

## F&B MANAWATŪ BRANCH CELEBRATES 65TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A TREE PLANTING

### REPORT



On Sunday 3rd September, 12 members of Forest & Bird planted 65 trees at Poutoa Walkway to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of Forest & Bird Manawatū Branch.

Nearly 18 months ago, a small group of Forest and Bird volunteers negotiated with PNCC to be able to weed, plant and maintain an area of Poutoa Walkway, Summerhill. The group has met fortnightly since, and has now planted well over 2000 native plants, including cabbage trees

(tī kōuka), flaxes, kawakawa, tōtara, tītoki, and lots more.

Also, this year the Forest & Bird Organisation is celebrating their 100 year Anniversary. The organisation was established as the Native Bird Protection Society of New Zealand in Wellington by Captain Ernest “Val” Sanderson, on 28th March, 1923, and was – the first national conservation group in Aotearoa.

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