiaroa Head on a long sea voyage.

Today Moana fledged, which means she left her nest to fly towards South American waters and will spend 4-10 years at sea, after which she may eventually return to Taiaroa Head to breed and raise a chick.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2016/web-cam-albatross-leaves-taiaroa-head/>

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**The Great Kererū Count** starts on  
**Friday 16th of September until Sunday 25th of September.**



**The Great Kererū Count** is the largest national citizen science project to help gather information on the abundance and distribution of the New Zealand Pigeon — also known as **kererū**, **kūkū** or **kūkupa**.

The **Great Kererū Count** starts on Friday 16th of September and runs through until Sunday 25th of September. We need everyone in New

Zealand out **counting kererū** from the top of the North Island to the bottom of Stewart Island. So get ready to get out and about and make your **kererū** count.

For more information go to: <http://greatkererucount.nz/>

**BEE AWARENESS MONTH - THE GREAT KIWI BEE COUNT**  
**25<sup>th</sup> August – 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/83627978/the-great-kiwi-bee-count-we-need-to-look-after-bees>



Gardeners and school children are being invited to run the very first "citizen science" survey of bee numbers in New Zealand.

*NZ Gardener* magazine, Stuff.co.nz and scientists from Plant & Food Research have teamed up to run The Great Kiwi Bee Count, intended to provide a base line for generations of research into the bees that are responsible for pollinating a third of everything we eat and drink.

Throughout September, Kiwis young and old are encouraged to get into their gardens, parks or neighbourhood – preferably on a sunny day – pick a plant, and count how many bees they see. They can then record the results on [stuff.co.nz/greatkiwibee-count](http://stuff.co.nz/greatkiwibee-count). The data gathered from across New Zealand over the month will help scientists work out the state of bee health and numbers in the country, and provide a baseline figure for a future "bee census".

**Keep NZ Beautiful Clean Up**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> & Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Join local Rubbish Hero Tom in cleaning up the streets and green areas of our city. Let's make Palmy proud and ensure our places to play are awesome for everyone to enjoy. Can we collect all the local litter and put Tom out of a job?

## **Drive Electric Week**

**10-18 September:**

Four local events are organised by The Better NZ Trust who are working together with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) to promote International Drive Electric Week in New Zealand.

EECA is promoting electric vehicles in New Zealand as part of the Government's electric vehicles programme; EVs take advantage of New Zealand's renewable electricity and create 80% fewer CO2 emissions than a petrol or diesel car.

Find out more about EVs at one of the following events throughout the week of 10-18 September please go to this link: <http://enm.org.nz/event/drive-electric-week-activities?eID=744>

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## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS**

NZ Landcare Trust's Inventory of Citizen Science Projects, Programmes, Resources and Learning Opportunities in NZ is now online. The document, which provides the most comprehensive and up to date information about citizen science in New Zealand, can be downloaded from the Trust's [citizen science project web page](#)

### **Envirofest Volunteers Wanted**

Want to help with EnviroFest? Gain work experience and meet great people? PNCET are keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer at EnviroFest, a three week festival of all things environmental in Palmerston North, running from 2-23rd October 2016. PNCET needs help with various event co-ordination tasks, and can write testimonials for volunteers. [Email PNCET](#) if you keen to be involved.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT MONTH**

### **Forest and Bird OCTOBER 2016 Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

**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. This diversity of terrains is reflected in a diversity of channel types within the catchment, as well as a range of erosion sources that contribute sediment to the river. The river is characterised not only by a diversity of channel forms, but also a propensity for channel change. In turn, these natural tendencies to adjust its position have been modified by human activity, which has changed river channels in the catchment both directly by deliberate intervention and indirectly through land-use change.

### **Envirofest - Mark it on the Calendar Now!**

**EnviroFest runs from 2-23rd October.**

There will be three weeks of activities and events for everyone, from talks and films to making breadboards and organic cooking lessons. Discover Palmy's Green Corridors, hear the Councils ideas for 2050 or find out what Horizons do. Learn how to write submissions, repair clothes, mountain bike and more. The success of the event depends on you, so please come and support the best new festival in town. Check out all the events on [PNCET's website](#) or the [Envirofest Facebook Page](#).

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

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