

RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK TRUST

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We were heartened by the attendance at the Inaugural Meeting on 10th October and encouraged by the number who joined the society that evening.

An Executive Committee was elected: Vivien Pohl (President), Dave Capper (Vice-President), Sabina Owen (Secretary/Treasurer); Bill Milne, Jim McRoberts, Dr Murray Efford, Ian Cameron, Harvey Patterson, Ann McCallum, and Bill McCabe (executive committee members).

This executive is meeting monthly to ensure the incorporation of the Society before the end of the year and to execute projects over the busy summer season.

The rules as approved at the inaugural meeting have been perused carefully and will be presented to The Registrar of Incorporated Societies shortly.

A bank account in the Society's name has been opened with Trust Bank, Wellington, who have been most helpful and supportive. The Registered Office of the Society will be at Suite 320, Lambton Harbour Towers, 29 Brandon St. Tourism Resource Consultants have offered us the use of their address and also indicated that they would like to be involved in our activities. Les Clark/Dave Bamford are to be invited to attend the next executive meeting.

A Publicity Campaign to attract new members will be undertaken over the summer months when a number of our members will be assisting with the Park summer programme.

The executive has discussed a variety of projects which might be undertaken by the Society and progress has already been made in several areas. We intend to collect and protect historical material relating to the park with the valuable professional assistance of Ann McCallum. If members know of photos or other records which would be worthy of preservation, they might like to contact us about them.

The possibility of purchasing land adjacent to the park is being investigated by Vivien Pohl. Rural land is currently low priced and additional land to extend the park boundaries at some points would provide a very valuable recreational asset as well as greatly assisting the conservation of indigenous forest life.

We are pleased to note that a handbook on the park is under a publication contract with Government Print. This will provide a useful recreational guide to the many visitors to the park. The Society has offered its assistance with information.

Perhaps the most important project in the year ahead is fund raising. Approaches are being made to various Trusts when their funds are distributed. Any ideas or offers of assistance in this area would be appreciated.

A general meeting of society members will be held in February next year when we hope to acquaint you and many new members of our progress over the summer period.

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PS: A membership application form is enclosed. If you do not need it yourself, please pass it on!

Extra Copies