

**Honouring the 25th Anniversary Year of Aotearora/New  
Zealand's Nuclear-Free legislation**

**PIRM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 23 October 2012 from 5.30 to 8 pm**

**Earth Sciences Seminar Room (CO304), Cotton Building  
Victoria University of Wellington (Kelburn Campus)**

**5.30-6.30pm - Presentation**



**FOOD CONTAMINATION FROM US NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS TESTING IN THE PACIFIC**

**Dr Nancy Pollock**

**Anthropology and Development Studies (retired),  
Victoria University of Wellington**

Dr. Pollock has been involved in studies of food security and health in Pacific communities over the last 40 years. The effects of ingested radiation from local food due to US atomic tests at Bikini are a particular concern today for Marshallese communities in the northern Pacific, and earlier for Hiroshima survivors. The situation requires us to examine recently declassified documentation in order to seek ways of learning about the effects of food contaminated by radiation on peoples' health.

**6.30-7.00pm Refreshments**

**PIRM Annual General Meeting  
7.00-8.00 pm**

## AGM Agenda

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 Gilberd)
6. Election of officers
7. Other business

### Dear PIRM members and subscribers to *Pacific Ecologist*,

We warmly invite you to this year's Annual General Meeting. Twenty years ago 172 countries signed the Rio Declaration, which had as its first principle "Human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature." This continues to be difficult to achieve in the face of growing extremes of wealth and poverty, regional conflicts, increasing pressure on ecosystems and increasing extreme climate events. The latest *Pacific Ecologist* (issue 21) focuses on the Food Crisis, a consequence of all of these issues, and yet there are encouraging stories of how communities are adapting. The next issue will alert us to the ongoing threats from nuclear weapons and pollution from radioactive sources.

PIRM has had its own challenges, and I am pleased to report we have come through the year with an office shift under way and with two further issues planned. We continue to seek new committee members, and especially welcome those seeking leadership roles. The meeting requires the election of officers, and hence this message is also a call for nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 committee members. Your input is keenly sought both before (phone or e-mail) and at the meeting.

Members should send nominations with name of seconder and a brief statement from the nominee by letter or e-mail to PIRM, PO Box 12-125, Wellington, or to [pirmeditor@paradise.net.nz](mailto:pirmeditor@paradise.net.nz) by 19 October, 2012.

With best wishes,



Peter Barrett (President)

for PIRM executive: Barbara Strathdee (secretary), Peter Gilberd (treasurer), Kay Weir (editor), Cliff Mason