

GUARDIANS OF PAUATAHANUI INLET

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AWARDS ALL ROUND!

In November we received the PCC Community Award in the Environment & Heritage category with a framed certificate and a cheque for \$500. This put us in the Regional Finals held at Wellington Airport in December which we also won with another certificate and cheque for \$500! Then to cap it all our long serving Secretary Cynthia Petersen received a PCC Civic Honour for "outstanding voluntary service in the field of Education and Environment".

WANTED!

Someone to run our website. All the hard work has been done. You will have Dreamweaver to work with and given some training. Contact Vanessa.thorn@vuw.ac.nz

SEAWEEK PHOTO COMPETITION

Have you thought of entering? It is so easy with a digital camera!

ENTRIES CLOSE 1 MARCH

An Entry Form accompanies this newsletter

Photos will be on display during SeaweeK Saturday 5 March until Saturday 12 March in the Whitby Mall

HAVE A GO!

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Cockle Count: We have the preliminary results. Population remains stable; large increase in juveniles.
- Duck Ck. We support both plans put forward as they satisfactorily deal with erosion and stormwater.
- Silverwood Development. We made a submission recommending chemical flocculation & manuka slash. The hearing is on 28 Feb & 1 March.

Co-option onto the Committee:

Several committee members, including our Secretary will be resigning in June. Are you enthusiastic about the Inlet and would like to be co-opted to see what it is like being on our committee? We all have different skills to offer. Talk to John Wells ph 234-1788.

STREAM MONITORING REPORT

Our Stream Monitoring Care Group is going from strength to strength and there were 17 people at a recent meeting. Several newcomers were those who had helped on the cockle count. This new group have now been inducted and will be ready to go for the next season's monitoring. Summer stream monitoring was slow to get going because of the wet weather and people being away over the holiday season. By the time you read this it will all be finished!

Stream Monitoring is the practical side of the Guardians' work. We are always looking for volunteers "more hands make light work". Contact our Co-ordinators:

Alastair Harray ph 233-6648

Margaret Richards ph 233-8234

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

Hello Members

Do you have a neighbour or someone who has recently moved into the area who would like to join the Guardians or you feel should join? We need a wide community base to be effective. Membership forms are on our website.

Best Wishes Cynthia Petersen, Secretary