

RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK TRUST

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XMAS UPDATE 1990

THE TURERE STREAM BRIDGE OPENING: 6 OCTOBER: ORONGORONGO VALLEY

The bridge opening attracted a large group of friends and well wishers.

Mrs Sonja Davies MP (a Founder member of the Trust) arrived by 4-wheel drive vehicle and officiated at the ceremony when she unveiled a Memorial Plaque. Also present was a notable number of NZ Army personnel who put so much of their time into the Bridge construction.

Afterwards everyone joined in a welcome cup of tea at Ruakawa Lodge.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 11 OCT. 1990

Election of officers for 1990-1 were as follows:

PRESIDENT: Vivien Pohl VICE PRESIDENT: John Melville
SECRETARY/TREASURER : SABINA OWEN

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Bruce Cockburn, Ian Cameron,
Bill McCabe, Bill Milne, Jan Heine and Don Millward.

DoC is represented by Ivan Morrison (Senior Conservation Officer) and Mr Dave Mc Kerchar (Regional Conservator)

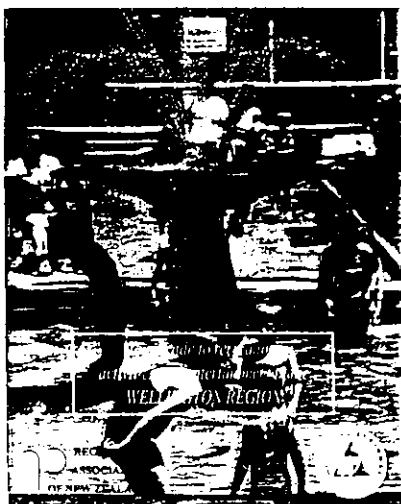
TALK ON POSSUM CONTROL AND ERADICATION

Dr Paul Brady (DoC) and Dr Murray Efford (DSIR) both gave a very informative presentation of Possum Problems and Habitat throughout New Zealand. We are very grateful to them for their contribution.

Two meetings have been held with the new Executive and planning is underway for 1991.



SUMMER FUN 90-91



SUMMER PROGRAMME:

Doc has published its Summer Programme and bookings are being taken at Park Headquarters.

On December 31st there are some special events. It is hoped to hold **two opening functions**, in conjunction with the **Wainuiomata Community Farewell to 1990 Picnic** in the Catchpool Valley 1 - 6.p.m. BBQs. Family events and special transport is to be provided for the elderly from Wainui.

One will mark the completion of the toilet block near the Nature Trail with funds donated by Trustbank, Wellington, and the other, the erection of 2 Interpretive Panels for the Tawa Grove Walk (funded by Wellington Regional Council and Petone Lions).

CAMPING AND PICNIC AREAS: ORONGORONGO VALLEY

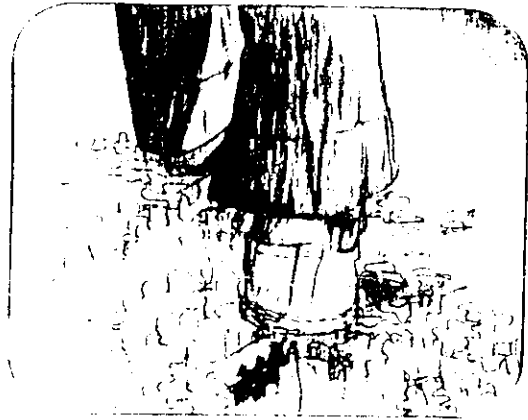
The Trust along with DoC is to provide some funds for flush toilets at Big Bend and at the beginning of the Whakanui Track. Monies will also be available for picnic tables. Ivan has a gang of Restart workers upgrading the Big Bend Track and they will then start on the picnic/camping areas.

Consideration has been given in this development to the threat of Giardia, and it is hoped to provide facilities as soon as possible.



TRACK MAINTENANCE

Don Millward has presented a report to the Executive on track maintenance in the Park. He has offered to form day Working Parties to help improve track surfaces as well as sign posting. Don will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in giving some time to this. Don's phone No. is: 698610



Help for Environmental Programs

Things to do Outdoors

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE KITS FOR SCHOOLS

The Executive will be focussing their attention on Resource Kits for Schools. The Wainuiomata Licensing Trust has donated \$700 towards the cost of folders for the kits. It is intended to initially produce some Activity Scheets for the Park which give schools information on: **where to go: who to ask for: what to expect.**

From this, we can move onto 'Activities that can be undertaken in the Park', 'Botany/History/Geography, 'Safety in the bush', and so on. Again the Executive would like to hear from anyone willing to participate in this project.

Trust Logo Competition : Entry forms will be available at the Catchpool Park Headquarters over the Summer Period. Children will be asked to present something suitable for a badge, or some stationery.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY (Please return to Secretary, c/- Box 17048, Karori, Wellington)

The Executive felt it was time to ask members for suggestions on what they want to do or participate in. These were some of the ideas we have bandied around:

- 1. To list projects where help is needed, e.g.:
 - Track maintenance _____
 - Historical research _____
(specifically, logging in the Catchpool Valley)
 - Bird count _____
 - Other observational studies _____
 - SURVEY OF USERS OF CATCHPOOL VALLEY _____
- 2. Visit (day or overnight) to Orongorongo Valley (possibly night at Field Station followed by talk to be arranged, or at one of the huts)
- 3. MEMBERS SUGGESTION BOX: _____