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September 2019 Monthly talk
Tuesday 10th September, 2019 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: "Use of Drones for Ecology & Resource Management on rivers"

Speaker: Tom Kay, F&B Lower North Island. Manager



Tom Kay using his drone at the Rangitata River, Erewhon Station, S. Island

Tom will be talking about his thesis project in which he'll be further developing the 'Habitat Quality Index'—a technique for measuring changes in river habitat quality over time—through the use of drones. He'll touch on the emerging uses of drones in river management and ecology and illustrate their use in story-telling with photography and video from some of the rivers he's been lucky enough to venture to with a drone.

Tom Kay is Forest & Bird's Regional Manager for the Hawkes Bay and Manawātū/Whanganui areas, and a postgraduate student of Ecology at Massey University. Tom developed a keen passion for the rivers while learning and developing his kayaking skills on the Mohaka River throughout his childhood. Ever since, his keen involvement in white-water kayaking, canoe-slalom racing, and rafting have taken him to some of New Zealand's most interesting and exciting rivers, leading him to focus his postgraduate study on the health of these amazing and complex ecosystems.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated

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SEPTEMBER 2019 MONTHLY TRIP - No.1

(F&B Manawatu are running 2 trips as part of 2019 Conservation Week)

Sunday 15th September, 2019 (please note date)

“A Day on the Rangiwahia Track”



Photo: J. Prinz Rangiwahia Hut

Bring your tramping boots and come along for a scenic walk up the Rangiwahia Track. We will encounter native birds, majestic trees, views of Mt Ruapehu and a waterfall on the way. After crossing the beautiful arched bridge over a deep gorge, we eventually reach the bush-line and Rangiwahia Hut. This hut with its skiing history is one of the most popular tramping huts in the Ruahine Forest Park. Up here we will explore some alpine plants (if not covered in snow!) and hopefully enjoy the amazing views of the Central Plateau and even Mt Taranaki. After lunch we will return to the carpark the same way.

Depart: Palmerston North at 08.00 a.m. (Sharp) **(Please note change in time)**

Leaders: Jorinna Prinz

Meet: Palmerston North: Carpool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).
If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

Fitness Level: Moderate to High

What to bring: Bring tramping boots/stout footwear, rain jacket, plenty of warm clothes, beanie, food and water for the day, and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

For more info & Register: Contact Jorinna Prinz Email: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Note: *In the event of severe weather, or other issues, this trip might get cancelled. Please provide your contact details to ensure you receive any updates. Also, check for messages the evening before the trip in case it is cancelled.*

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SEPTEMBER 2019 MONTHLY TRIP - No: 2

(F&B Manawatu are running 2 trips as part of 2019 Conservation Week)

Saturday, 21st September, 2019

FISH PASSAGES IN THE SHANNON AREA
(and Mangahao Power Station/ White Water Park - time permitting)

(this trip is a replacement for the cancelled August trip)



Logan Brown, Freshwater and Partnerships Manager at Horizons Regional Council, will guide us to view a couple of fish passages near Shannon. You will have the option to view them from the bank or grab your gumboots and get down to the streams – it is shallow water - and have a closer look at the construction and look for crawlies.

If time permits, we will also visit the nearby Mangahao White Water Park and the Mangahao Power Station (outside only). The Mangahao Power Station was the first of many large hydro power stations to be built in New Zealand under a Government resourced plan to provide a national supply of electricity.

Depart: Palmerston North at 09.00 a.m. (Sharp)

Leaders: Jorinna Prinz and Logan Brown (Horizons)

Meet: Palmerston North: Carpool – meet on Church St, opposite Centrepoint Theatre & Salvation Army Shop (on Railway land side).
If you carpool, please share petrol costs with the driver

Fitness Level: Easy or moderate (if you explore the fish passage in the stream)

What to bring: Bring gumboots, if you plan to walk in the stream. Also, please bring snacks, lunch, water, raincoat, stout footwear(waterproof) and walking poles if you usually use them – and do not forget your camera.

For more info & Register: Contact Jorinna Prinz: Email: Manawatu.Branch@forestandbird.org.nz

Note 1: This trip is limited to 20 people. If we exceed this number, then we will put your name on a waiting list.

Note 2: In the event of severe weather, or other issues, this trip might get cancelled. Please provide your contact details to ensure you receive any updates. Also, check for messages the evening before the trip in case it is cancelled.

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Forest and Bird Calendars and Diaries

Now is the time to order your F&B 2020 Calendar and/or Diary. They will be on sale from our August 2019 Monthly Meeting. Please email manawatu.branch@forestandbird with your order, and we will have your order available at the August meeting for collection. We only accept cash or cheques.

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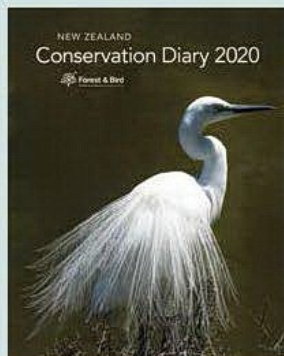
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Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.

Meet the Candidates for PNCC, Mayoral and Horizons Elections

Meet the Candidates for 2019 Election

DATE	TIME	COUNCIL	LOCATION
Monday 9 th September	12 noon - 1:30pm	Horizons Regional Council	Hancock Community House, 77-85 King St Palmerston North
Tuesday 10 th September	12 noon - 1:30pm	PNCC	
Wednesday 11 th September	12 noon - 1:30pm	PNCC	
<p>Environment Network Manawatū will run candidate meetings, where candidates will be asked questions relevant to the environmental community sector. The meetings will also be recorded by Manawatū People's Radio and will be made available online.</p> <p>There will be two PNCC meetings as there are too many candidates to accommodate in one session. ENM have compiled a list of questions that are pertinent to the environmental sector. Questions will be provided to the potential councillors in advance of the debates.</p>			
Wednesday 18 September	7-9 p.m.	Horizons Regional Council	Community Centre, All Saints on The Square, Church Street
***Wednesday 18 September	5:45pm	PNCC and Mayoral candidates	<i>Conference & Function Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North</i>
<p>***Manawatū People's Radio hosts this opportunity to hear from Palmerston North City Councillor and Mayoral Candidates. Mayoral Candidates will be asked questions gathered through social media, email, phone and letters in the lead up to the event. From 5:45pm, hear from City Council candidates. There will be a break at 7pm, with tea and coffee provided, then resuming 7:45pm with Mayoral candidates. The 7pm break is for those who wish to attend the the All Saints' Regional Candidate Session around the corner at All Saints Community Centre (behind the church) in Church St.</p>			
Thursday 19 September	12 noon – 1:30pm	PNCC Mayor	Community Centre, All Saints on The Square, Church Street
+++Wednesday 25 September	5pm – 6:30 pm (meet and greet), 7 pm – 9 pm (candidate's forum)	PNCC Candidates	Community Centre, All Saints on The Square, Church Street
<p>+++The All Saints Parish Green Task Force is hosting these public meetings for candidates. Each candidate will have a three-minute speaking slot. The individual speaking slots are short, and some of the issues we are facing are very large! Candidates will be asked to cover at least one item where the climate and ecological crises we are facing have influenced their thinking. Because there are so many candidates for Palmerston North City Council positions, the September 25th meeting will be an extended one. A meet-and-greet will be held from 5-6:30pm, where people can circulate and talk to candidates over tea, coffee and a biscuit. Then seating will be arranged for the 3-minute candidate speeches starting at 7pm. This will be followed by a discussion of one or two key items that have been brought up by a number of candidates. The Green Task Force plan to live stream candidate talks from https://allsaintspn.org.nz/vote2019pn.</p>			

**Public meeting on proposals the Ministry for the Environment is consulting on
Wednesday 11th September**

5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. at Distinction Palmerston North, 175 Cuba Street

We are consulting on a policy package to better look after our freshwater – our rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands. We are also inviting feedback on policies to protect our productive land, grow our cities to benefit people and the environment, and also better deal with harmful waste and chemicals.

One of the Government's top three priorities is to protect our environment and transition NZ to a sustainable, low emissions future.

You can learn more about the policy proposals and take part in our official consultations here.

www.mfe.govt.nz/more/consultations

Come along to hear more, ask questions and have your say.

EVENTS

Conservation Week Events - 14-22 September 2019

The Department of Conservation is celebrating 50 years of Conservation Week this September.

River Walk - Whio habitat - Apiti

Event date: Saturday 14 September 10:30-4:30pm

Meet at the Petersons Roadend / Alice Nash Memorial Heritage Lodge car park for this guided walk through the Ruahine Forest Park to the beautiful Oroua River. Learn about the work that the volunteers in the [Ruahine Whio Protectors collective](#) do to reduce the predators that threaten the endangered Whio / Blue Duck. Numbers limited to 15. To book, please phone or text 027 540 5412 between 8am and 4.30pm. Children must be accompanied by adults, and a moderate level of fitness is needed.

Bushy Park Event

Event date: Saturday 14 September 10am-4pm (official opening 2pm) FREE entry

Event location: 791 Rangitatau East Road, Kai Iwi

Come to Bushy Park Tarapuruhi, forest sanctuary and historic homestead, for the Visitor Centre opening by Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage and Whanganui Mayor Hamish McDouall. Enjoy guided walks, see endangered native birds inside the pest-proof fence, explore the newly renovated historic homestead and stables, and relax with entertainment. [Email for more information](#)

F&B Manawatū Trip to Rangiwahia Hut

Event date: Sunday 15 September - see poster above for details

River Walkway Tour & Planting - He Ara Kotahi Cycle / Walkway

Event date: Saturday 21 September 9:30 - midday

Meet up at Farm Viaduct along the cycleway at 9.30am for a chat, and to check the recent plantings along the cycleway and then walk to the scarp to look out over the military land. Then through the Greenwood and Scarp Plantings. Then up to the Link area and overview the main bush, a spot of planting of flax fans, and some *Tradescantia* weeding, before returning to the cycleway at noon. All gear provided, but bring a drink and nibbles, and suitable footwear. For more information please contact G.Rapson@massey.ac.nz.

F&B Manawatū Trip to Shannon to see Fish Passages

Event date: Saturday 21 September – see poster above for details

Planting Ahimate Reserve - End of Maxwells Line

Event date: Saturday 21 September 10am-1pm

The [Ahimate Reserve Community](#) brings you this Conservation Week event. Help the community

plant trees - add to the native bush that's already growing up in this lush urban park. Learn **smartphone technology** for nature and conservation – native birds, insects, plants. Learn about **weta houses** (with occupants) and **tui feeders**. Learn about **local conservation work** by Rangitāne, Department of Conservation, Horizons and the Manawatū River Framework. **Free sausage sizzle.**

Wildbase Recovery Centre Tours

Event date: Sunday 22 September Start times: 11:00am/ 12:00 midday/ 1:00pm

Come and see the great work being done at Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery to help our endangered wildlife – with a guided tour of our centre you can find out how YOU can help too. There is a choice of three times. Please book with educator@wildbaserecovery.co.nz stating how many people in your group and which tour you would like to do.

A Rocha Open Day

Event date: Sunday 22 September 1:30-3:30pm

Event location: 100 Walkers Rd, Longburn

A Rocha volunteers will open their doors to you to come and see what happens at a regular working bee. You'll be able to have a go at planting seeds, or potting up seedlings, and you'll be able to take a plant home too! You can find the A Rocha Plant Propagation Unit on the Longburn Adventist College grounds, out the back behind the playing fields.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

F&B Current Campaigns

Check out the links below to find out about F&B campaigns and projects

<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/campaigns>

<https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/projects>

CONSULTATIONS

PNCC – go this link to find out the current consultations.

<https://www.pncc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/>

Department of Conservation

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2019/feedback-on-the-strategy-and-action-plan-for-hoiho/yellow-eyed-penguin-conservation/>

Feedback on the strategy and action plan for hoiho/yellow-eyed penguin conservation.

[Have your say on the new strategy to support the ecological and cultural health of hoiho/yellow-eyed penguins. Give your feedback by 20 September 2019.](#)

Horizons Regional Council - Proposed Plan Change 2 (PPC2).

<http://www.horizons.govt.nz/publications-feedback/current-consultation/submissions-on-proposed-plan-change-2>

Submissions close 21 October

Horizons Regional Council has notified their Proposed Plan Change 2 (PPC2). The proposed plan change seeks to provide a workable framework for intensive land use – allowing a pathway for existing farmers and growers in target catchments to apply for resource consent, and for the Council to see greater progress towards environmental improvement.



October 2019 Monthly talk
Tuesday 8th October, 2019 @ 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library,
George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Talk: “Protecting and growing lizard populations on the Kapiti Coast”
Speaker: Paul Callister, Nga Uruora – the Kapiti biodiversity project



Paul Callister will talk about the work Nga Uruora – the Kapiti biodiversity project is doing on Paekakariki-Pukerua Bay escarpment. A grant from the Ministry for the Environment has allowed three local restoration groups to undertake lizard surveys on their land.

This identified some lizard ‘hot spots’ within the Paekakariki-Pukerua Bay escarpment, which in turn has led to new projects involving habitat restoration and enhanced pest control with an aim of growing and expand lizard populations.

But the process has also generated much debate amongst lizard experts and volunteers as to how best to look after local lizards.

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