

Te Wiki o te Taiao/Conservation Week

1 - 7 September 2025

Conservation Week is an opportunity for you to take action and show your support for nature.

Check out the programme of events in the Wairarapa.

TAKE ACTION
FOR NATURE



Skink and Gecko live show

August 31 | 2pm | REAP Education Centre in Dixon St (opp. QE Park) | Free

Reino Grundling will talk and show slides illustrating the mostly unrealised role that lizards (skinks and geckos) had in our pristine ecosystems with some 130 or more different species! And what makes this presentation so marvellous is that he will have a number of living examples there for all to see! Great for the kids!

Conservation colouring competition

1-7 September | all week | Masterton District Library | Free

The Masterton Library are celebrating the importance of conservation with a colouring competition – and there are some great prizes up for grabs. There'll also be an informative display featuring conservation themed resources you're welcome to take home with you.

Dr Marie Doole biodiversity funding talk

1 September | 7.30pm | REAP Wairarapa, 340 Queen Street, Masterton | Free

Dr Marie Doole will discuss the pros and cons around nature/biodiversity credits, an emerging option for funding the protection of biodiversity, particularly on private land, by investors, whether corporate or philanthropic. Worth attending if you've been following the media hype.

Think like a forest film

2 September | 12.20 - 12.50pm | The Community Courthouse, Holloway Street, Carterton | Free

3 September | 12.20 - 12.50pm | Regent Theatre, 230 Queen Street, Masterton | Free

4 September | 5.30 - 6.10pm | Education Centre, 22 Dixon Street, Masterton | Free

Forest and Bird are showing this film, starring Sam the Trap Man, in three locations. The Regent have generously offered to show it where it will have the most effect – on the big screen! The film is produced by Pure Advantage who have an aspirational programme around landscape-scale restoration of native forests called Recloaking Papatūānuku.

Kōkako morning hikoi

Saturday 6 September | 8am | Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre | \$40pp

Join us for a special one-off tour and experience the magic of the kōkako at Pūkaha. Follow our expert guide to a kōkako hotspot and enjoy the rare opportunity to possibly see and hear kōkako. After your walk, return to the centre for a hot drink and morning tea. To book visit our website pukaha.org.nz

Waihinga Bridge planting morning

7 September | 10am - 12.30pm | Waihinga Bridge Walkway | Free

Ruamāhanga Farm Foundation is hosting a morning of planting and a celebration of children's voices at the start of the soon to be opened Waihinga Bridge Walkway. Tools provided and all ages and abilities welcome! Please RSVP to jane@ruamahanga.org.nz

Exploring Ngahere Under Story and Campfire talk

7 September | 2pm - 3pm | Pae Tū Mōkai o Tauira, 23 N Soldiers Settlement Road, Featherston | Free

The Tramping Gently Club Art Collective (TGCAC) takes up temporary residency at Te Whare Whakapapa Raranga to explore human-centred warning systems and ngahere's role in mitigating danger. Join us in bringing the understory into te whare through kōrero and creative exploration.