

## MANAWATU BRANCH MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

Sound and Vision Centre, Palmerston North City Library,  
George Street, Palmerston North

### “Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project”



**Speaker:** Dean Richards, Conservationist

Dean will talk about his role with the Macquarie Island Pest Eradication Project. Macquarie Island is a very special and unique place. It is the only island in the world composed entirely of oceanic crust and rocks from the earth's mantle. Over the past 200 years, a number of alien invertebrates, mammal and bird species have been introduced to Macquarie Island. Some have had serious impacts on the island's native flora and fauna.

A major project to remove the last remaining mammal species - rabbits, ship rats and mice was undertaken between 2007 and 2014. In April 2014, after nearly three years of monitoring with no sign of surviving individual rabbits, rats or mice, the project was declared a success.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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## F&B JUNE 2017 TRIP

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017

### MANA ISLAND



**SOME SPACES ARE  
NOW AVAILABLE\*\***

Mana Island has an incredible living spirit. It boasts shelter to many living insects, reptiles, birds, plant life, and in its surrounding waters, the abundant sea life. The Island's giant weta, *deinacrida rugosa* is believed to be the world's heaviest insect. The MacGregor Skink can be found in the shingle about the beaches and the gold stripe gecko can be found in the flaxes in the wetland. There are 39 bird species on the island, which are given the extra change of survival in their rodent-free domain. The endangered Cooks scurvy grass, ngaio, taupata, manuka, kanuka as

**No: of Places available:** 24 To Register and for more information:

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**\*\* SOME PLACES HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, PLEASE EMAIL JULIA AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT MANA ISLAND.**

**Cost: \$60** (\$50 for Friends of Mana Island members) No other discounts!

The trip is weather dependent and may be cancelled the day before – full refund or rebooking if this happens.

We will be guided by one of the Friends of Mana Island team.

**Depart:** 06.45 a.m. – sharp from Palmerston North  
(need to be at Mana Marina at 8.30 a.m. for a 9.00 a.m. boat departure)  
Return to Palmerston North approx.. 6.00 p.m.  
(Leave Mana Island to the Mainland: 3.00-4.00 p.m.)

**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.

**Children are welcome:** They will get more from the visit if they are used to walking as it's quite a good climb to the top of the island. However, you will need to bring a lifejacket for your baby or toddler (up to 3 years old)

**What to bring:** Water, snacks and lunch, stout footwear and raincoat (in case). Also, if you usually use walking poles, please bring them. Be prepared for heat, cold, sun, wind and rain. Mana Island is very exposed and the weather changes quickly.

**There is a Biosecurity check before you are allowed on the Island –**

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/visiting-pest-free-islands/>