

GUARDIANS OF PAUATAHANUI INLET

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FREE POST

We have been successful in our application to NZ Post for 200 community envelopes. They are being used for invitations to take part in the Cockle Count. Thank you NZ Post!

RECORD TURNOUT FOR INLET CLEANUP

In spite of intermittent rain and a forecast southerly 73 people came to help. This would be the most as far as we can remember who have ever taken part. There were more than 80 bags of rubbish collected plus other sundry items. Lunch was provided by Angus Langbein and his team from Plimmerton Rotary. The food was given to us by Mana New World together with the \$50 Lucky Prize voucher. Thanks must also go to John Poppleton (did you see his awning skillfully placed?) and Denis Ormsby from Keep Porirua Beautiful for their organisation. We organised the workers!

COCKLE COUNT NOVEMBER 13 & 14

Get registered now!

Turn over this page for details

SEAWEEK PHOTO COMPETITION ON AGAIN so start thinking about what you are going to enter! We have received \$500 from PCC Creative Community NZ scheme.

Download an entry form from our website or contact the organiser Ken Rae ph 233-9614.

Entries close 1 March 2005

STREAM monitoring has begun for Spring. If you would like to help contact Margaret Richards ph 233-8234

WE will be taking part in the charrette to resolve the Duck Creek issue.

WE have met with PCC re the Browns Bay pollution. They were rather surprised at the photographic evidence we produced. Cause of the massive counts in Feb were due to a severe breakage of a sewage pipe in the Postgate area that caused discharge into Browns Bay Stream. Still overflow problems when it rains. **Please take photos for us.**

HOT NUMBERS FOR THE PAUATAHANUI INLET

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)

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

Let us know what you have reported so we can keep an accurate record.

John Wells ph 234-1788 wellsjm@xtra.co.nz

INVITATION

TRIENNIAL COCKLE COUNT

The survey is conducted every 3 years, so it is that time again, and the Guardians are once more asking for volunteers.

For those who have not been involved before, the Cocker Count is our method of monitoring the health of Pauatahanui Inlet. Cockles are a key species in Inlet food chains, and numbers and sizes of cockles indicate ecological health of the estuarine processes. Our baseline data goes back to 1976.

**Cockles are easy to count and measure; it's *fun!*
and a great way to be involved in action for the environment**

We welcome volunteers, singly, in pairs or groups of 4. Bring along the family too.

You have two opportunities to be part of the action:

- **Saturday November 13**

3.00 pm start from Stout Cottage. Pre-organised groups from Guardians, service clubs, public organisations etc. Finishing about 6.00 pm.

- **Sunday November 14**

public cockle count, 3.30-7.00 pm.

3.00 pm group leaders assemble at Stout Cottage, equipment and instructions given out

3.30 pm groups move to transect sites

6.00 pm Sausage Sizzle at the Stout Cottage.

**Advise Alastair Harray, phone 233-6648, or email mary.et.al@actrix.co.nz
if you wish to be part of the action!!**

ALL WELCOME

Experience not necessary!

Warm clothes and old shoes or gummies are essential

Thanks for coming to the Cleanup and we look forward to seeing you all at the Cocker Count.

Next week I am shifting to Raumati South but that does not mean I am giving up the Guardians. I will be staying on until the next AGM. My new email from 21 October will be cynthiadon.petersen@paradise.net.nz

Best wishes

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