



OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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F&B OCTOBER 2017 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, 10th October, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

The Globe Theatre, (Please note change in Venue)

Main Street, Palmerston North (next to Te Manawa Museum)

“Why we need to look beyond feathers for the future of our threatened species”



© Mike Bowie, Lincoln University

Canterbury Knobbled Weevil (*Hadramphus tuberculatus*)

Speaker: Nicola Toki,
Threatened Species Ambassador
Department of Conservation

Nicola will talk about NZ Threatened species from invertebrates to the plant species and how vulnerable our native species are.

Most of us have heard about the kakapo, takahe or the Maui dolphin, but have you heard of the canterbury knobbed weevil, kettlehole cudweed (a plant), NZ batfly or Chesterfield skink? They are all rated as "Nationally Critical" on the NZ Threatened Species list, as they are at greatest risk of extinction - New Zealand has one of the highest levels of threat for native species in the world.

So, when a beetle, an orchid or a bird disappears forever, it does matter.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

If you have heard of Fatcat and Fishface the award-winning outlaws of New Zealand children's music. The link is a song about a 'NZ Batfly'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrCVKnOVnW4>

F&B OCTOBER 2017 TRIP

We are joining with Envirofest to their trip to Manawatu Estuary at Foxton Beach and to Celebrate the New Zealand Conservation week by welcoming godwits from their long journey at the Foxton Beach estuary with Dr Phil Battley, Massey University



Date: Saturday, 21st October

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Meeting Place: Robbi Street, Foxton Beach

<https://www.google.co.nz/maps/place/Robbie+St,+Foxton+Beach+4815/@-40.4675177,175.2301186,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x6d4060d844eab44d:0xcd5189bd3eff6f25!8m2!3d-40.4675218!4d175.2323073?hl=en>

F&B 2018 CALENDAR & DIARIES

F&B 2018 Calendars and Diaries will be on sale at our October Monthly meeting.
The Ideal Christmas present.

- The price has not changed from last year

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New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2018



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

January 2018

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Recommended Retail Price **Our Price**
\$17.99 **\$15.00**

New Zealand Conservation Diary 2018



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 **Our Price**
\$24.99 **\$20.00**

Forest and Bird 2017 North Island Gathering

Gatherings are held for the North and South Island every year. They are attended by Forest & Bird members, branch committee representatives, board members, and staff.

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th October, 2017

Tatum Park, Manakau (just south of Levin, Horowhenua)



This year's North Island Gathering is being hosted by members of the Horowhenua, Kapiti-Mana, Manawatū and Rangitikei Branches and will be held at Tatum Park, Manakau, (just south of Levin) Horowhenua. This year you will not need to provide your own bedding and, Tatum Park are catering all our meals.

Speakers include:

- Annabeth Cohen, Forest & Bird,
"NZ Groundwater Ecosystems: undervalued & unprotected"
- Dr Catherine Knight,
"New Zealand's Rivers: can we learn from history?"
- Jenny Rowan, Kapiti / Wellington Conservation Board,
"The roles and functions of a Conservation Board and key conservation concerns for the Wellington region"
- Michael Dickison, Whanganui Regional Museum,
"Measuring Biodiversity with Beetles "
- Paul Callister
"The Ngā Uruora Kāpiti Project-Challenges of the Future"

Trips include:

- A bird watching/beach Walk on Waikawa Beach
- Lake Papaitonga: Papaitonga Scenic Reserve
- Bush walk –Let's run a MicroBioBlitz in a local Bush Reserve

Registrations are now open for the North Island 2017 Gathering. Below are links to the Registration Form, Gathering Programme and Programme Notes.

[Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Registration Form \(Word Doc\)](#)

[North Island Gathering Programme](#)

[Speaker Notes](#)

Please complete the Registration Form and return it with your payment to:

By post to: P.O. Box 961, Palmerston North 4440

Email to: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Registration will be confirmed on receipt of payment.

Registration close on 13th October 2017.

If you have any queries, please contact me at: 021 184 6241 or

email: manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz

EVENTS



Presentation: The Ghost Fishing effect

Thursday 12th October at 6:00 pm, Te Manawa Gallery 5



Our Ocean is full of old and lost fishing nets and lines that continue trapping animals for years? This process called ghost fishing. Luckily there are people who dive every weekend to release entangled animals and clean the Ocean from other rubbish. Come to the talk and find out more about the Ghost Fishing NZ team, Rob Wilson and Serena Cox. Also joining us on the day will be Tom Moody the GFNZ Freediver team leader from the Forty One South crew.

Presentation: Lake Pupuke, a case study of collaborative civil science

Saturday 14th October at 3:30 pm, Te Manawa Gallery 5



Project Baseline Lake Pupuke is a collaborative civil science initiative that works with the Global Underwater Explorers, local authorities, schools & community groups in order to monitor the health of Lake Pupuke, raise environmental awareness and promote community engagement. The project started in response to anecdotal evidence & concerns from local communities regarding the deteriorating state of this Auckland icon. The goal was to consult with the local Council and identify gaps in the environmental monitoring that they currently conduct. Once the gaps were identified and the scope was defined the project team set out to recruit passionate volunteers to implement this monitoring programme. All the data collected

from this initiative will be used to complement and enhance the State of the Environment monitoring carried out by the regional council. This will result in a holistic & inclusive approach to environmental monitoring which will ultimately lead to more effective management strategies and a healthier lake.

Presentation by Ebrahim Hussain

Trips and outdoor events

Turitea Stream walk and electro-fishing demonstration - 08/10/2017 at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Guided Trip to Wind Farm - 11/10/2017 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Guided Trip to water Dam, the water treatment plant and wastewater treatment plant, kids 6+ - 13/10/2017 at 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Massey Campus Gardens Tour - 14/10/2017 at 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Citizen science trip to Pukaha Mount Bruce - 18/10/2017 at 10:00 am - 5:00

Welcome back Waders at the Estuary - 21/10/2017 at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Find out more on our website <http://pncet.org.nz>

Conservation Week from Saturday 14th October to Sunday 22nd October

This year's theme is '**Love My Backyard**'

There are a couple of kid-friendly tree plantings happening locally, plus a Lego Challenge

Planting Papaitonga Reserve

Sunday 15 October 10.30 am

See the secret side of this beautiful reserve close to Levin, and help to take it back to its original state by planting trees which are just right for this environment. DOC rangers will be on site and BBQ food will be provided. Toyota Kiwi Guardian activities for the kids.

Lego Challenge

21 October, Pukaha Mt Bruce

The inaugural Pukaha Lego challenge will be held over Labour weekend. The theme is "Nature", and your Lego creation can be anything that you think fits in that theme. There are separate age categories, spot prizes, and an overall winner. Email for an entry form, or visit the website for a downloadable entry form and competition details.

WORKING PARTIES

[Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Sunday 8 October 9am - 11am

2nd Sunday of each month

Love seeing monarch butterflies flitting around Palmy? Help keep the [Apollo Butterfly Park](#) looking beautiful, and the butterflies happy.

[Tree Planting & Family Fun](#)

[Waitoetoe Park](#)

Saturday 14 October 10am – 12:30pm

Plant one tree, receive a tree for free! Woody Weedbuster will be there - bring a plastic bag of weeds from your garden, and the experts will tell you what they are, and how to control them. Each bag of weeds gets you a free native tree. BBQ, music, and other activities.

[Keeble's Bush](#)

Saturday 28 October 9am - midday

Keeble's Bush is considered to be one of the finest remaining examples of lowland forest in the Manawatū. Come help plant trees and shrubs to try and stabilise a slippy area. Meet at the Pitshed Entrance of Keeble's Farm at 9am to sign in and walk to site. Please bring a spade if you can. Further details email Jill at G.Rapson@massey.ac.nz

[Rangitikei Bush Restoration](#)

Saturday 4 November

Join Sally and the team to help remove saplings and other weeds at this beautiful privately owned bush river terrace remnant near Rangiwahia, as part of a long term community supported bush restoration project. You're welcome to stay the night and help out on the morning of Sunday 5th. Car-pooling will be arranged in advance. If interested please email Sally by Tuesday October 31st.

FOREST AND BIRD NATIONAL NEWS

[New freshwater policy a win – but more work needed](#)

Aug 11, 2017 | Posted by [Annabeth Cohen](#)

<http://blog.forestandbird.org.nz/new-freshwater-policy-a-win-but-more-work-needed/>

It was lost in the political turmoil of the week, but on Wednesday the Government [released their freshwater policy](#) – including a new National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management.

The NPS-FM is a big deal – it tells regional councils how to set rules and limits for nutrients and pathogens in our waterways. It will dictate how clean our rivers must be, and whether they are safe for humans, and for freshwater animals and plants. Although the focus has been on what humans need to enjoy a swim in the river safely, we also need to get the balance right for our native wildlife that depends on clean water as well. For our fish, aquatic insects, and plants, it's about more than swimming – it's about living.

Who will be crowned Bird of the Year for 2017?

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

What many people don't know is that most of New Zealand's unique native birds are in trouble. A third are at risk of becoming extinct if nothing is done to protect them. Their habitats have been destroyed and introduced mammalian predators such as stoats, possums, and rats kill their eggs, young, birds, and even adults.

Lend your voice to help raise awareness for New Zealand birds by supporting Bird of the Year - with your vote, your voice, or a donation.

Voting opens on Monday 9 October at 9am.

Want to campaign for a bird? Send us an email.

AWARDS

Freshwater Champion



Mike Joy Photo: Supplied

Congratulations to long-time campaigner for freshwater, Dr Mike Joy, who has been awarded the inaugural Critic and Conscience of Society Award. The award acknowledges academic staff who provide independent, expert commentary on issues that affect the New Zealand community and its future generations. Hear an interview with Mike by Wallace Chapman on Radio NZ National from 17th September.

<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/audio/201858826/ecologist-mike-joy-critic-and-conscience-award>

Trust Power Community 2017 Awards

1. Pit Park People were the winners in the Environment & Heritage Category
2. SuperGrans Manawatu received a commendation in the Health and Wellbeing category Friends of Waitoetoe Park were runners up in the Heritage and Environmental Category
3. Congratulations to Heather Knox, whose popular free play idea Palmy Dirty 30, accompanied by the equally popular Palmy Rocks , won the Sports and Leisure category

Garden & Lifestyle Block Pests

Got a problem in your garden or lifestyle block with dive-bombing magpies, possums eating the roses, or stoats taking the chook eggs? Ray Wilman is the man in charge of pests at Horizons Regional Council. The council's Amenity Pest Programme provides advice and some help, including lending traps, and responds to more than 600 calls a year. The service is free to Horizons ratepayers. Phone 0508 800 800.

F&B Manawatū November Monthly Talk

Tuesday 14th November, 2017 @ 7.30 p.m.

GLOBE THEATRE, Main Street, Palmerston North
(please note change of venue)

Talk: "Nature in Crisis"



Speaker: Adelia Hallett

F&B Climate Advocate

Hope to see you at our October Talk - All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

That's all for now – hope to see you at one of our Monthly Meetings

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