

Waimea Inlet Forum - 22 January 2018

The website has been updated with photos and links to council publications etc.

Salt intrusion on Bell Island spit – 3m high gorse has died, and also desirable plants. The bollards at Greenslade Park have been moved due to higher tides.

Waimea Inlet Action Plan – Forum March 2

Peter Lawless will facilitate the meeting, which will be held from 4pm to 7pm at the Headingly Centre. All welcome.

The opportunity to provide feedback is open until March 9th.

Wasp Wipeout

Last year Fairfax, DOC and TET raised funds for a pilot in Nelson-Tasman, with spectacular results. Waimea Inlet nominatd to be included in this year's programme. Vespex only works when the wasps need protein. Bait stations are set out each 100m metres, and prefeed is used to gauge the wasps interest. Once the time is right, the vespex is introduced and removed 2 days later. There has been little response to requests for volunteers.

Go to the Fairfax website if you would like to help and contact Gillian at mb7@xtra.co.nz or 027 2407534

Fernbird Surveys were held on the 25/26, 30/31 January at likely habitat sites around the estuary, led by Ingrid Hutzler (Birds NZ). She will correlate the results.

Neimann Creek development is moving along well.

Behind NPI- Ravensdown wave power caused damage to the cycleway. Philip talked with Josh Aldridge, TDC, to work on solutions for the estuary margin section of the cycleway.

Environment and planning is underway for management of Motuiti/Rough and Moturoa/Rabbit Islands.

The Big Beach Cleanup will not be run by DOC this year. Forest and Bird suggested that environmental groups could do it anyway. Keep Richmond Beautiful and WIF are interested.

TDC has purchased the O'Connor land behind the stopbank in the vicinity of Pearl Creek and it has been designated a scenic reserve. Public consultation will be invited at some stage.

Next meeting March 19th, 4pm, Mapua Hall.

