



## MARCH 2025 MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30 p.m.**

PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

(will be streamed via zoom – see below for the link)

**Talk:** “The spade-toothed whale and other beaked whales:  
A deep dive into the lives of these elusive mammals.”

**Speakers:** Anton van Helden, DOC Senior Marine Science Advisor



Anton Van Helden, DOC Senior Marine Science Advisor will talk about the history of the discovery of the world’s rarest whale, the spade toothed whale, and how we interpret the extreme lives of these and other deep diving beaked whale species.

The talk will discuss the first ever dissection of a spade-toothed whale, *Onumia*, the whale that stranded at Taiari Mouth in July 2024, undertaken in partnership with Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou.

**Zoom Link:** [Zoom Link: https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/81802551583?pwd=eZ1sH9Vw038KqbYusGpZh40l2VVyI5.1](https://forestandbird-org-nz.zoom.us/j/81802551583?pwd=eZ1sH9Vw038KqbYusGpZh40l2VVyI5.1)

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