

Waimea Inlet Forum – Monday 20 May 2019, 4.0pm

- Progress reports on restoration around the Inlet:

Pearl Creek – Forest and Bird (TET financed spraying of blackberry, weeding to continue)

Research Orchard Road QE11 covenant – Forest and Bird (contact: Ian Price)

Dominion Flats – Mapua community project

Bronte peninsular; Stringer, Mapua and Maisey embayments; Hoddy Estuary Park, Manuka Island, Research Orchard Road all ongoing planting May to August, 9.0am to 1.0pm. Contact - bandedrail@gmail.com

- Waimea Inlet Action Plan – TDC and DOC have signed off for their responsibilities.
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- WIF responsible for a) identify and prioritise key habitats for management in 2019
b) increase width of restored estuary margins – 10kms x 10m wide by 2030
c) a unified plan for groups conducting bird surveys to be completed in 2020
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- Problems with weka possibly predating low-lying nests at Paremata, particularly fern birds and banded rail – David Melville said these birds have been occupying the same habitats for thousands of years and he thought the birds would sort it out. He and Rob Schuckard are releasing their survey on coastal birds on NCC website.
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- Trapping to be coordinated round the Nelson/Tasman coast possibly with some council assistance. Important that maintenance of traps continues into the future.
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- DOC has mapped the estuary margins and Cawthron is drawing up a vegetation map to show original native plant cover.
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- Neimann Creek – willows felled, riparian planting along the main channel and will continue along a tributary. The upper stream is fenced and the rest will be done.
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- The next public forum is tentatively in the week of 17 June, otherwise in August. David Melville will speak on 'The Waimea Inlet in an International Setting'.