

# Newsletter September 2022

Welcome to an update on happenings at Brook Park, Motakiora.

## **Membership**

A reminder to anyone who would like to be included in Brook Park, Motakiora membership, subs are now due.

A one-off life membership - \$100 per person or an annual sub - \$ 10 per person.

Our group has charitable status which gives us the opportunity to fundraise for projects and run community events in the park. This Park has huge potential to be a focal point for our wider community and is a valued asset. We have a good working relationship with Waitomo District Council and hope to see many improvements over time. We also have wonderful support from many local businesses who help with sponsorship and in-kind contributions.

As a financial member you will be kept informed through this newsletter of events we are running and any Working Bees we will be needing help with.

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

Membership subs can be paid in person to a committee member or paid directly into the Brook Park Bank account 030449 0222594 00. If this method is used, please follow with an email of registration including your email and phone number to our treasurer Phillip Houghton. [pkhoughton@hotmail.com](mailto:pkhoughton@hotmail.com)

## **News from WDC**

Waitomo District Council has been successful in obtaining funding for three infrastructure projects, including an upgrade of Motakiora and Brook Park.

Earlier this year, Council applied for funding for round six of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) worth a total of \$306,000.

Trail development and informational upgrades for Brook Park and Motakiora form one project and will include cultural and informational signage boards, a short section of track formation, reflectorised track marking, vegetation clearance, fencing, culvert extensions, lighting in key areas and a short bridge.

Chief Executive Ben Smit says the allocation of funding is fantastic news for the district, as it means the projects can be completed without having to rely on rates income.

"This is great news for us, and it is welcomed and appreciated. We look forward to implementing these projects for our communities."

## **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.

## **Wednesday working group.**

Our Wednesday weeding group has started up again. This group is for volunteers to come and help in a focus area of the park, to manage weeds, plant up areas and showcase special interest sections of the park. They meet at the gate into the Park, behind BOSCO's at 9am and finish at 12 noon. This is weather permitting. Anyone interested in helping this enthusiastic group are encouraged to meet at the gate at 9am.

# BROOK PARK INCORPORATED SOCIETY

## **Annual Fireworks Extravaganza 12 November**

We have been organising this years' event and are hoping for another extraordinary night. We are in the process of looking for local sponsorship to hold this event. The generous support given by local businesses is the reason that this event can go ahead. Invoices are being sent out to all previous sponsors in anticipation of their continued support. With a 25% increase in the pyrotechnic costs we will be looking for a few extra sponsors this year. If you know of anyone that would like to be part of this event please contact Guy.

We would like to ask for expressions of interest for fundraising. This is an opportunity for community groups to provide food and drinks stalls. There are very limited spaces available for this, so register any interest asap.

There will also be the popular Guy competition again this year. So anyone interested in entering this can start their planning from now on.

## **Disk Golf – Brook Park course**

Below is an insight into the game of disk golf. We would like to encourage everyone to give it a go. The Brook Park course has a short course available as well for those who just want to have a 'taste' of the game. On the Disk Golf Signs there is a QR code that will take you to a link to an APP that gives you a live GPS map of the course and will signal where you are at any time. This helps with following the course and playing the holes in the correct order. Score cards and discs are available from Te Kuiti Applianceplus, loan discs are available for a gold coin donation.

### **The game**

Instead of a ball and clubs, players throw a plastic disc (or "Frisbee") into a standing metal basket (which has loose hanging chains to help catch the disc). Players throw from a designated tee towards a target basket, and, as in ball golf, try to do so in as few throws as possible. A course typically has 9 or 18 "holes" (fairways with tees and baskets).

Disc golf "holes" are shorter than in ball golf, play is faster, and the game can be played in spaces shared with other users, such as public parks.

Discs are smaller and more streamlined than traditional beach "Frisbees", and fly further. There is a wide variety of different discs (they vary by design, plastic and weight). Each type has different flight characteristics. As a ball golfer has different clubs, so a disc golfer has a set of different discs (putters, mid-range, drivers).

Disc golf is relatively quick and easy to learn. Rapid and noticeable improvement in skill means that frustration is minimised.

Disc golf can be played on one's own, in an informal group with friends, at organised times on weekends and summer evenings, in club leagues, or in weekend tournaments. Players of differing skill levels can play together, thus all members of a family can play as a group, or an inexperienced player can happily play in the same tournament as someone with years of experience.

There is no requirement to book a "tee time", players are free to play as and when it suits them. Not much equipment is needed: loose casual clothing, a bag of discs (1-3 is enough for a beginner), and suitable footwear (e.g. training shoes).

There are 46 or more courses in New Zealand, and the game is growing rapidly.