

Newsletter

April 2023

Welcome to a quick update on happenings at Brook Park, Motakiora.

Membership

Whether it is holding working bees, organising volunteer days, other events, or fundraising to provide fun activities such as disc golf and the annual fireworks display, the Brook Park Committee is always busy. If you wish to be part of an active and dedicated community voluntary group, feel free to contact Brook Park Committee Chair Guy Whitaker on guy@tekuiti100.co.nz

We are a small voluntary group who are looking for more support, with several options available, including:

- joining the newsletter mailing list to keep up to date with news and happenings
- attend a working bee or volunteer day and give a hand with work on a particular project
- Become a life member (\$100 contribution)

If there is anyone who you think would enjoy being involved in the Park, please pass on this newsletter and invite them to join in.

Brook Park Bookings

Groups who wish to make a booking for the use of the park for an event should make their booking at the Waitomo District Council Office front desk. Liz Riley is the council contact person for any queries.

Update on Park status

The Park is now open to the public for walking, biking, Disk Golf and picnics. For public health and safety, the park had been closed because of slips and washouts due to the extreme weather events. We are happy to inform you that due to a lot of work carried out by Waitomo District staff and contractors, most of the damaged areas have been made safe.

Work continues on a weekly basis with improvements on the Mountain Bike track and walking tracks. New culverts and diversions should alleviate historic problems. Over the next while you should notice the new yellow Mountain Bike track markers. This is an improvement that will be welcomed by users. Spraying on and around the track will help to further define the route.

Work is currently being carried out with funding received by Waitomo District Council through the 3 Waters 'Better off fund'. This is allowing the development of a new track through Somerville Memorial Grove to reconnect the TeAraroa trail through the park and allow all walkers to appreciate the local flora and fauna in a natural state. This work is also extending to other areas of the park, on tracks which need a better surface.

New signage is being developed to add to what we currently have. This will add significantly to the information and learning available to park users.

Wednesday Working group

Weeds are the focus at present along with some maintenance on gates and fences undertaken. This group meets on a Wednesday 9am at the gate into the park behind Bosco's. Anyone interested can just turn up. This group meeting is weather dependant.

Disk Golf Tournament – 25 April 2023

There will be a tournament here in Te Kuiti. This will be filmed and there will be some publicity around this event. If there is anyone interested in helping prepare the course by helping Council Staff and Committee members by doing some weed-eating around the Tee's and general tidying up, we will be meeting on **Wednesday 12 April at 9am** in the car park behind Bosco, to make a start. This is a great opportunity to get some good publicity and recognition for our course.

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