

Newsletter

November 2024

Welcome to an update on Brook Park, Motakiora.

Incorporated Society Status

As an entity that is registered as a charitable organization, we have been going through the re registration process that all organisations need to do. We have just been notified that we have been approved. Part of the criteria is that we have 'members'. We would like to open up and encourage anyone interested in the park to enrol as a member. The cost for this is minimal at \$5 per person. We are a small voluntary group who are looking for more locals to support us. You can become a member which would include you in the mailing list, be informed of working bee's and volunteer days to help out if you had an interest in a particular project. The other alternative is to become a life member for a one off \$100 per person.

Please send by return email your details – Name, Ph no. and address. You will be receipted for your membership fee. The \$5 membership can be paid directly into the Brook Park Inc Soc bank account.

Westpac 030449 0223594 – 00. Include your name as a reference.

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.

Wednesday Working group

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. The object of this group is to focus on a particular task for the day, eg. Weeding an area, pruning shrubs or maintaining a stretch of path. Just whatever needs attention on the day. Contact person for this is Sue Wagstaff. 021 02734160. We also have a pest control programme which this group looks after.

Park Maintenance

Great progress has been made by the work of committee members and the dedicated Waitomo Council team led by Tim. Users of the park will be aware of all the weed control, track maintenance, tree maintenance to keep park users safe and the installation of picnic tables.

On 6 Nov we were privileged to have 9 of The Lines Co (TLC) employees, along with committee members, attend a workday at the park as part of their Community Volunteers Day initiative. It was a great day with much achieved at the Rotunda, weed eating, cutting a track in the Rhodo Dell, and a cleanup in the Conifer Grove. The workers were treated to an extended morning tea break with home baked goodies provided by Liz Kay, Margaret Churstain and Sue Wagstaff. A huge thankyou to these ladies for the support they give. Most of these TLC staff had never been into the park before, so it was an experience they plan to repeat some other time for walking and exercise. They were very impressed with all the work volunteers along with council staff do to maintain such a valuable asset in the community. This is a great opportunity for the community to be able to get to know the park and feel like it is something they can contribute to. Also, a thank you to Tim and Council staff for the preparation they did prior to the workday and their work on the day.









