

Matiu Matters

May 2004

Chairman's Comments

There are three important items that need your focus this month:

- Membership renewal
- Trustee replacements
- Project Kakariki Update

MEMBERSHIP

Those of you who are Life Members, as well as those who are new members or who have already renewed your membership for 2004 will also find a membership form enclosed. Please take the opportunity to pass it on to someone else who may wish to join our Friends group. Any donations towards the expenses of Year 2 Project kakariki are very welcome.

PROJECT KAKARIKI UPDATE

The birds have flown.....

Last Saturday morning on Matiu Somes Island, stage 2 of the Kakariki project was launched with the release of a further 18 birds. The flash of green was captured by the DominionPost photographer at the launch and his photo was printed in the DominionPost edition dated 4th May 2004 on page 6.

Once again The Trust has agreed to obtain the required sponsorship for this stage of the Project. From an initial target of \$2200.00 we are now tasked to raise more than \$5500.00. An initial application to Wellington City Council Environmental Grants has meant that we will receive \$1200.00 but only if we can obtain the same amount from Hutt City Council. I will be writing to both Councils to try to resolve this difficulty. Until then, the WCC funding is in jeopardy.



REPLACEMENT TRUSTEES

With my departure for Maketu later this year, the current Trustee vacancy, and now the intention of Stan Hunt to resign as a Trustee at the AGM in August we have several gaps to fill.

Please consider if you would be willing to undertake either of these roles and also let me know of any suitable people in our community that may be interested.

I hope to invite any potential Trustees to our next meeting which is later this month.

Best wishes, Maureen Burgess

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