



NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2023 Monthly talk

Tuesday 14th November, 2023 @ 7.30 p.m
PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: Bushy Park Sanctuary

Speakers: Keith Beautrais, Bushy Park



Many of you will have visited Bushy Park Sanctuary, but if you have not been there recently there have been many changes.

Keith will talk about the work being done within the Sanctuary, restoration of the buildings and the recently introduced bird species.

The Branch is organising a bus trip to Bushy Park on 25th November. Contact the Branch if you are interested in going –

Manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

If you would like to stay in touch, please sign up to our Mailing list on our website: www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz

The Forest Sanctuary - Bushy Park Tarapuruhi BUS TRIP DATE: Saturday 25th November, 2023

F&B Manawatū are offering an opportunity for a guided tour around the Forest Sanctuary and an optional cream tea in the Homestead

COST: Approx. \$30 per person. This is dependent on the number of people who sign up. Also, an option for a cream tea \$15



FOREST SANCTUARY - A Forest & Bird Project

The 89 hectare Bushy Park Tarapuruhi forest is a Forest & Bird Project. It is a rare example of North Island temperate lowland forest. Lowland forests such as Bushy Park historically harboured the largest and most diverse communities of native and endemic plants and animals. Bushy Park Tarapuruhi is unusual in that it survived (most lowland forest was clear felled) and it is relatively unmodified, i.e. there has been no logging or burning of the main forest. It was also fenced to exclude domestic livestock in the mid/early 1900s. The site has the strongest protection from introduced mammals that can currently be delivered on the mainland.

If you would like to go on the bus trip, please email

Manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

- Giving you name
- How many in your party

- Contact phone number
- Let us know if you just want the bus trip or bus trip and cream tea.

Dept. Time: 9.00 a.m. sharp

Parking Location: To be advised

Program: After morning cream tea, a guided tour of the Reserve, then free time until bus departs at 3.00 p.m. Expected arrival time in Palmerston North 4.30p.m.

Fitness Level: moderate (well-formed tracks, but some of the Reserve is up and down)

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



Introducing: Bird of the Century

<https://www.birdoftheyear.org.nz>



Forget Bird of the Year. In 2023, the stakes are even higher.

This year, voters are not just electing their Bird of the Year.

The world's favourite avian election will be themed to celebrate our 100th birthday, we're searching for the bird that has captured New Zealanders' hearts over the last century.

Seventy-five brilliant bird species are candidates in this year's competition. This includes five extinct species added to the running for the first time ever.

New Zealand's extinction record is devastating. The five extinct birds in this year's competition are a heartbreaking reminder of the incredible biodiversity we've lost.

Eighty-two percent of our living native bird species are threatened or at risk of extinction. We cannot let any more end up with the tragic fate of the laughing owl or the huia.

Vote carefully – this year the winner is not just Bird of the Year, but Bird of the Century!

Voting for Bird of the Century will open:

9am on Monday 30 October 2023 and run for two weeks, closing at 5pm on Sunday 12 November 2023.

The winner will be announced the following morning on Monday 13 November 2023.

Centennial Speaker Series: The true damage of invasive species

When: Wednesday 22 November, 7.30pm

This webinar will examine biosecurity from the global to the local level, including what you can do to improve biosecurity. Presenter, Dr Philip Hulme is a distinguished professor of Plant Biosecurity at Lincoln University, who has published more than 160 academic papers in international journals. He will present about his four years of work, with 143 country members, on the first global assessment of invasive alien species and their control.

The report highlights the huge impact invasive species have on food security, human health, and the environment. Dr Hulme will discuss biosecurity in the context of Aotearoa New Zealand and share some things that we can all do to identify backyard invasive species threats and slow their spread.

Register for this webinar via the button below:

[Register for this webinar here](#)

F&B MANAWATŪ BRANCH CELEBRATED 65 YEARS AS SECTION/BRANCH

On 10th October, Manawatū members celebrated 65 years as a Section/Branch in the Manawatū.

- F&B Manawatū was established, as a Section of F&B National, on 6 May 1958, according to F&B Executive minutes. The first meeting was in a barrister's office overlooking Te Marae o Hine -The Square, Palmerston North.
- The F&B Manawatū Section requested permission from F&B Council to

be accorded the status as a F&B Branch. This was granted at the Council meeting 18th Nov 1972 with immediate effect.

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**Photos from F&B Manawātū
65th Birthday Celebration**



Past & Present Chairs
Brent Barret: 2006-2010
Anthea McClelland: 2014 –
Viv McGlynn: 1999 -2003
Chris Saunders: 1984 -1987



Chris Saunders & Viv McGlynn cutting the cake



Alison Ballance – Guest Speaker
Anthea McClelland

Photos: Paul Vandenberg

Working Bee at Rangitikei Forest Remnant

When: Saturday 4th November, 2023

(If Saturday's weather forecast is bad, Sunday 5th is back up day)

Join Sally and the team for a community weeding bee at an old growth forest remnant on private land near Mangaweka.

Weeding will include cutting out sycamore saplings and other weeds and applying herbicide gel to prevent regrowth. Gloves and tools can be provided, as well as good company, snacks and hot drinks!

Fitness: A reasonable level of fitness is required

Carpooling may be available.

If interested please contact Sally by Wed Nov 1st, to register or find out more.
Email sallylpearce@yahoo.com or call 021 256 9641.

County Fayre Incorporated

Pohangina Downhill Walk

Saturday 11th November 2023

8:00am – 2:00pm

Take a shuttle bus ride to the top of Ridge Road for an easy walk down The Branch Road Walkway through 6kms of native bush and farmland back to the Pohangina township and to the County Fayre, where a light lunch awaits you (all included in price).

Buses leave County Fayre every 45 minutes at the following times:

8:00am; 8:45am; 9:30am; 10:15am; 11:00am; 11:45am

Time slots must be booked, please advise when booking which time you would prefer, we will try to accommodate you.

YOU MUST BOOK and PRE-PAY for this event

**To book your ticket email:
countyfayre@inspire.net.nz**

Adults \$30, Children \$15 (5 to 15yr),
Family \$100 (2 Adults & 4 Children), under 5's free

NO Dogs or Pushchairs/Prams allowed on the track

County Fayre is run by local volunteers for the benefit of the beautiful Pohangina Valley, your support is very much appreciated

COUNTY FAYRE
976 Finnis Rd
Pohangina
14km from Ashhurst

Find us on 

BUSH RESTORATION AND TRAPPING WORKSHOP

When: Thursday 16th November @ 10.00 a.m.

RSVP by Monday 13th November – for catering (light lunch supplied by MRCC)

email: Fiona Burke coordinatormrcc@gmail.com



POHANGINA CATCHMENT DIVERSITY WORKSHOP



Bush Restoration and Trapping

November 16th 10am

607 Finnis Road

Brought to you by: Manawatu River Catchment Collective,
Horizons Diversity Team and Ian Rasmussen

Bush Restoration

Identify primary plants for your environment. How to grow, protect and encourage natural restoration. Repair, rebuild and reinstate damaged native bushland so that it will become self-sustaining. Re-establishing the natural ecosystem by increasing the diversity of plants and animals. Includes weed identification and control.

Find out how to make trapping work for you – Ian Rasmussen to share all his tips and tricks!

How to ensure the best results with your traps. Identify target species to control, positioning of traps, types of traps, baits to use and a few 'expert' tips to entice prey into your trap!



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Regular Working Bees - Get your hands dirty!

[Dune Garden Working Bee](#)

[Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native
trees.

[A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced

[Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

[Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary
Trust](#)

Consultations - Have your Say

Palmerston North City Council

1. Have your say on our proposal for safer speeds

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/Participate-Palmy/Have-your-say/Have-your-say-on-our-proposal-for-safer-speeds-in-Palmerston-North>

Submissions closing on 31 October 2023, 04:00 PM

We're committed to keeping everyone safe on our roads, so you and your whanāu can get to where you want to go safely. To achieve this, we want your feedback on our proposal to change the speed limits in some parts of our city.

2. We're asking your views on keeping animals and bees in Palmy

Open for feedback until Wednesday 15 November, 2023

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/Participate-Palmy/Have-your-say/Keeping-animals-and-bees-in-Palmy>

The bylaw sets controls for keeping animals and bees on private properties. It helps us protect the community from nuisances like loud noises or bad smells. It also addresses health and safety concerns.

It only applies to kept or 'owned' animals, not to animals which are 'wild', or feral.

The bylaw includes specific controls for: cats/stock/poultry/pigs / bees.

3. We're asking your views on keeping dogs in Palmy

Open for feedback until Wednesday 15 November.

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/Participate-Palmy/Have-your-say/Keeping-dogs-in-Palmy>

We're reviewing our Dog Control Policy. We regularly review it to ensure the controls we have in place in are fit for purpose and meet community needs. To help us make sure we have all the information we need, we're asking for your feedback as part of the process.

The policy outlines the obligations and responsibilities of dog owners. It covers dogs on private property and dogs in public areas.

The Dog Control Policy specifies where you can and can't walk your dog,

where dogs must be on a leash, and where they can be free.

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Oranga Wai | Our Freshwater Future

<https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/oranga-wai>

Oranga Wai | Our Freshwater Future is Horizons Regional Council's way to ensure you can learn about and be involved in some key changes to freshwater management in our region.

These changes began when central government launched its Essential Freshwater package in 2020, which requires us to revise our regional policies. The package and associated work are designed to help everyone prevent further damage to waterways, lakes and streams, and get water bodies and ecosystems back to or maintained at a healthy state.

For Horizons, this involves various rounds of engagement, and working with tangata whenua and other stakeholders, before notifying a change to the [One Plan](#), our guide to managing natural resources in our region.

Past F&B Magazine Snippets

I will from time to time include some snippets from the past F&B magazines. This snippet shows that nothing very much has changed.

A PLEA FOR NEW ZEALAND FOR NEW ZEALAND
Part of an article in the F&B magazine, issue 6, 01 Sept, 1924



The New Zealand Native Bird Protection Society will welcome all observations on the destruction of vermin in relation to our native birds, but let it be remembered

- Cats kill rats
- Weasels kill rats
- Hawks kill rats and weasels,
- But that ground vermin invariably prefer birds

I do hope I shall see you at our November monthly talk – Until next time

Anthea

Anthea McClelland

Chair

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