



Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga Friends of Oakley Creek

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Editorial

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The rise of Matariki in the winter skies above Aotearoa marked a special time for remembrance of the past and planning for the future. Traditionally, it involved the lighting of fires. And what is a fire for, if not for basking in front of?

This winter edition marks the 20th anniversary of our organisation – twenty years of dedication to the restoration of Te Auaunga. In that time, we have planted close to 110,000 plants! So, it's a special time of remembrance for us, a time for basking in the memories of a job well done, friendships made and nourished, trees propagated and planted, weeds and rubbish cleared. You will find a four-page spread acknowledging some of the people who have played a role in this history. We invite you to warm your hearts and join us in celebrating our dedicated family of volunteers.

You will also find the latest news on the restoration of one of our bridges, new methods of wasp control and



Photo (above): Wendy with bouquet presented at the AGM

some wild and wonderful insects and fungi to be found alongside the awa.

As usual, something for everyone. Enjoy!

Gina Hefferan, Editor

*“Thank you for putting on this excellent event [community tree planting]. So good for the soul.”
– Emma McInnes*

Monthly Working Bees

By Wendy John

At the beginning of May we planted an area of floodplain in the upper-mid catchment, at Walmsley Park – and there is more to do here (watch this space). This area is part of the Te Auaunga Awa Underwood and Walmsley ‘flooding mitigation’ project that was undertaken by Auckland Council back in 2017-2018. However, the various flooding events in recent years have had a major impact on some of the

planted areas, so we are helping to reinstate these. And we were also joined by an enthusiastic group of young people from the Earth Club.

In June we planted 680 trees in the southern valley in Waterview Glades, with the help of lots of regular volunteers, plus a team from Conservation Volunteers Migrant Group. This planting basically filled up the rest of the valley, apart from a strip that will, in time, become part of a pleasant, informal bush walk on the west side of the creek.



Photo (above): PLB Board Member, Jon Turner & Sandra at Walmsley Park Planting



Photo (above): Waterview Glades planting



Photo (above): Earth Club Team at Walmsley Park Planting



Photo (above): Waterview Glades planting

Friday Working Bees

By Wendy John

Our weekly working bees these past few months have been productive, albeit challenging with some less-than-ideal weather. Our wonderful volunteers, many of them 'regulars', have been busy working in a range of sites, on a range of tasks. Winter brings a delightful reprieve from having to



Photo (above): Friday Working Bee, at the area known as Management Unit 10 (MU10)

deal with bindweed, and a range of other annual weeds that persist in invading the creek over the summer months.

So, we've been focussing on dealing with weeds such as Japanese honeysuckle, madeira vine, blackberry and privet – Chinese and tree. Winter also provides the opportunity for planting and mulching – a pleasant change.



Photo (above): Friday MU10 site before



Photo (above): Friday Working Bee team at MU10 below Macrocarpa



Photo (above): Friday MU10 site after

Corporates

By Wendy John

Things continue to be a little quieter on the corporate front recently with regards to corporates. But we were joined by a small, but energetic team from the ANZ, who helped with the mulching of the young trees in the Waterview Glades south valley.



Photo (above): ANZ team mulching

Matariki Plantings

By Wendy John

We were thrilled to be able to organise and support a number of tree planting activities during Matariki. These included:

Collectively Kids (CK) - we had a group of little eco-warriors from our local partner, CK Early Childhood Education Centre, back with us again for their annual Matariki tree planting. This year, they did the planting at the Waterview Heritage Area. It is always a treat to see how much enjoyment the children get from doing the planting - and finding worms in the ground.



Photo (above): Collectively Kids planting

Mt Roskill Grammar - we worked in partnership with the school to organise a Matariki planting for some of their students, on the side of the awa, next to the school. The planting was part of a special Matariki day of activities, that

started with a dawn ceremony at the top of Puketāpapa / Mt Roskill.



Photo (above): Mount Roskill Grammar group

Pt Chevalier Girl Guides - the Pt Chevalier Girl Guides annual planting also happened within Matariki this year. The girls did a great job of putting in another 120 plants at their site in the northern part of Waterview Glades. And they got most of them mulched, as well.



Photo (above): Pt Chevalier Girl Guides

Te Auaunga Partner Community Group Activities

By Wendy John

As always, there's lots happening with our various partner groups and their sites.

A Rocha - A Rocha volunteers were back with us, this past Autumn, for another session of looking after one of their sites in Harbutt Reserve. It's great to see this area - the Kahikatea Peninsula - doing so well. It won't be long before there is enough canopy cover to keep the weeds at a minimum. As always, we finished up the session with some delicious lemon dahl and rice at Sarah's.



Photo (above): A Rocha team taking a break

Oakley Loop Group - The 'Oakley Loop' area is coming along. We had another working bee with the 'loop locals'. And we were joined by a small group from the Earth Club, again. The key tasks for the session were clearing lower limbs of Chinese privet, to let more light into some areas, general weeding, madeira vine control, rubbish removal and planting a small number of native sedges to help stabilise the stream edge.



Photo (above): Clare & Esther planting sedges, Oakley Loop

Conservation Volunteers New Zealand - CVNZ continue to support our work with their CPP (Connecting People with Parks) team and Migrant Conservation Team. A big group joined us for our community tree planting at the start of June. And a CPP group, who were joined by some volunteers from the ASB, spent a day helping with plant releasing, and privet and bindweed control.



Photo (above): CVNZ volunteers

Global Hope Missions & Puketāpapa Climate Action -

Late autumn saw us partnering with Global Hope Missions and Puketāpapa Climate Action for a major rubbish clean up in Walmsley Park. One is constantly amazed at how much and what kind of rubbish ends up in our stream. It is always such a good feeling getting an area cleaned out of rubbish. Thanks, GHM, PCA and Puketāpapa Local Board for your efforts and support.

Check out this cool video of the event - <https://www.facebook.com/OakleyCreek/posts/pfbid0GsuCHpMfxFiY9J1foiUbcozTbo84LybmwkVMroj2rtXMEFC hv6DU8Ash1ApVjn3XI> (Thanks to GHM.)

Otago Polytechnic Auckland International Campus -

We were joined by a group of students and staff from Otago Polytechnic recently. The task was to spread the rest of the mulch around the plants in the Waterview Glades south valley.

The work was challenging, and a real 'work out', with multiple trips up and down the steep slope. Congratulations team for sticking with it until all of the mulch was moved.



Photo (above): Otago Polytechnic Ak International Campus students

Outreach Report

By Sandra Maclean

Moth plant control slowed as autumn progressed, but not until the following areas along the creek were given some more attention – Tait Street, at the top of Rosebank Road; Alan Wood Reserve – where it backs onto Methuen Road; a couple of large land banked sites on Great North Road; and a number of private properties along Blockhouse Bay Road, Methuen Road and Powell Street. Thanks to Keith, Jean, Alister and Allan for all your help with these challenging sites!

We moved to weekly sessions at Odyssey House, under pressure to get the plants in the ground nice and early in the season. We ordered 14 'standard' trees on top of our usual smaller stock so we could get



Photo (above): Alic, Stephen, Bruce and Holga, members of WHA Tuesday planting team



Photo (above): CVNZ at Mt Roskill Police Station site

a quick result on an open steep bit of ground. The residents enjoyed digging in these much taller plants (pūriri and pohutukawa) and made short work of the rest of the nurse crop plants we had ready to go in the ground.

Sessions ran fortnightly to monthly with the Mason Clinic downstream of the Plane Tree Bridge. These focussed on bindweed control and creating open areas for planting, and have given the clients and staff a great opportunity to enjoy some of the greenspace that surrounds the Mason Clinic facility.

In late April, we ran an event on the tributary behind the Gull Filling Station on Stoddard Rd as part of Albert-Eden & Puketāpapa Ecofest. The event was well supported by Conservation Volunteers NZ (CVNZ) and the local community police, as well as our fabulous regular volunteers. A lot of the CVNZ team arrived as a group who had chosen to celebrate the birthday of Keung To, by taking part in an environmental project. (Keung To is a Hong Kong pop star and the team brightened the day by arriving with posters and the sounds of their idol). In mid-May we ran a follow up session for the Mt Roskill community police and were joined by a couple of volunteers from Kiwibank. The site had been hit hard again with the Easter rain, but by the end of the two sessions we had looked after the previous plantings, controlled more moth plant and madeira vine, cleared a large area of fallen pest trees and replanted it with natives. We are pretty pleased with progress at this site.



Photo (above): 2degrees at Waterview Glades



Photo (above): Dentsu at WHA

In early May, 2Degrees sent out a very productive corporate team who worked in the southern end of Waterview Glades. Lots of privet was dealt with on the bush edge, and the native plants that we put in, in last year, were released of weeds so they could enjoy some more sunshine during the autumn/winter months.

At the Waterview Heritage Area, Dentsu – a corporate whom we have had fantastic support from over the last few years – came out to work on the blue morning glory. They were a vital part of the effort to get the northern end of the site, next to Great North Road ready for planting. Since then, every Tuesday Tejo has ferried trays of plants to our planting site in his cargo bike. It's a steep area so Martin and Stephen have put in some steps to help keep us upright. So far so good, and the site has greened up with the attentions of our wonderful Tuesday volunteers.

Predator Control

By Wendy John

The recent wet weather has made conditions somewhat challenging for our predator control teams. Over the past year, overall trap catches were as follows (with last year's figures in brackets) – 21 (58) possums, 116 (229) rats, 21 (52) mice, 18 (0) hedgehogs and 2 (0) rabbits. As per usual, these figures do not include rodents controlled with the baiting of 64 bait stations four times a year. It's very encouraging to see the possum and rat numbers down so much, but disappointing to see the number of hedgehogs up so much.



Photo (above): Rodent control team – Winnie, Marianne, Helen & John – braving the cold



Photo (above): Chris, rodent baiting in the Southern Circuit

Many people are not aware of the severe impact that hedgehogs have on our native biodiversity. The Department of Conservation refers to them as our 'most underrated predator'. They have a voracious appetite and can munch their way through countless endemic birds' eggs and chicks – particularly of ground-nesting species, lizards and invertebrates, in a night. They are known to eat the rare giant native centipede, wētā and other rare insects; and possibly, our rare, endemic native frogs.

For more information on hedgehogs check out this link – <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/animal-pests-and-threats/hedgehogs/>

And, the winter rodent baiting pulse is now completed.

Further to our article about wasps in the last newsletter, we decided to do what we could to control some of the foreign, predator wasps. This is a complex and challenging task. Tejo van Schie and Wendy put out wasp bait stations on the lower creek. The bait, Vespex, is protein based, and the wasps take it from the bait stations and carry it back to their nests. However, for most of the summer, wasps are looking for carbohydrates, such as honeydew, so are not attracted to the protein bait. Only towards the end of autumn do they seek out protein.

So, the bait stations were first loaded with sardines, and checked regularly, to determine if and when the wasps switched to looking for protein. And, only when there were signs of the



Photo (above): Jude, checking trap in mid-circuit



Photo (above): Wasp control, Tejo

wasps taking the sardines, was the Vespex put out. However, from our observations, there appears to be only a very short amount of time between when they switch from carbohydrate to protein, and when the weather is too cool for them to be out and about. So, it is difficult to tell how successful we might have been. But with the increased number of wasp nests being found on the creek – 10 in just one area over a couple of weeks, we will persist with the control in the coming years.

Water Monitoring

By Wendy John

Monitoring the quality of the water in our awa on a regular basis (four times a year), is a great way for members of the local community to connect with the creek and surrounding environment. It helps to determine the health of the creek, and observe any changes that might

occur, over time. It can also be an important indicator of how effective the restoration work we are doing along the creek is in improving the biodiversity, and how we can further improve our efforts.

We are looking for volunteers to adopt a couple of sites. If you are interested, training and resources are provided.



Photo (above): Eric & Jill, Water Monitoring at Wairaka Stream



Photo (above): Helen, Water Monitoring at Cradock St Bridge

Visitors to the Awa

By Wendy John

AECOM - Auckland Council recently contracted AECOM to carry out a fluvial geomorphology / erosion assessment of the creek. This work will help to inform Council on the best approaches to the control of erosion for different locations along the creek.



Photo (above): Fluvial Geomorphology Assessment team in Alan Wood Reserve

Contractors

By Wendy John

Te Ngahere – continue to support our project with weed control through the Auckland Council ecological contract, and with site preparation for our planting sites, supported by our three local boards – Albert Eden, Puketāpapa and Whau.



Photo (above): Te Ngahere team on site

Programmed – Post storm bridge rebuild continues

As you may recall, we were thrilled to report in the Autumn newsletter, that two of our washed-out bridges had been reinstated. However, unfortunately, two weeks after the completion of the bridge in Harbutt Reserve, the flooding from the Easter storm washed it out again! Fortunately, the team was back on the job in no time at all, and now the bridge is back and looking amazing. It has been raised by 600mm

and has steps at either end. Fingers crossed this will withstand any future flooding. And while the crew was on site, they did an upgrade of the lower path, with a top up of gravel and boxing to prevent it from being washed into the creek during future flooding events. Well done to the Programmed team! And, thanks to Auckland Council and the Albert Eden Local Board.



Photo (above): Harbutt Reserve Bridge rebuild #2

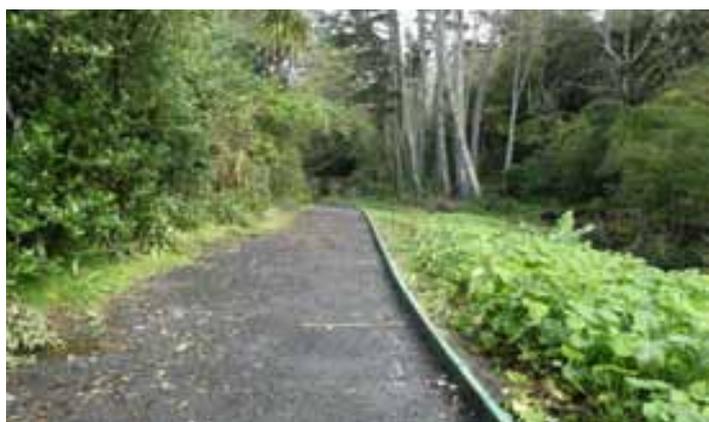


Photo (above): Harbutt Reserve Lower Path upgrade

Nursery

By Wendy John

Our nursery continues to be productive, with lots of plants going out onto the creek these past couple of months – and more to go.



Photo (above): Team at the nursery – Margaret, John, Bev and Gina

Twenty Years of Mahi Tahī

By Marin Adams in conversation with Helen Mellsoy

The twenty years begins in 2004. Two strangers waiting at Mt Albert Railway Station start chatting. They exchange contact details before saying goodbye. One more person has been added to Wendy's group of concerned locals who have a vision of a restored creek rather than a concrete and asphalt motorway.

Wendy supplied the leadership for the group of concerned locals. She energised, organised, encouraged and actioned. Friends of Oakley Creek became an Incorporated Society. Wendy attended local board meetings, forged positive relationships with Auckland Council staff, liaised with Unitec to have use of a shade house. She assembled tools for working bees and cleaned them of mud after the day's work finished. She put up posters, and wrote Facebook posts to advertise, then report on group activities. She made contact with, and visited other conservation groups in the Auckland region, gathering information and sharing resources. She wrote endless submissions.



Photo (above): Wendy and Helen in 2015 (WWF)

Helen tells of the dedication of the people who worked together (mahī tahī) for those twenty years. People who picked up rubbish, trapped predators, weeded and planted and mulched, checked the water quality. Week after week, year after year. These people are not known to the public but without their dedication the restoration of Te Auaunga would not have been so extensive and so successful.

There were many rewards for the mahī tahī. Friendships were forged as those at working bees got to know each other. Helen said she felt excited by making things happen – there were immediate, tangible outcomes from the work. There was the pleasure of gradually seeing more and more people of all ages enjoying the walkway. Walking through native bush, seeing piwakawaka, tui and, sometimes even, kereru flying above them. Closer to the ground, there were ferns, berries dropped from the trees above and colourful fungi. There were even big spiders if you looked carefully under logs and stones.



Photo (above): Helen bird monitoring 2010

Twenty years later, in 2024, I sit in a Boeing 787 returning to Auckland from Singapore. I watch a video promoting Auckland. There, to my surprise are shots of the beautiful Oakley Creek Walkway. The rubbish filled, weed infested creek is no more. Instead, there is native bush in a long green line, marking out the passage of the creek as it finds its way to the Waitemata.

Māori understand that a river is an ancestor (tupuna) and a living entity, not just a waterway. Rivers, mountains and the sea are considered sacred and interconnected with people. Reflecting this philosophy, Ngā Ringa o Te Auaunga – Friends of Oakley Creek, have done their best to protect and restore this wonderful taonga.



Photo (above): Rubbish Clean Up 2007 - Margaret, Alan & David



Photo (above): Gez & Robbie - boys tying ribbons 2012



Photo (above): Richard, Adrienne & Heather - Xmas 2009



Photo (above): February Working Bee - Many Hands 2012



Photo (above): Mt Roskill Intermediate Planting Group 2011



Photo (above): Welcome Back Shining Cuckoo 2012



Photo (above): Louis & Hugo 2013



Photo (above): June Community Planting 2015



Photo (above): Auckland International College 2013



Photo (above): Margaret 2015



Photo (above): A Rocha Working Bee 2014



Photo (above): Open Polytechnic 2015



Photo (above): Wendy, Helen & Dorothy – 10th Anniversary (Adrienne Stanton)



Photo (above): Te Ngahere planting team 2016



Photo (above): AELB & AC staff planning walk-over 2016



Photo (above): Julie & Son, Underwood Park, 2018



Photo (above): Oakley Loop Group planting 2018



Photo (above): Collectively Kids 2019



Photo (above): Oakley Loop Group 2021



Photo (above): Nursery – Ksenia, Ida & Lynda 2020



Photo (above): Powell St Working Bee 2021



Photo (above): Archaeologist, Brent, logging rubbish 2020



Photo (above): Pt Chevalier Girl Guides 2023



Photo (above): St Judes Cubs Herbarium #2 Workshop 2020



Photo (above): Mural Stage 2 with Chris



Photo (above): Twentieth Anniversary celebration and puriri planting (Maeve Maclean-bush)

Te Auaunga Fungal Foray

By Wendy John

Some of you may have heard the exciting news about *Researchers uncovering giant 30-year-old fungus near Eltham, from the Ganoderma family*, during Landcare Research's recent annual Fungal Foray. Yes, late autumn and early winter is a season of wonderment when it comes to observing the amazing fungi that inhabit our world.

While we cannot boast such treasures, it is still a delight to discover the many and varied fungus that are found on and around the creek.

Recently, on our way to one of our Friday Working Bee sites, we came across an area that was a mass of the fruiting bodies, of a selection of fungi that had sprouted from the mulch, by the motorway vent stack on Great North Road, Waterview.

Two of these were what are commonly referred to as 'birds nest fungi' - one of which we have not seen on the creek before - *Crucibulum simile*. The other was the slightly more common 'fluted birds nest fungi' - *Cyathus striatus*.

Birds nest fungi are known for their distinctive fruiting bodies, which resemble tiny, egg-filled bird's nest-like sacs. The "eggs" inside, called peridioles, are dispersed by raindrops when the membrane covering the top of the nest, peels back as the fungi matures.

Other fungi seen recently include the delightful and delicate White Oyster Mushroom (*Genus Pleurotus*), that was found growing on a dead manuka branch; Turkey-Tail Fungi / *Trametes versicolor* - growing on a large old privet trunk; and there were several species of fungi growing on an old, dead oak tree - Splitgill Mushroom - *Schizophyllum commune* and Southern Cinnabar Polypore - *Trametes coccinea*.



Photo (above): Birds Nest Fungi - *Cyathus striatus*



Photo (above): Stinkhorn Fungi - *Puapua-a-Autahi - Aseroe rubra*



Photo (above): White Oyster Mushrooms Genus *Pleurotus*



Photo (above): Turkey-Tail Fungi - *Trametes versicolor*



Photo (above): Splitgill Mushroom - *Schizophyllum commune*



Photo (above): Southern Cinnabar Polypore - *Trametes coccinea*

And these were accompanied by the more common Stinkhorn Fungi / *Puapua-a-Autahi Aseroe rubra*.

So, get your boots on and head out into the environment for some exploring. And, if you find any exciting fungi on the creek, do let us know, or post it on iNaturalist - <https://inaturalist.nz/> and put 'Oakley Creek', at the start of the location.

Nocturnal Visitors of Te Auaunga

By **Marin Adams**

Living beside Te Auaunga has meant contact with unexpected visitors. “Oh no. How did that weta get in our bed?” “What is that beautiful, hairy, green cloaked moth on our blind?” “Is that a huntsman spider on the bedspread? I thought they only lived in Australia.” “Are those crane flies having a sexual encounter on our bathroom mirror?”

Some of our guests I recognise, like the weta, who had a hungry night trapped at the bottom of our bed between the sheets. He would normally be out hunting food. They are such fearsome looking creatures, and I was pleased I was unaware of what was lurking near my toes that night.

Another nocturnal visitor was velvet black and beautiful, against the white of our bedspread. A Vagrant spider (*Uliodon* genus) that is endemic to New Zealand.



Photo (above): Weta (Marin Adams)



Photo (above): Vagrant spider (Marin Adams)

They are not often seen, as they hide under logs and rocks during the day and only hunt at night. I am sad to report that, on close inspection, we found the Vagrant was dead.

The visitors above are attracted by light and so are probably drawn into our house when the door and windows are open at night. I wondered if our light pollution had created a significant hazard for these creatures. Fortunately, Professor Margaret Stanley was able to answer this question at our AGM on the 9th of June. She confirmed that light pollution leads to a significant degree of adverse effects on the biological behaviour of plants and animals. (See her publication below.) The Special Ecological Areas (SEAs) along Te Auaunga offer a degree of legal protection by Auckland Council, but each night when the lights come on, the light pollution threatens their well-being.

I think the most beautiful nocturnal visitor would have to be the elegant Green Blotched Moth (*Cosmodes elegans*) – perched on our blind at night but gone by morning. This moth is native to Australia but migrates to New Zealand during summer, where it establishes temporary colonies. We found it in the last week of May, but it is more frequently seen between February and April. There are recorded sightings on iNaturalist as far south as Christchurch.



Photo (above): Crane flies mating (Marin Adams)



Photo (above): Green Blotched Moth (Donald Hobern @Wikimedia)

I found it hard to believe such a small insect could fly across the Tasman Sea. After researching “Can butterflies cross oceans?” I found there was incontrovertible evidence that the Painted Lady butterfly could. A biologist found some in 2013, sitting on a beach on the Atlantic coast, with their wings tattered and shot through with holes. It took a multidisciplinary, international team 10 years to prove the butterflies had indeed completed a 4,200 journey from West Africa to French Guiana.

The scientists checked wind trajectories, pollen on the body of the butterflies, isotypes on their wings and genetic origin.

One can only guess about the invisible aerial highways that carry insects, such as the Green Blotched Moth, from one continent to another. There is much to be learned about the aerial pathways that migratory birds and insects use each year, in search of food and breeding sites. They seemingly achieve the impossible!

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Bird Monitoring

By Wendy John

Volunteers undertook the annual bird survey at our ten sites along the lower creek, to coincide with the national Annual Garden Bird Survey. Overall numbers were good – this is only the second time that more than 300 birds have been sighted since we started monitoring back in 2009, which is encouraging.

Numbers can be affected by the weather conditions, the habitat at each site, and the time of day of the monitoring. Here are a few highlights:

- We noted the highest number of kererū ever sighted since we started monitoring in 2008 – 6 (up from 1 or 2 in some years, and none in 7 of the years) – 2 seen at one site, and 1 each at four other sites.
- Riroriro numbers have been constant over the years – between 2-8. But only 3 were sighted this year.
- Piwakawaka numbers have been constant across the years – between 5 and 15. But they were the highest ever this year, with 27 seen.
- Tui numbers remain high across the area – with this year being the second highest ever at 40.



Photo (above): Male ring-necked pheasant

Seasonal gallery

Our featured image for winter is this rather plump looking kererū (*Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*). Several kererū were recorded in our recent bird monitoring and we know that they are breeding along the awa. Their breeding success is in part due to the indefatigable efforts of our predator control teams.

Other sightings on the creek include widespread mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) blossom; kohekohe (*Didymocheton spectabilis*) flowers, always a delight; a yellow admiral butterfly (*Vanessa itea*) and a kawaupaka (*Microcarbo melanoleucos*) or little shag.



Photo (above): Kererū



Photo (above): From left to right, clockwise: mānuka and kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile*) flowers, a yellow admiral butterfly and the kawaupaka or little shag

Notices

Monthly Community Working Bees: As per normal, our monthly working bees are held on the first Sunday of each month – 10.00am-12.00noon. Check out our FB page for more information – <https://www.facebook.com/OakleyCreek/>

Tuesday Working Bees: Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 12.00pm. This exciting project is looking for some more regular volunteers. For more information contact Sandra - 021 166 7647.

Friday Working Bees: Friday mornings 9.00am to 12.00pm. We work in different locations on Friday mornings, depending on the need at the time. If you're interested let us know and we'll include you in the Friday email list so that you can join us when you are free or contact Wendy – 027 232 6454.

Volunteer Positions:

Secretary – we are still needing a secretary. The role requires an eye for detail and an ability to attend (online or in person) committee meetings on the second Monday of each month. A good knowledge or experience of committee procedures would be helpful but not essential. We have an enthusiastic committee who will support you in every way possible. If this interests you, please contact David Bowden (Chairperson) on 027 249 1873, Wendy John – 027 232 6454 or email info@oakleycreek.org.nz for further information.

Predator Control – if you are interested in joining our rodent control team we are needing a volunteer to assist with this. Training and resources are provided – contact Wendy – info@oakleycreek.org.nz

Water Monitoring – we are looking for some volunteers to help with our quarterly water monitoring at some of our sites. Training and resources are provided. If you are interested contact Wendy – info@oakleycreek.org.nz

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Contributions can be made directly; our bank account number is 38-9003-0978224-00.

'Give a Little' is another, easy way to give donations - <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/friends-of-oakley-te-auaunga-creek-inc>

You can also find us at <http://oakleycreek.org.nz/> and <https://www.facebook.com/OakleyCreek>

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