

TRELISSICK PARK - NGAIO GORGE WORKING GROUP

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NEWSLETTER TO ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE NGAIO GORGE

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This is the second now-and-then newsletter, compiled by John McInnes the current chairman of the Working Group. The Working Group wants to keep you up to date with happenings; to let you know you are part of a live project. The first letter was sent to those who had adopted spots. This letter is going to those who have adopted spots, to other volunteers, and to some further 'friends'.

TREE PLANTING

This winter's 2800 trees bring to 16,000 the number planted since the Working Group began in June 1991. And what's the strike rate? Not counting those stolen, about 90%.

SEEN THE NEW SIGNS?

The New Northern Walkway signs within Trelissick Park are all in now. There is also a major sign at the double gate/stile entrance on Ngaio Gorge Road.

ADOPT A SPOT

Slowly the number of 'spotees' is increasing. Twelve now. That's 10 individuals or families or friends, and two organisations.

MAJOR JOBS

Wadestown Scouts have done hard work clearing a huge fallen willow blocking the Korimako Stream just above its confluence with the Kaiwhara, and the Ngaio Union Church has planted out all the trees it nurtured over the early part of the year.

THANKS

The Working Group is very grateful for the responsibility taken by 'spotees'. The Group acknowledges the hard work too - clearing, releasing, planting etc - both by 'spotees' and other volunteers. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

Saturday 3 September 10 am

Grassy slope Trelissick Crescent

Saturday 24 September 1.30 pm

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Sunday 23 October 1.30 pm

Double Gate, Ngaio Gorge Road

Saturday 29 October, 1.30 pm

Double Gate, Ngaio Gorge Road

Saturday 5 November, 10 am

Double gate, Ngaio Gorge Road

The first four are half days. On 5 November would you like to bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it?

KAIWHARAWHARA POINT

Kaiwhara Point is that shoulder of reclaimed land jutting into the harbour immediately north of the Kaiwharwhara's mouth. Visually, Kaiwhara Point is important because it's so readily seen from rail road and sea, and from adjoining suburbs.

Ecologically what happens in and around the Point is significant too. The Kaiwhara is a biological corridor and the Gorge Working Group therefore wants to keep the stream mouth clean and unimpeded for fish traffic - for trout and whitebait especially.

TOGETHER

The Working Group has brought together a number of environmental and citizens groups (including sea fishing clubs) to present a united front to the Port of Wellington (previously the Harbour Board) over the future of the land.

The united group will put a submission to the WCC on the Draft District Plan, supporting rezoning to Open Space, so that the Point can become totally recreational. The Gorge Working Group will not itself get involved in the Kaiwhara Point issue but will support the new united grouping.

WORKING GROUP

The Gorge Working Group has the following members at present. (See foot of page for organisation names.)

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Please get in touch with any of them if there are matters of concern to you.

Feel free to photocopy this Newsletter for others.

Organisations represented include:

Highland Park Progressive Association, Ngaio Progressive Association, Private Landowners' Group, Onslow Historical Society Inc, Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, Wellington Botanical Society, Wellington City Council Culture and Recreation Division, Wellington Fish & Game Council, Wadestown Residents' Association.