



## MARCH 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Tues, 14th March, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

PNCC Library, Sound and Vision Zone, George Street entrance

### TALK: 'Field studies and conservation of Antarctic and New Zealand penguins'



**Speaker:** Dr John Cockrem, Professor of Comparative Endocrinology, Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Massey University

Dr Cockrem will describe field studies of Adelie and emperor penguins in Antarctica, and of kororā (little penguins) at Oamaru in the South Island. Kororā are declining around the New Zealand coast.

He will consider the conservation status and current threats to kororā, particularly, in relation to a proposal for sand mining off the south Taranaki Coast.

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**Kevin Hague, F&B Chief Executive**, will be attending the March Meeting and will give a short talk, prior to Dr. Cockram's talk.

This is an opportunity to meet F&B new Chief Executive.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

## MANAWATU BRANCH

### MARCH 2017 MONTHLY TRIP

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

### MATAI SOMES ISLAND in Wellington Harbour -

To learn about the penguin monitoring programme with Mike Rumble, a Penguin specialist.



**Depart:** Palmerston North at 07.30 a.m.

**Depart:** from Day's Bay on 1030 a.m. ferry (car parking is available)

The itinerary on the island could include:

- PowerPoint talk in the Caretakers Cottage (ideal if it is damp/wet)
- Visit two penguin areas
- Meet Mena a DOC-certified penguin detection dog and watch her in action
- Depart on mid-afternoon ferry (around 3.00 p.m.)

**COST:** \$10 per person for the guided trip (discount applies depending on numbers.)

e.g. If the group is 20+ it will cost \$5 per person)

- Ferry return fare: Adults: \$23: Students \$19: Kids \$12 and Super Gold card holders - free.
- If you car-pool petrol costs should be shared.

**To book** on this trip and for information:

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

#### **NOTE: Visiting pest free island:**

Clean and check your gear for unwanted pests to help keep the islands in the Bay of Islands, Hauraki Gulf, Wellington, Marlborough Sounds and other areas pest-free.

#### **Protect our wildlife**

- Check - your gear for pests, e.g. rodents, insects, skinks
- Clean - footwear and gear, removing soil and seeds
- Seal - ensure your gear is zipped up (no open bags)

When you arrive on a pest-free island, you may be met by rangers to recheck your gear.

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