

## Trelissick Park adopt-a-spot news

Kia Ora Volunteers!

This month has been very successful recruiting new volunteers! I have just set up three new adopt a spot sites. We have also had a corporate planting day with a group from the Ministry of Fisheries, and have one lined up with the Ministry for the Environment! Wellington City Council also hosted a corporate group from ANZ National with the help of Peter, Carolyn and Marilyn. ANZ chose a horrid rainy day to spend in the park, but they managed to clear a large area of Tradescantia upstream from the first NPA seat. The piles of Tradescantia will be sprayed by WCC before the end of the year.

Some of you may have noticed that there are two open sites in the bottom of the valley, between the new bridges which are starting to be overcome by new blackberry shoots. DON'T PANIC! These sites were originally cleared by Greater Wellington Regional Council early last year. GW are waiting for lots of fresh hungry leaves to appear before they spray the sites again. After a final spray the sites will be ready for planting in May next year. One site will be cared for by the Global Volunteer Network who have agreed to visit the site once a month to plant and monitor the site. The other site I hope will be adopted by a corporate group – otherwise it will be cared for by a variety of corporate groups over the year.

Remember that we do have a few volunteers who are 'grow safe qualified'. This means they are able to use vigilant – which is painted onto stumps of woody weeds which will sprout when you cut them. If you have any woody weeds in your spot that need controlling, let me know and I can put you in touch with one of our 'vigilantes' who can help you!

Just a quick reminder that the Adopt a Spot BBQ will be held at Wightwicks field on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at midday. Please let me know if you are planning to come along to this so I have an idea of how many sausages I need to bring!

Thanks again for all your hard work! I look forward to seeing you at the BBQ.

Regards,  
Kate

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Plant of the month**Native Jasmine**

Scrambling Native Jasmine

There are a number of varieties of native jasmine in Trelissick Park. Here two pictures show the common native Jasmine *Parsonia capsularis*, (left) and a thin leaved jasmine (right). Both of these creepers are encouraged in the right environment. Jasmine is just about to flower, and has clusters of small creamy flowers that attract butterflies.



Thin leaved jasmine



Climber in a large tree

**Native Passionfruit****Kohia/ *Passiflora tetrandra***

This vine has glossy leaves, and greenish-white flowers in early December. It also has orange fruit that attract birds, so we do like this vine. Encourage it in areas of established bush, but not if it is choking small seedlings.



Native Passionfruit

Weed of the month**Japanese Honeysuckle**

Japanese honeysuckle is a vigorous climbing vine with white and yellow flowers. The leaves are arranged in opposite pairs along the vine. Japanese honeysuckle has black berries that are spread by birds into our native bush. It is present throughout New Zealand, but particularly in the North Island. It is spreading rapidly in a wide range of scrub, wetlands, other low-statured communities, and in damaged forests. Japanese honeysuckle is under-estimated as a weed - but it is likely to be highly detrimental to

conservation values due to the speed of its spread. Cut Japanese Honeysuckle out, and remove the cut branches. Paint with Vigilant.