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PIRM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 30 October 2008 from 5.30 to 8 pm

Lecture Theatre, Science House (upstairs), The Royal Society
of New Zealand, 11 Turnbull St, Thorndon (off Murphy St)

Parking behind Science House and on Murphy St

(Do not park in the Wilson's open carpark)

5.30-6.45 pm

'Lessons from a Melting Icecap'

- a film by 3 students from Otago Girls High School

This record of their trip to Greenland is both visually appealing and addresses the huge, often intangible issues of climate change, sustainability and our reliance on oil. It also gives them a human and a humorous face - a young, hopeful, very Kiwi one.

Sponsored by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

6.45-7.15 pm Refreshments

7.15-8.00 pm Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome & apologies
2. Minutes from previous meeting
3. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report (Peter Barrett)
4. Report from *Pacific Ecologist* editor (Kay Weir)
5. Presentation and adoption of the annual accounts (Peter Gilbert)
6. Election of officers
7. Other business

Dear PIRM members and subscribers to *Pacific Ecologist*,

We warmly welcome you to this year's PIRM Annual General meeting after another year in which environmental stress and further evidence of climate change have been accompanied by rising oil prices and dramatic financial bail-outs for US-led western economies. None of this is sustainable. Plainly we all need to commit ourselves at least to becoming truly sustainable locally and nationally, and we think PIRM along with *Pacific Ecologist* is a useful vehicle for this.

An important part of the meeting is the election of officers. We are required by the Constitution to call for nominations from members for positions on the Executive Committee, and to conduct the election at the meeting. Nominations should be sent by letter or e-mail to PIRM, PO Box 12-125, Wellington, or to pirmeditor@paradise.net.nz by October 23, 2008.

With best wishes,

Peter Barrett (chair)

for PIRM executive: Peter Healy (secretary), Peter Gilbert (treasurer), Kay Weir (editor), Matt Bartlett, Barbara Strathdee

"Pacific Ecologist is a very high quality journal with the most interesting articles, which is why we continue to support it." - **EDWARD GOLDSMITH, director of Pacific Ecologist, founding editor of The Ecologist, UK, author of Blueprint for Survival and The Way: an Ecological World View.**

Pacific Ecologist is essential reading for all those working in development in the Pacific today - bureaucrats, academics, teachers, students, aid agencies, the church. By contextualising worldwide development problems, trends and ideas, Pacific Ecologist is an invaluable tool with its analysis of development problems is much more people friendly than other publications, and more relevant to the needs of the Pacific today. I sometimes think the contents of each issue should be turned into a workshop for the media to sensitise them to some of the issues covered.- **Stephen Vete, UNAIDS APLF Sub Regional Coordinator, UNICEF, Suva, Fiji Islands.**

"We are incredibly lucky to have a journal of the quality of Pacific Ecologist - clearly the major credit must go to Kay Weir as editor and Edward Goldsmith for his appreciation and support in founding the journal" - **Dr. Robin Williams, Vice-Chancellor, University of Otago (1967-72), Australian National University (1973-75) and head, State Services Commission (1975-81), Wellington, New Zealand.**

"Keep up your wonderful work - every issue 'seems' better than the last, actually all are brilliant." - **Pat Scott, Mosgiel.**

"A friend lent me a copy to see what I thought of Pacific Ecologist. I was so excited to see such a publication coming from this country. Many of us are now managing Ecology/Spirituality Centres and are trying to set up sustainable communities within our own bio-regions. In our little five-acre farmlet here (Korimako Centre), I am running Earth Charter workshops and am on the committee for the Environment Centre Shop which has now been operating in the city for three years, all held together by volunteers. So I am so appreciative for any quality publications and information I can get to make available to others." - **Sister Judith Robinson, Korimako Centre, Invercargill, NZ.**

"Hearty congratulations for putting out such a valuable publication. It's terrific to see something so centrally on the core issues. The planet is suffering alarming problems caused by our deeply flawed systems and values, yet mainstream media fails/refuses to consider radically different critical analyses. We have no chance of solving our problems unless we diagnose them accurately. The Pacific Ecologist has been willing to carry arguments on the necessity of fundamental social change and is therefore making a heroic contribution. The very existence of the journal means many people appreciate its critical discussions - that's a cheer-up in these depressing times." - **TED TRAINER, author of Renewable Energy Cannot Sustain a Consumer Society, Visiting Fellow, Social Work, University of NSW, Kensington, Australia.**

"Pacific Ecologist is a must read for anyone concerned about humanity and the environment. In Pacific Ecologist we see the rigorous enquiry we need to heed in order to fully understand the global crisis." - **Jan Lundberg, Sustainable Energy Institute, Arcata, Northern California. USA.**

NOTE: Public talk given for WEA by editor, Kay Weir on 28 July 2008, Anvil House, Wgtn: Is NZ's disproportionately large ecological footprint and its connection with human rights an election issue?