

## Newsletter

November 2023

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

### Membership

We are a small voluntary group who are looking for more locals to support us. Instead of being a financial member we have opted to open involvement to anyone from the community by:

- 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. Send through their email address to add to our database.

### 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 have also made a start on 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. These tables have been made at The Menz Shed here in Te Kuiti, some have been sponsored and some donated. This project is ongoing and tables are being strategically placed around the park. We thank The Menz Shed for their excellent work and encourage the community to make use of them.



# BROOK PARK INCORPORATED SOCIETY

This year we applied for funding to re-create 2 ponds by fencing and planting. Unfortunately, this fund from the Waikato Regional Council, was well oversubscribed and we missed out. We are continuing to look for/apply for funding to help us achieve this worthwhile project which had amazing support from around our community. Watch this space.

## **Annual Fireworks Extravaganza.**

The date for this event is Saturday 11 November. This event continues to be generously sponsored by local businesses. The Lines Company are the major sponsor for this event. All our sponsors are recognised at the entrance to the event on our Sponsor board. Without the support of our sponsors this event would not take place.

A Huge **thankyou** to our sponsors; **The Lines Company, Inframax, Allan & Mary-Anne Goddard, King Country News, Mitre 10, Te Kuiti Medical Centre, McIndoe Group, New World, Stoked Eatery, General Automotive, Smith Mitchell, Graymont, NPG, Wireless Dynamics, VJ Williams and sons, Fine Woodworking, Forgeson Law, 100% Te Kuiti, Waitete Sawmills, 1st Scaffolding, Aunties Laundromat, PGG Wrightson, King Country Furniture, Te Kuiti Laundromat, Flatmates Signco, King Country Kitchens, Shoppington, L Penni, Te Kuiti Dentist, Te Kuiti Lighting and Sound, DM Jewellery Design** who along with Shoppington, provide prizes for the Guy competition **and Cruise FM** for radio advertising. Inframax do an amazing job with the traffic management plan, which allows this event to go ahead. Also we would like to thank the continued support of Legendary Te Kuiti, Fire Brigade, St Johns, Police and Te Nehenehenui Maori Wardens for security. Thankyou also to Benefields for their work to help build our bonfire with donated pallets.

The park opens to the public from 5.30pm. Entry by gold coin donation as a fundraiser for the park. Our Guy competition is on again this year and the Guys need to be at the bonfire by 7pm. Judging is at 7pm, with prize giving straight after, then the bonfire will be lit. The actual fireworks display by professional pyrotechnics will begin around 8.45pm – 9pm. This is an amazing display and continues to be very well supported by the community. It is all about keeping our community safe by attending a public display. There will be some food/coffee stalls available for the public to purchase something to eat. The event will be MC'd by Terry of Te Kuiti Lighting and Sound.

Notices will be delivered to neighbouring properties advising of the fireworks display, to keep their animals safe during the event. This advice will go out to the community who have animals that could be affected, through the radio advertising and the King Country News.

## **AGM**

It is that time of the year again. Our AGM will be held on Monday 4 December, in the Council Chambers, at 5.30pm

The ordinary meeting will be held after the AGM. An invitation is out for anyone to come along to the AGM to hear what has been achieved over this year. We also welcome anyone who may be interested in coming onto the committee or getting involved in what we are doing.