

# GUARDIANS OF PAUATAHANUI INLET

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**BOAT RIDES ON THE INLET – A SEAWEEK ACTIVITY  
SUNDAY 7 MARCH – RESERVE DAY 14 MARCH**

**CANCELLED**

## POLLUTION AT BROWNS BAY

Some of you may have noticed an additional warning sign at Browns Bay last month. Greater Wellington is doing weekly tests on bathing beaches and on Jan 7-8 the levels of enterococci at Browns Bay were more than 70 times the maximum level safe for swimming! This means that sewerage is getting into the Inlet probably through the stormwater drains. Needless to say we have written to PCC to attend to the matter asap.

## FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- ☐ Our chairperson John Wells is now a trustee of PICT (PI Community Trust).
- ☐ Transit has agreed to trial filters for storm water on SH1. This will only get rid of sediment not chemicals. Tyre dust is lethal to shell fish and the best way to dispose of this is by filtering through soil and vegetation where the storm water is collected.

**DRAFT PAUT INLET RESTORATION PLAN Stage 2 now out.** This covers the area from Camborne round Mana, Golden Gate, Paremata up to Pauatahanui. Our committee has met to provide feedback so that it can be put in PCC's LTTCP.

## HOT NUMBERS

Pollution i.e. Discharges of contaminants to air, land, stormwater drains, streams, rivers and the sea and after hours consent compliance ring GREATER WELLINGTON 0800-496 734 (24 hr)

Boating infringements ring GREATER WELLINGTON 384-5708 (24 hr)

Fisheries ring MINFISH 460-4702 (24hr)

Fow Wildlife Reserve ring DOC 472-5821 (day) 0800 DOC HOTline or 0800 36 24 68 (a/hrs)

## SUMMER STREAM MONITORING

Thanks to all those who continue to do a fantastic job out stream monitoring! The group has completed the summer session and has been monitoring for over 2 years now. We have a new site on Moonshine Stream – a tributary of Pauatahanui Stream. A recent glance at the data suggests that the upstream Duck Creek site continues to have the best stream health of the sites we monitor, and the downstream Pauatahanui Stream site the worst. The group will next be investigating the possibility of monitoring sites on the Kakaho Stream. Look out for us in the next issue of GW Elements! Contact Vanessa on 233 2356, or Margaret on 233 8234 to join in!

Goodness, it is nearly March. Do hope you can join us for the Seaweed boat tour on 7 March. Planning has begun for our cockle count in November and have you looked at our re-vamped website yet? Many thanks to Vanessa for all her hard work. Still plenty of spoonbills around. On 4 Feb twelve were seen by a member between Duck Ck and Henderson's corner (where the big tree used to be).

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