

# GUARDIANS OF PAUATAHANUI INLET

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## SEAWEEK PHOTO COMPETITION

This was so successful that a request was made to transfer it to the Porirua Library for a further week. There were 45 photos entered focusing on the Inlet's natural beauty, the effect of human impact and its recreational attractions. The judge Brian Seach rated the entries as being of a high standard. Thanks go to our sponsors – PCC Creative Communities Local Funding Scheme, Wellington Photographic Supplies, Mana Pharmacy, Whitby Pharmacy, Whitby New World, Whitby Stationary & Bookshop and Keep Porirua Beautiful. The Competition would not have happened without their help. Most important of all though was the organisation done by Miles Deck who took over from Ken Rae. Thanks Miles!

## WELCOME!

To Beverly Fairfax our new Webmaster and Tony Shaw who has agreed to be co-opted onto our committee.

To new members:

Nadine & Simon Gibbs

Brock Family

Margaret & Norman Fyfe

Wendy & Rendall Cornwall

Catherine Gibbs

## STREAM MONITORING REPORT

The stream monitoring teams have just finished the Autumn test on seven sites spread over the four main streams that enter the inlet. Two sites are tested on the Pauatahanui Stream, Duck Creek and Horokiri Stream. A new site on the Kokaho Stream was tested for the first time last month. We are grateful to Mrs Joy Gray for allowing access to the stream through her farm property. The test kit is produced by NIWA and the results from our tests join with others throughout the Greater Wellington to help the Council in their water management planning. Later this year we will arrange a talk on the stream programme to give us an overview of the tests conducted over the past three years. We are always looking for more volunteers; two hours for each test four times a year. The Guardians are committed to work for a healthy inlet. Contact Alastair Harray Ph 233.6648 e-mail [mary.et.al@actrix.co.nz](mailto:mary.et.al@actrix.co.nz)

## AGM THURSDAY 30 JUNE

**SPEAKER:** Alan Munro, ornithologist will speak about the latest bird survey taken on the Inlet

**WHERE:** Bradey Room (next to the Whitby Public Library)

**WHEN:** 7.30pm 30 June

## OUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

Are you able to come to a meeting every 6 wks? To have your opinions and ideas heard? We need you!

Our Secretary finishes at the AGM and it is likely her duties will be divided up. Another couple of members have left now on their yacht. All we require are people passionate about the Pauatahanui Inlet. Come along and try us out at our next committee meeting on Thursday 9 June. Give John Wells a ring on 234-1788. We would like to hear from you.

**FROM YOUR COMMITTEE:** We have made a submission to PCC's Draft Annual Plan. We are concerned that there are no funds for biodiversity work even though the Council has these strategic intentions in the LTCCP (and repeated in this Draft Plan). Riparian enhancement along stream edges; community based initiatives associated with biodiversity and the new discretionary project that would have seen Molyneux Close Reserve repaired after recent rain events. We cannot have fine clay going into Duck Ck then into the Inlet. Check out our submission on the website!

## 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](mailto:wellsjm@xtra.co.nz)

Dear Members, This is the last Newsletter I will be doing. I have been Secretary for 8 years now and it is time for someone else to take over. Of course I will always be a member and follow developments around the Inlet closely. Best wishes, Cynthia Petersen [cynthiadon.petersen@paradise.net.nz](mailto:cynthiadon.petersen@paradise.net.nz)