

TRELISSICK PARK - NGAIO GORGE WORKING GROUP

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NEWSLETTER TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ADOPTED SPOTS

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This is the first of what we hope will be now-and-then newsletters, compiled by John McInnes the current chairman of the Working Group. The idea is to keep everyone up to date with happenings, to help stimulate continued interest not only in working on your Spot but in enjoying the Gorge as a whole.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS

New Northern Walkway signs are coming. Now that Wightwick's Field has been added to Treliwick Park the Northern Walkway traverses it and goes along Waikowhai Street to the Ngaio Tennis Courts instead of running down Kenya Street as it used to do. And the unfootpathed section of Treliwick Crescent has been eliminated by running the Walkway along the parallel track below the Crescent. The signs should be complete by the end of June. Way markers – substantial posts with arrows on them – are going in now.

SENSE OF MYSTERY RETAINED

Signs will not be erected all over Treliwick Park. The minor tracks are being left unsigned to be explored. Have you noticed how many have been opened in the last year or two? More track clearing will be done. Many of these tracks were first benched and formed by workers during the Great Depression of the 20s and 30s.

WORKING GROUP

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

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Have you read the new Treliwick Park Draft Management Plan? Made a submission? You have until May 27. Give any Working Group member a ring if you want to talk about it. Copies in libraries or \$3 from the WCC.

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.

TREE PLANTING

Another 2000 trees will be planted this winter. Could you keep your eyes open against theft of newly planted trees? We lost several hundred last year. Planted by PD workers on the Saturday, they were removed by persons unknown between then and Monday. If you come across anyone stealing trees, don't seek a confrontation but try and get a car number and go to the nearest house and call the police.

ADOPT A SPOTEEES

Who has adopted a spot? About 8 individuals or families so far – plus two or three organisations. The Wadestown Scouts have adopted a gorgy section which they often use and the Ngaio Brownies are thinking about what they might like to do. The Ngaio Union Church has about 30 members nurturing young plants to be put in a Spot they intend to adopt later in the planting season.

YOUNG TREES NEED CARE

This summer has been long and in places blackberry and other infestors are threatening to engulf trees in some spots. If you haven't been lately you may need to go and have a look. Do ask if there is any help you need.

FISH

Various steps have been taken to improve water quality in the stream and this summer quite a lot of young brown trout have been seen. But in the last week of April a fish kill was reported. Does anyone know anything about that?