

~~~ "Vote for the Environment" Issue ~~~



Manawatu Forest & Bird
~ presents ~

Bushy Park
Making the Dream a Reality

Presentation by
Allan Anderson
Bushy Park Trust

7:30 pm Tuesday 9 August

Te Manawa Meeting at Te Manawa
Main Street West Palmerston North

"Everyone's Invited"

A gold coin donation is appreciated

Manawatu Forest & Bird: conservation action

News from Forest and Bird national AGM

Another year already! This year's national AGM has a couple newsworthy events for members of Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird.

The AGM on 25 and 26 June was attended on your behalf by Donald Kerr, branch chairperson, and Emily Weeks, our branch tertiary representative.

The biggest bit of news came on the Saturday morning during the election of the national Executive Committee of Forest and Bird. Donald Kerr stood for election and was voted in! So a big congratulations to Donald as this is solid recognition of his longstanding commitment to Forest and Bird and to conservation causes in general. We can look forward to Donald's continued involvement at the local level as well, as he ably maintains his role as branch chair.

The rest of the AGM was gobbled up with the usual lot of branch remits to the Exec. As is often the case, many were batted away~ but an important remit from Horowhenua led by Joan Leckie did get through. That remit calls for Forest and Bird to establish a policy on Coastal Environments, an area of key importance to the Manawatu as the coastal developments roll North from Wellington.

The weekend also had a major component of 'strategy' discussion, big picture stuff now that Mike Britton our new GM is on board.

Conservationist's Calendar

- **13 August:** *Sixtus Lodge Work Party*
- **23 August:** *"Six Pack" special meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Te Manawa*
- **26 August:** *Vote for the Environment Forum, 5 p.m. at the Community Leisure Centre.*
- **3 Sept:** *Excursion to Bushy Park*
- **13 Sept:** *Branch Night at Te Manawa. Colin Ogle*
- *More events on pg 6!*

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Nice One!

Congratulation to Heather Crabb of Palmerston North, winner of the Word Match contest in the June newsletter. For her efforts, Heather won a Forest and Bird T-Shirt of her choice.

This months contest features all our National Parks. The theme is chosen to recognition of the launch of the F&B and FMC 'Six Park of Parks' campaign. The winner will receive at beautiful 'Six Pack' campaign poster.

Manawatu Forest & Bird

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All members and the public are invited to all branch activities and meetings. Branch nights are the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 7:30 p.m. at Te Manawa, Main Street West, Palmerston North~ everyone is welcome, and a gold coin donation is very much appreciated!

You can always reach us with an email to forestbirdmanawatu@hotmail.com, or write to us at PO Box 961, Palmerston North.

The national Forest and Bird website www.forestandbird.org.nz and the great local branch website within www.environmentnetwork.org.nz are also good sources of information. You may ring our national office on 0800 200 064.

Celebrating Conservation

What is Conservation Week 2005?

A week of activities and action for the environment co-ordinated by DoC annually in the first week of August.


Conservation Week has been celebrated since 1969 in New Zealand, covering a wide range of themes and topics - from insects to Antarctica. In contrast, Australia has only recently begun to celebrate a Conservation Week theme.

The NZ theme this year is "Everything is connected". 2005 marks the 5th anniversary of the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, developed to address the decline of our native biodiversity. 2005 is also the first year of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Locally, one way to be part of Conservation Week was to stop by the open days at the Manawatu Estuary. If you missed those, there will be other chances during the spring to visit.

The start of Conservation Week was also celebrated this year with the inaugural Aotearoa Environmental Film Festival held in Palmerston North at the Globe theatre on 30 July. More on the Festival can be found in a feature article in this newsletter.

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Botany
Among the Birders

Colin Ogle - Loder Cup Winner

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Welcome!

A warm welcome to the summer's new Manawatu Forest and Bird members! We look forward to your joining us as we continue celebrating and protecting New Zealand's wildlife & wild places.

- ∞ *Cedric Backhouse*
- ∞ *Anthea Hatfield*
- ∞ *E H Janse*
- ∞ *J R Jennings*
- ∞ *Eric & Mairi Nelson*
- ∞ *Greta Horne*
- ∞ *Douglas Begg*
- ∞ *Sarah Pettus*
- ∞ *Ron Hoskin*
- ∞ *Christine Cheyne*
- ∞ *Ron Paddock*
- ∞ *Wobine De Sitter*



'Vote for the Environment'

**Candidates Political Forum
5:00 p.m. Friday 26 August**



**Community Leisure Centre
Ferguson Street
Palmerston North**

Hear what your local (Palmerston North electorate) political candidates have to say, including Steve Maharey (Labour), Malcolm Plimmer (National), and Lawrence O'Halloran (Greens).

Stand up and have your say to encourage our government politicians and leaders to protect New Zealand's natural wonders and resources, both on land, in freshwater, and on the high seas.

There will be opportunity for questions and to meet the candidates over a cup of tea.

Organised by Environment Network Manawatu in cooperation with Manawatu Forest and Bird.

Forest and Bird has linked with ECO and Green-Peace to sponsor the 2005 'Vote for the Environment' campaign, and have been fortunate to have hired **Katie Grinsted** to organize the coordinated campaign from Forest and Bird head office in Wellington. Katie is bursting with great ideas for creating environmental awareness for the election.

The campaign website is
www.environmentvote.org.nz

Forest and Bird has identified a 'Sevens' set of nationally important environmental policy issues to highlight during the campaign, they are:

1. **Biosecurity**
2. **Climate and Energy**
3. **Environmental Management (incl. RMA)**
4. **Freshwater**
5. **High Country Parks**
6. **Oceans in Crisis**
7. **Protecting Nature on Land**

You are invited to be an active part of this campaign, whether by talking with friends, writing to the paper, organizing banners and posters, or helping to handout wallet guides (currently in production) indicating how environmentally responsible each party's policies are.

Locally, the political forum is the primary public event leading up to the election, you are urged to attend this meeting and make your views known.

Katie Grinsted may be contacted by email at vote@forestandbird.org.nz, or by phone during normal business hours on 04 385 7374.

Conservation OddSpot

Activists Suspected in Flower Plantings

Published: Jun 07, 2005

SANTA ROSA, USA. - Authorities are on the lookout for pistil-packing activists who apparently planted endangered wildflowers in order to block a housing development.

The state Department of Fish and Game has determined that Sebastopol meadowfoam discovered in the Laguna Vista subdivision in Sebastopol was deliberately transplanted from another location.

"This is a very unusual situation," said department botanist Gene Cooley. "I've never known a rare plant to be introduced to a site to thwart development before."

The 145-unit Laguna Vista site, which borders a Fish and Game preserve, has been hotly contested by environmentalists concerned about nearby wetlands.

State officials launched a criminal investigation last week to determine who planted the wildflower, listed by the state and federal governments as endangered, which can present major obstacles to development.

So far, there aren't any suspects. And not everyone agrees with the state's finding.

Phil Northen, a Sonoma State University conservation biologist who first identified the 22 plants spotted on the 21-acre site, said he didn't believe they were transplants.

~The Associated Press

Who's That??

There are now a number of new faces on committee. This item is a snippet about each member of your local Forest and Bird leadership team~ in order for you to get to know us a bit better! So, in alphabetical order, we are~

Brent Barrett joined the committee in 2002, and currently is Secretary for the branch. Before moving to NZ from the Seattle, USA area, Brent heard about this great NZ natural history organization called 'Forest and Bird' from a friend of Viv McGlynn's who worked in his local library near Seattle. Upon arriving in NZ, Brent discovered a real appreciation for the NZ wilderness and native plants and birdlife~ so decided to become active in a conservation group. Forest and Bird was the logical choice! Since joining the committee, Brent has worked to raise the local profile of Manawatu Forest and Bird. Brent also edits the 'Twig and Tweet Gazette', our branch newsletter.



Some of Chris Thomasen's hand-raised eco-sourced Native plants.

Kris Grabow is new to our branch committee this year. A recently returned student, Kris is studying towards a science degree at Massey University with a major in ecology, which compliments her keen interest in the well-being of our environment, hence Kris' interest in Forest and Bird. Kris has

recently joined the Manawatu Branch, having moved here from New Plymouth. When not hitting the books, Kris is a keen trumper and has already explored a few local areas since moving to Palmerston North. She says she looks forward to meeting many of the

Donald Kerr is a longstanding member of the committee and currently serves as Chair of Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird. Donald's dream is to be a fulltime farmer in a NZ paradise teaming with native birds, insects, fish and



A revegetation project created by Chris Thomasen

local Forest and Bird members with time. Although not linked yet to a specific 'role' on committee, Kris has already willingly lent a helping hand to several local Forest and Bird projects.

Alan Hawkins is Wellington born, and has lived in England between 1988 and 1994. The things he missed most while in England was the NZ landscapes, native birds, fauna and flora. "The sound of the Grey Warbler on British TV was enough to make you home sick" he says. When Alan arrived back in NZ all he wanted to do is to "tramp those hills" and so in 1996 joined Forest & Bird. With an interest in Nature, Tramping and Photography, Forest and Bird slotted in nicely with that little group. Alan joined the committee 1997 he became a committee member~ serving as Feilding contact and Kapiti Island Convenor, then later on as a DoC user group reps for F&B. Alan especially enjoys leading trips to different and interesting places and also tries to find time for the work parties at Te One and Kitchener park.

forests. In the meantime, he's a science lecturer at UCOL and part-time farmer on 40 acres. While Donald chairs the Manawatu Branch~ he has become proficient at dreaming up local conservation schemes - like a Kiwi (and kokako and kakapo) Sanctuary in the Turitea Water Reserve. In 2005, Donald was elected to the National Executive of Forest and Bird.

Viv McGlynn is another longstanding member of the committee, and our Branch's immediate past chairperson. Her current role on committee is Programme Coordinator, a task she shares with Alan Hawkins. Viv has always enjoyed New Zealand fauna and flora, but it was during Viv's traveling overseas she developed a greater appreciation for New Zealand's own peculiar natural world and came back with a desire to learn more about it. She claims she innocently got 'inveigled' into Forest and Bird, completed a botany degree, then an MSc at Massey and "found" a job in the Department of Conservation. Viv

has worked at DoC now for the past 4 years, (cont'd. next page)

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mainly with threatened species, and a variety of other work besides. Viv brings a valuable knowledge of NZ natural history and the Manawatu environs to the Branch committee, and is an important keeper of our "organizational memory".

Joanna McVeagh (or simply 'Jo') is new to our branch committee this year, and has stepped into big shoes by agreeing to take responsibility for the Environment Advocacy Coordinator role on committee. Jo has had a life-long interest in wildlife (including Forest and Bird trips during her childhood!). This interest in wildlife has recently shifted Jo to the Manawatu from South Taranaki to complete her Zoology degree at Massey. Rejoining Forest and Bird two years ago has been part of this "renaissance" of interest in NZ wildlife. In Taranaki Jo was actively involved in advocacy for changes to be made to Council policy on coastal subdivision, so will bring savvy & experience to the Manawatu's voice for environmental advocacy for New Zealand's wildlife and wild places. continue pushing for environmental protection here in the Manawatu.

Leonora Pearson has just joined the committee as our new Treasurer, having moved to Palmerston North from the UK in 2004. While in the UK Leonora was a keen birdwatcher and supporter of local, national and international environmental groups including Friend of the Earth, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Greenpeace, and WWF. She was also instrumental in a grassroots and local "Stop Stansted Expansion" group fighting the expansion of

Stansted airport in Essex that was once of similar size to Palmerston airport and is now set to become the biggest airport in the world with 4 runways. Having escaped the UK for the gentle shores of New Zealand, Leonora is very much enjoying life here, and as in the UK is becoming increasingly aware of man's impact on NZ's unique flora and fauna, and is keen to do what she can to help Forest and Bird's advocacy efforts to halt and reverse this where possible.

Caroline Percy joined the committee in 2004 as the Kiwi Conservation Club organizer for Manawatu and Tararua ('cause there just aren't enough challenges on this side of the ranges!).



On a recent trip led by Chris Thomasen

Caroline brings a lot to this youth environmental education role as an enthusiastic, reliable, and down-to-earth person who respects and takes great interest towards our environment and its conservational needs. In her spare time, Caroline is a teacher's aide at Central Normal School ('cause kids are just fun all the time!) and enjoys giving some time as well to the KCC crowd, to let them have a first-hand opportunity in experimenting, adventuring, seeing and enjoying what natural wonders we have around us.

Chris Thomasen is a long standing member of our committee, serving as our Feilding Represent-

tative. Chris is a talented illustrator and has provided beautiful drawings for the newsletter and other events. Being visually oriented, Chris has provided a series of pictures to illustrate her work growing, drawing, and promoting unique natural heritage of NZ.

Emily Weeks has joined the committee just this year in the new role of Tertiary Representative. Emily brings connections to two campuses to our committee, as a lecturer in Environmental Studies at International Pacific College; and a PhD student doing a dissertation on sustainable development at Massey University. Emily has taken on the role of tertiary coordinator in hopes to encourage more young people to take responsibility of protecting their environment. She also hopes to share some of her experiences gained while living around the world including in Africa and Asia with new tertiary members of Forest and Bird, and other branch members as well. Emily has just commissioned an environmental awareness survey on the three tertiary campuses in Palmerston North.

The committee is working together on projects and getting to know each other. As a team, they are a highly dedicated group of volunteers with a keen interest in protecting and promoting New Zealand wildlife and wild places~ especially those few special places remaining in the Manawatu region.

Next time you are at a Branch night~ take a moment to introduce yourself to one of the committee members~ and let them know what you'd like to be involved with locally, and what you want to see happening at Forest and Bird! We're always happy to hear new ideas, and from people willing to volunteer for specific projects related to conservation awareness in the Manawatu.

~ The April and May Events Calendar ~

Tuesday 9 August~ 7:30 p.m.

**Branch Night at Te Manawa
Allan Anderson
"Bushy Park~ Making the Dream Reality"**

Yes it is true! Bushy Park has just finished their predator proof fencing, providing for establishment of the highest-quality mainland island in the region. Allan Anderson of Bushy Park Trust will be bringing us the complete story of the amazing piece of bush that we will be visiting in early September. Bushy Park is owned by Forest & Bird~ a chance to see what your subs in action!

Saturday 13 August~ 9:00 a.m.

**Work Party at Sixtus Lodge, Apiti
Trip Leader: George Paton 357 3628**

If you can help Sixtus Lodge [Limestone Road, Apiti] with its project of reforestation with natives the land below the Lodge you would be very welcome. We will be planting some trees and shrubs and releasing the small ones of previous plantings from long grass. Cardboard squares will be used to subdue the growth around the small plants.

Bring your lunch food, drink, camera, gumboots, waterproof coat, spades, clippers, and gloves. If you want to stay the night and go exploring the next day you are very welcome. Party will leave PNCC car park Church Street at 9 a.m. after car pooling under Vic Vercoe's guidance. Phone trip leader George Paton on 357 3628 for any more details.

Saturday 20 August~

**Tree Planting at Sutherland's Bush
Trip Leader: John Marsh 06 327 7821**

Fancy planting some natives in a splendid patch of bush in the Turakina Valley? The plan is to plant a few trees and label a mature trees with some nice illustrated aluminium labels that Rangitikei Branch has purchased with a grant. And of course we'll go for a walking tour of the bush. Not a long day probably finish out there about 3pm.

Bring your lunch food, drink, camera, gumboots, waterproof coat, spades, clippers, and gloves. Palmerston North people will leave PNCC car park Church Street at 9 a.m. after carpooling.

Contact for this trip is John Marsh 327 7821.

Saturday 3 September~ 9:00 a.m.

**Excursion to Bushy Park
Trip Leader: Brent Barrett 357 6962**

Not just any ol' collection of wires and posts, the new fence at Bushy Park is 100% predator proof! Come along for the day and have a look around. Horowhenua Branch is underway on the same day~ it will be fun meeting up with them there. A leisurely walk followed by lunch (bring your own), and a proper walk/tour around in the afternoon. An effort is underway to organize a tourguide for the day to show us all the features of the new work undertaken. Carpool will leave PNCC car park in Church Street at 9 a.m. Bushy Park is 20 minutes north of Wanganui.

Saturday 10 September~ 9:00 a.m.

**Native Bush Tour at Waituna West
Trip Leader: Viv McGlynn 353 2305**

Tucked away just north of Feilding, we'll be joining the Wanganui Botanical Society for a tour of a private bush remnant. Bring a lunch, water, sturdy shoes, camera, and be prepared for some hard-core botanising. We will leave PNCC car park in Church Street at 9 a.m. after car pooling. Ring Viv for more details.

Tuesday 13 September~ 7:30 p.m.

**Branch Night at Te Manawa
Colin Ogle, Botanist
"Botany among the Birders"**

Our September branch night features a special presentation from the most recent winner of the Loder Cup, a nationally prestigious award recognizing contributions to Conservation. Colin has worked from Wanganui DoC for years as an expert botanist~ and has kindly agreed to talk with us about his experiences.

Sunday 25 September~ 9:30 a.m.

**Excursion to Te Apiti Windfarm and
Totara Reserve
Trip Leader: Betty Graham 06 327 7008**

A spring ramble up to see the big turbines and traveling back up to Totara Reserve for lunch and an amble through the Fern Walk and surrounds. Bring a lunch, water, waterproofs, and sturdy footwear. Carpool leaves 9:30 a.m. from PNCC carpark~ to meet with Rangitikei Branch in Ashhurst at 10:00 a.m.

Forest and Bird Campaign Specialist **Eugene Sage** presents
'Challenges and Opportunities in the South Island high country'
Tuesday 23 August
7.30 pm
Te Manawa Science Centre, Main Street West, Palmerston North



Photo: The Hawkdun Range, an iconic Central Otago landscape and one of Forest and Bird and FMC's "six pack" of parks. Photo by Gilbert van Reenen/Clean green images www.cleangreen.co.nz

Forest and Bird's Canterbury/West Coast field officer, Eugenie Sage will give an illustrated talk on Forest and Bird and FMC's "Six Pack of Parks" proposal for six new high country parks and current high country issues. The South Island high country east of the Main Divide has spectacular landscapes, distinctive plants and wildlife and abundant opportunities for recreation. Yet few areas are protected as parks and reserves. Current issues include the need for changes in the tenure review process to better protect lands with high conservation and recreation values; and increasing demand for water for irrigation which threatens braided rivers and some of these special landscapes and wildlife.

This talk will be a great chance to see what Forest and Bird is doing on the South Island, find out how your annual subs are put to use, and perhaps even introduce a friend that is into walking, tramping, or skiing to the Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird.

Branch Advocacy Logbook ~ Winter 2005

Three local issues and our collective response to them:

Fonterra's Longburn site has applied for resource consent for direct discharge of factory wastes to the Manawatu River. Manawatu Branch provided a submission supporting the more environmentally sensible alternative (discharge to land).

Massey University Student Association executive reviewed the need for an Environmental Issues Officer at Massey. Manawatu Branch provided a letter in support of this role (story page 9).

Central government persists with driving changes in the pending Amendment to the Resource Management Act, including provisions that will cut community groups and individuals out of the process for some consent hearings

and appeals, national standards for pollution etc. to be set as maximums and minimums, and national policy statements that will be developed with limited consultation.

Manawatu Branch sent three delegates to meet with our local MP Steve Maharey and convey our concerns over the proposed changes. While they received a fair hearing, it is evident the government is under huge pressures from to push ahead with these changes.

Local Branch Contributes to Festival Success

With the generous support of the Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird, the inaugural Aotearoa Environmental Film Festival screened to a full house at the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North on Saturday, 30 July.

A number of the Forest and Bird branch members supported this maiden voyage into environmental cinema by attending on the night- their support is greatly appreciated.

Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird also provided formal and tangible support, including assistance with the excellent tea and coffee service organized by Jo-

anna McVeagh and friends, the donating of printing costs, as well as making a donation toward the costs of hiring the venue and gear for the night.



The Festival, organized by a group called 'Southern Solutions' featured 9 films all up, including 5 New Zealand features, two from Australia, and two from the USA. The topical range was impressive, covering organic foods to bird extinction to global industrialisation and modern wage

slavery.

Sponsorship was also received from the PNCC Knowaste programme, and the Palmerston North City Environmental Trust.

The Festival website was hosted by Environment Network Manawatu, the same crowd that hosts this newsletter online.

The organizers of the Festival project wish to explicitly thank the Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird for their solid support of this project and contributing to its success.

Keep an eye out for details of the 2006 edition of the Aotearoa Environmental Film Festival!

Karaka Gets a Caning from Local Ecologists

Our July branch meeting feature Jill Rapson and a team of enthusiastic post-grad students from Massey University Ecology Department, who've been sleuthing about the Manawatu and beyond to uncover the true attributes of some of our beloved NZ native plants.

According to these investigators, Karaka is not native to the Manawatu region, it has been brought by Maori for cultivation. Which in and of itself isn't so bad. The problem seems to be with the karaka's prolificacy and downright weed-like tendencies.

Using its seed to best ability, the karaka plant comprehensively occupies the forest floor, displacing other

less competitive species, establishing what is known to plant ecology investigators as a monoculture. And while monocultures are good for karaka, they are bad for most everything else.

Jill's team has researched extensively in the local bush patch

known as Round Bush (between Himitemangi and Foxton beaches) and mapped the clever tactics that Karaka uses to display the competition.

Managers of both private and public reserves are coming to terms with this finding, and some are taking action to more carefully manage Karaka in order to preserve a higher level of biodiversity in some areas.

Although we like to love our native plants, sometimes it appears they are a little too much for their own good.

As Jill so concisely summed up, 'you can have a diverse native bush patch, or you can have a karaka patch- but you cannot have both in the same place.' Bottom line: think twice before introducing karaka to a native bush stand!



Jill Rapson and here team of NZ native plant ecological investigators from Massey University. The entire team participated in the July branch night presentation.

New Faces and Free Cups of Tea!

Here's a fun and 'grassroots' chance to meet new international residents of the Manawatu and give them an insight into the beauty of our natural heritage.

The 'English Language Corner' runs weekly in the Square Edge (just between the Manawatu Standard and the Anglican Church on Church Street and Forest and Bird has agreed to attend a session on Saturday 27 August from 10:30 a.m. until noon.



We are looking for 4 or 5 members of the Manawatu Branch to attend this event, and share a cup of coffee or tea while meeting people from other cultures, perhaps making new friends, and talking a bit about Forest and Bird!

Ring Brent on 357 6962 or email forestbirdmanawatu@hotmail.com if you're interested in coming on the 27th or just want to know a bit more about the "Corner".

Have A Go!

As a one-off, the December 2005 / January 2006 edition of the Manawatu Branch newsletter, the 'Twig and Tweet Gazette' is looking for a guest Editor!

The current editor, Brent Barrett, will be away so this is your chance if you're keen to have a go at contributing to, editing, and organizing production of a 6 to 10 page newsletter with the help of the local Branch committee.

The guest editor will contribute ~15 hours of volunteer time over the course of the month of November. Please ring Donald Kerr on 952 7001 x70836, or email forestbirdmanawatu@hotmail.com if you are interested in this opportunity.

Brent has promised he will be returning to the editors desk for the next edition (Feb '06) onwards, so any prospective guest editors needn't fear that this is a sloppy attempt at handing a job over!

Massey Enviro Scene

Here's a quick update on what's been happening on the hill at Massey! First off~ EnviroFest was on the first week of August, coinciding with the NZ Conservation week.

The Festival featured a computer slideshow presentation by your branch chairman Donald Kerr to a group of students interested in things environmental, alongside presentations from local cycling proponents and the 'Save Happy Valley Campaign' working to stop coal mines killing kiwis, destroying wetlands, polluting rivers etc. on the West Coast.

This Campaign presentation is particularly effective, as it draws links between so many aspects of conservation priorities in New Zealand. You can find more on it at www.savehappyvalley.org.nz

Market Day was a highlight of the Festival on Wednesday, with a number of environmental and conservation organizations having booths on the student concourse. The Forest and Bird booth was organized by Emily Weeks, our

branches' new Tertiary Student Representative.

The week prior to EnviroFest, Massey University Student's Association (MUSA) tried to ditch their Environmental Issues Officer role for the 05/06 elections. Manawatu Branch of Forest and Bird jumped in the middle, with a letter from our Branch to the MUSA President Iain Galloway spelling out the importance of this role to the Association and the wider Massey University community. It was also pointed out that most other universities in NZ have an Environmental Officer in their Student Association, or are seeking to create such a role~ rather than can it.

The choice over whether the Environmental Issues Officer (EIO) role was to stay or to go was put a vote in a special general meeting of MUSA held hastily on the concourse by "herding" students into a defined area during the midst of the crowded noon hour in order to quickly hear the issues and vote.

Brittany Jenkins, the current EIO, spoke about the importance of environmental awareness on tertiary campuses in New Zealand, and several other students also spoke in favour of keeping the EIO prior to the vote.

In the end, good sense prevailed, with 75% of the students at the meeting placing votes in support of retention of the EIO role.

MUSA nominations for elections for the 2006 school year are currently open, with at least one confirmed candidate for the Environmental Issues Officer role.

will you win the August word search contest?

- Theme: National Parks of New Zealand
- Goal: Find all the Parks and enter the prizewin!
- Prize: 'Six Pack of Parks' campaign poster.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PARKS

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Entry deadline **10 September 2005**

Correct entries will go into a prize draw for a full-colour 'Six Pack' campaign poster (value \$12).

Winners name to be drawn at the September branch night, 13 September 7:30 at Te Manawa.

Post entries to **Manawatu Forest and Bird, Attn: Prize Draw, PO Box 961, Palmerston North**

Winner's name to be published in the October / November edition of the Twig and Tweet Gazette