

## **Waimea Inlet Forum working group, 17 July 2017, Mapua hall**

### **A. Discussion on the 'arms' of WIF:**

The WIF Coordinating Group comprising decision makers TDC, NCC, DOC and WIF (David Sissons) and representatives from TET, F&G has begun work on the draft of the Implementation Plan 2017-2020 for the Strategy.

The Strategy works on a Whole-of-Environment, Whole-of-Council and Whole-of-Community approach.

The WIF Working Group is open to anyone with an interest in the Inlet. There is no formal structure but it is facilitated by Gillian Bishop and meeting notes are taken. Information and suggestions are recorded and discussed. Recently there has been input from Birds NZ.

The Strategy set up the Forum as a platform for connecting groups/individuals, exchanging information, integrating activities, setting priorities and sharing results. The Forum will keep the Strategy alive and report progress to the community.

### **B. Discussion on:**

Feedback on current projects and suggestions for the future. Emphasis to date has been on restoring habitat. How does this relate to species? About 24 bird species nest around the Inlet, can all their needs be looked after eg scrapes for those nesting on open sand/shingle/shell banks. With rising sea level will the islands, currently used for nesting, go below water level at all high tides. Are there places to create new open shellbanks etc. Are there sufficient 'retreat' areas

Little is known about fish species inhabiting the Inlet. Is it a nursery for young fish?

Trevor James' report "River Quality in Tasman District" good source material for looking at quality of water in the Inlet.

C. The meeting was attended by the new Land Care Trust representative, Dr Annette Licherland. She is experienced in a number of environmental fields. She will be proactive in catchment issues and available to advise/assist with environmental projects.

D. Peter Lawless will be presenting his co-ordinating plan at the meeting on 21 August.

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