



Issue # 8 – June/July 2026

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Papangaio Te Wharangi Manawatū Estuary Newsletter

Kia ora / greetings, welcome to the eighth edition of our community newsletter from the Manawatū Estuary Management Team.

Vehicles and Trailbikes in the Dunes

Our reporting process is working well, with good results thanks to the Community Patrol and Police.

You too can do this!

If you see vehicles and trailbikes misbehaving or where they shouldn't be, here's what to do:

For dangerous or unsociable behaviour – Ring 111

For other events – make a report

Here's what to do to make a report:

- Take photos if safe to do so, try to get at least some of the number plate if there is one.
- Most important: Note the date and time and location.
- Either email all that along with a brief description of the incident and your contact details to foxtonandbeach@cpnz.org.nz

Or

- Fill in our form either by hand on a printed form or on your computer.
- [Click here to download the form.](#)
- Or get it from Wildlife Foxton Trust at 207 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach.
- Or email ramsarfoxtonbeach@gmail.com or phone 022-684-9813 and ask for it electronically or to be popped in your letterbox.

Wildlife Foxton Trust has sponsored a copy of the form inside this newsletter for those delivered to homes.



Another successful Planting Day!

Saturday 6th June, despite rain warnings Foxton beach had sun for a committed group of 10 planting 350 plants in 2 ½ hours! Massive effort team!

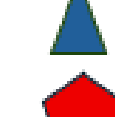
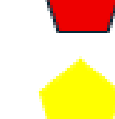
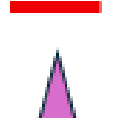
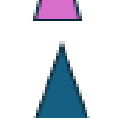
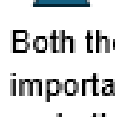
Huge thanks to Horizons Regional Council for providing the plants and sustenance for the volunteers.



Local Historic Place Names and sites:



Legend:

	Hakapurua – Archaeological site
	Omanu
	Ruamatangi Kainga & Māro
	Te Tohu o Te Awa – the trig station for the ships; and how Signal Street got it's name for the Pilot who lived there
	Puru-Rarauhe Kainga
	Te Whārangi Pa
	Te Papangaio Pa and Kainga
	Te Waka Puni – where the waka moored
	Tapui Whakawhitinga – currently referred to as name 'Ferry Reserve'
	Manga o Mikihi – originally wandering, currently straightened and called 'Whitebait Creek'
	Whakapuni Lake – dried up and locals then called it Rush Flat but now referred to as "Fernbird Flat"
	Original riverbed – going through what is currently called Holben Reserve and up into the 'Loop'
	Te Rerenga o Hau Kainga
	Orua-ronga Kainga

Both the river in the loop and Manga o Mikihi are very important paratau (spawning areas) for Īnanga (whitebait) and other native fish.

History provided by Te Kenehi Teira with knowledge handed down from his Great-great aunt (wife of the pilot - Nicola Sciascia) Riria McGregor (Makarika).

The stories of each place will feature in future issues.

Trapping

Trapping is starting to bring results!

	Jan – Mar	YTD Total
Mice	55	199
Rats	60	126
Ferret	0	1
Weasel	0	1
Stoats	5	11
Hedgehogs	10	49
Possums	4	47

Want a trap? Email Suzanne on traps@wildlifefoxton.nz

OR leave a message on 022-684-9813 for one of the team to contact you,
OR drop into Wildlife Foxton Office at 207 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach.
Available on loan, free of charge.

Volunteer Opportunities

At Wildlife Foxton they have a range of tasks that need a commitment of a couple of hours each week, so come see us

or reach out at: info@wildlifefoxton.nz or come drop in to

Wildlife Foxton Trust: Open Mon thru Thurs 9am – 12.00noon;

FB Friendship Club Mon and Wed 1pm - 4pm; @ 207 Seabury Avenue, Foxton Beach. Other events and what is happening where you can join in, are available on the website under the Events Calendar:

<https://www.metrust.org.nz/current-events>



Upcoming events:

Wednesday's: 9.30 – noon weekly (weather dependant) Pest Plant removal on coastal dune/Ramsar areas
Contact Wildlife Foxton Trust for directions and contact for Dr. Bob's Team.

Saturday's: June 13th; July 11th, August 8th Levin Repair Café (2nd Sat every month) 10-1pm Corner Cambridge & Montgomery Streets (Senior Citizens Hall), Levin.

Sunday's: June 14th, June 28th, July 12th, July 26th, Aug 9th, Aug 23rd Dune Garden weeding – Early start till noonish. Fortnightly but need to contact Arnim Litteck for date confirmation as well as directions on meet up and approx. start times: arnim@actrix.gen.nz .

Cousins East Foxton Beach forest walking tracks CLOSED

UPDATE: HDC has advised that a forestry team will move into Cousins Avenue Reserve the week of the 22nd June. This has taken longer than expected due to the significant work required for safety up at Target Reserve in Foxton. There will be fencing erected, heavy machinery and it will be a worksite. Therefore HDC strongly urge the public to stay away until works have been completed and fences removed.

Advance notice – Forest & Bird Kiwi Conservation Club for kids coming to Foxton Beach.

Wildlife Foxton Trust is coordinating the re-start of this great under 13-year-old club which will be based in Wildlife Foxton Trust's facilities. You can register interest at horowhenua@kcc.org.nz



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