



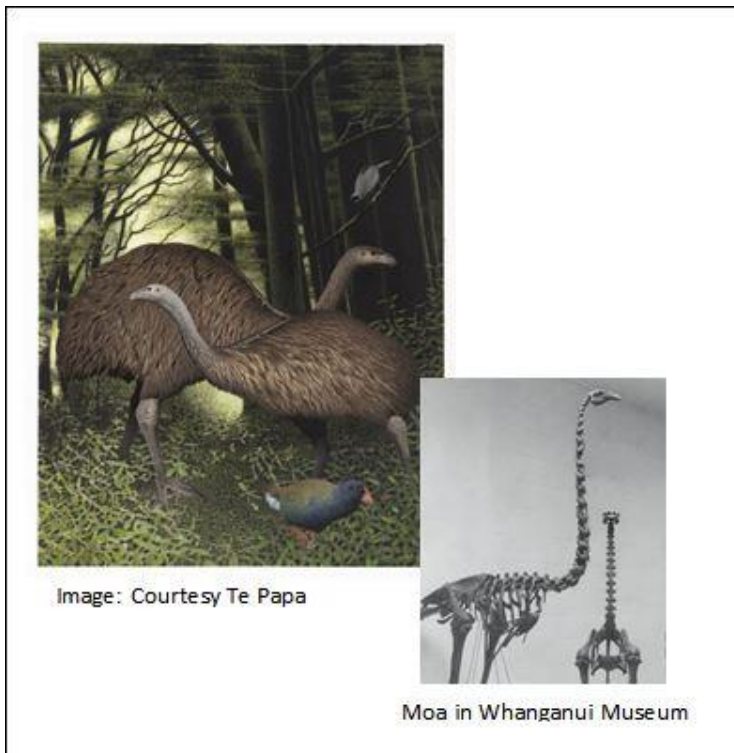
JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

Forest and Bird Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 12th July, 2016 @ 7.30 p.m.

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

“Mighty Moa of the Manawatū



SPEAKER: Dr Mike Dickison

Curator of Natural History, Whanganui Regional Museum

It sounds "a bit Jurassic Park", but Trevor Mallard said scientists had been making progress on techniques for using recovered DNA from extinct animals to reconstruct new life. He suggested that moa could be roaming around New Zealand again in 50–100 years.

Is that really possible?

What would we need to do if we wanted to resurrect moa, and should we?

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

F&B JULY 2016 TRIP

**For our July trip we are going further afield – to:
PAENGAROA SCENIC RESERVE, MATAROA, near Taihape**

Saturday 16th July, 2016

Paengaroa Reserve is a special place for plants. It has a remarkable concentration of rare species and the greatest concentration of divaricating plants for any similar sized area in New Zealand making it a botanical treasure trove.



Photos: from the web

Leader: Vivienne McGlynn, Forest & Bird Member

Moa ate Divaricating plants. What is a divaricating plant?

Come to the talk (on 12th July), then do the walk.

Join us on a divaricating trip to a gem of a forest remnant in the heart of the Rangitikei, Paengaroa Scenic Reserve, where divaricating plants rule.

We'll be kindly hosted by a guardian of Paengaroa Michael Hutchins, who lives nearby and who has offered his house for our lunch stop, complete with a commanding view of Ruapehu, and a guided tour around his sustainable lifestyle.

Depart: 08.30 a.m. sharp from Palmerston North
or 10.15 a.m. sharp at Taihape public toilets

Meet: **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: **Taihape:** meet at the public toilets by 10.00 a.m (Please contact Julia if you want to meet at Taihape)

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.

For more information: Contact Julia Panfylova Email: J.Panfylova@gmail.com

Phone: 021 050 5741

FOREST & BIRD 2017 DIARIES AND CALENDARS



The image shows two promotional cards for Forest & Bird products. The top card is for the 'New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2017'. It features a bird on a branch, a calendar grid for January 2017, and text describing the product. The bottom card is for the 'New Zealand Conservation Diary 2017'. It features a bird in flight, a diary page, and text describing the product.

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New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2017

Forest & Bird
SUPPORTING
SUSTAINABLE
LIVING NATURE
& BIRDS

Featuring superb photographs of our extraordinary wildlife and wilderness habitats taken by some of our leading nature photographers.
Weights less than 200g for economic postage.
Envelope included.

January 2017

Recommended Retail Price \$17.99
Your price \$15.00

New Zealand Conservation Diary 2017

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.

Recommended Retail Price \$24.99
Your price \$20.00

The F&B Calendars and Diaries will be available for sale from our August 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

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT AT OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

We are looking for volunteers to help the Committee to setup and meet and greet at our Monthly Meetings. This will be done a roster basis. It would require volunteers to be at the Library by 7.00 p.m. on the night they are rostered.

There will be a sign-up sheet at our meetings. Your help would be appreciated.

FOREST AND BIRD 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

A brief summary of this year's AGM/Conference

This year's theme was 'Youth'

One session was the '**Forum of Future NZ Leaders**' to spark and inspire us. We heard from five inspirational finalists from Wellington region Sir Peter Blake Young Environmentalists 2015 – the forum was for them to discuss about, what in the environment concerns them and, how Forest & Bird can become more relevant for the youth of tomorrow.

The other speakers were:

- **GUY RYAN, YOUNG NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR FOR 2015,**
"Imagine if every young New Zealander unleashed their potential to change the world"
- **ASSOC. PROF BRONWYN HAYWARD**
"Dutiful, disruptive and dangerous dissent: Understanding youth engagement with climate change."

Bronwyn is Head of Department of Political Science at UC and co-researcher at the University of Oslo on the Voices of the Future project. Bronwyn was lead author for

two reports for the UN's Environment Programme's global survey of the attitudes of 18-35 year olds to their lifestyles and sustainability (for UK and NZ).

- **MONICA PETERS** –Waikato University “**Volunteering for nature, volunteering for science**”
- **GEOFF KEY** – Forest & Bird: Climate - A Global Issue, and how to have an impact at a local level. Making Climate Disruption and Climate Issues relevant to branch activities. He took a couple of case areas – show how climate change will impact on coast, on biodiversity, on forests, and explore how branches at a local level can make a significant impact.

Geoff Key will be bringing the F&B Climate Change Road Show to Palmerston North later this year.

- **ANTON VAN HELDEN** gave the Sanderson Memorial address ‘On the success of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary’ at the Sanderson Memorial Dinner on Saturday evening.

FOREST AND BIRD 2016-17 BOARD MEMBERS



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Brent Barrett, Graham Bellamy, Kate Graeme, Tony Dunlop, James Muir
John Oates, Mark Hanger, Andre Cutler (President), Lindsey Britton

HŌNE MCGREGOR RESIGNS



Forest & Bird President Andrew Cutler says he has accepted the resignation of the organisation's Chief Executive Officer Hōne McGregor. Mr McGregor will stay at the helm of Forest & Bird until mid-August.

“Since Hōne took up the position of CEO at Forest & Bird in 2013 he has made a very significant contribution to the development of our organisation.

Among his many achievements are strong financial

performance, helping develop and initiate a new strategic plan, and guiding significant improvements to our business and planning processes.”

Hōne moves on to continue his work with Wakatu Inc, Kono Foods, the hapu-based wetlands trust Manawatu Kuku Tauaki Ngati Henemata, and his family lands in the Hawke’s Bay and Manawatu regions.

WORKING PARTIES FOR JULY

GREEN CORRIDORS - PLANTING DAYS

Every Wednesday in July- 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, by 4 pm the preceding Tuesday, if you are interested in participating.

WAITOETOE PARK – WORKING BEE

Sunday, 31st July 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

UPCOMING EVENT NEXT MONTH

Forest and Bird August 2016 Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 9th August, 2016

Talk: “Declining whitebait: what has gone wrong and how we can save them”

Speaker: Stella McQueen, Native Fish Geek



Photo: Stella McQueen

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We have planned an over-night trip – the first for quite a while – we are going to:

LAKE ROTOKARE, nr. ELTHAM, TARANAKI
Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th October, 2016
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



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 by 15th August. Also contact Julia if you have any questions about the Trip. Email: J.Panfylova@gmail.com or ph. 021 050 5741.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The call of the Huia

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/201800304/sound-archives-the-huia>

Sarah Johnston talks to National Radio about a sound archive of the Huia

If you have been to see Taika Waititi's film ""The Hunt for the Wilderpeople" you will remember the two main characters discover the long-believed-extinct huia bird, while they are deep in the bush.



In real life, the last authenticated sighting of a huia was in 1907 in the Tararua Ranges north of Wellington.

The Sound archives of Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision hold recordings about the huia, including eye witness descriptions and a re-creation of the bird's call.

Artists' impression of a female huia. , April 2016.

Image © John and Melody Anderson,
www.wayfarerimages.co.nz

Wildbase Recover Centre, Esplanade, Palmerston North Update

The project recently reaching an exciting phase with a target of raising \$700,000 by 30 July, and an expectation considerable progress will be made this year.

There is no other facility in New Zealand that directly connects applied science with education and national conservation efforts. Now is a great time to make a contribution to this project if you are able to.

A Give-a-little page has been setup:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/wildbaserecovery/donations>

Or, for corporate sponsorship please contact the Wildbase Recovery Community trust via their website www.wildbaserecovery.co.nz

The Wildbase Recovery Community Trust is tasked with raising the \$5.69m needed to build Wildbase Recovery and Wildbase Recovery continues to make great progress towards realising the dream of a specialised native wildlife rehabilitation and education centre in Palmerston North.

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

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