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This is a bumper issue of the newsletter – 10 pages in all - due mainly to the forced cancellation of our regular August issue because of Covid-19 lockdown.

Christmas is coming...

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President's Report

The Society has not remained unscathed by the changes and uncertainties of 2020. Like a game of two halves we are now in a different place at the end of this year than we were at the beginning.

The biggest change, of course, is our President. With John Edgar retiring this year after twenty-two years, this marks the end of an era. We acknowledge and give John our heartfelt thanks for his epic contribution to the Society over the years. We welcome his decision to stay on the committee and continue to support the Society's work. The other major change for the Society this year was being unable to hold an actual AGM due to the major impact of Covid-19 lockdowns and after postponing twice we eventually made the decision to hold the AGM in October by Zoom. We realise that this meant that not all our members could attend online and disappointingly we also missed having the presentation "Political Update and Prospects for Landscape Reform" by Gary Taylor and Raewyn Peart. We hope next year we will be able to hold an actual one.

We had attendance of 20 members including Patrons Dick Bellamy and Lynne Pillay, and 3 guests at our AGM.

All the Committee members were returned unopposed with my role changing from Deputy President to President and Sandra Jones now taking on a dual role of Deputy President and Treasurer. Sandra is also standing in as interim Secretary in the meantime. We welcome Tim O'Shea back to the Committee and John in his new role as Committee member. See Tim's profile on page 6.

Election of officers (*Elected unopposed*):

President: Anna Fomison Deputy President: Sandra Jones
Secretary: No nomination Treasurer: Sandra Jones

Committee members (*Elected unopposed*):

John Edgar Heather Tanguay
Mike Sweeney Tim O'Shea
Mandy Patmore Orhan Er

Please note that we do not have a secretary at the moment. If you would like to consider taking up the opportunity to use your administration skills to assist us then please check out our role description on Facebook or contact us for a detailed description. We will, of course, be very grateful.

It was a great pleasure to hear the tributes to John on his retirement as President made by several online attendees at the AGM: Dick Bellamy, Bruce Harvey, Lynne Pillay, Mels Barton, Douglas Allan, Greg Presland, Gary Taylor (by proxy). They were so good that we decided to share some of them with you all and have published them for you to read in this Newsletter. See the Tributes on page 3.

My tenure as Deputy President gave me the opportunity to witness first-hand John's expert leadership and huge commitment and it's with great respect that I acknowledge the honour and the significance of the role to which I have been elected. I look forward to moving ahead as President and am grateful to have the dedicated support of Sandra Jones in her new role as Deputy President and the support from the newly elected extremely able Committee. If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Committee, I encourage you to contact me or another member of the Committee. See the contact list on page 10.



Just a bit about me for those of you who don't know me. I am originally from the South Island and have lived for more than thirty years in West Auckland. I am passionate about the Waitākeres, the West Coast, the Manukau harbour, and the environment generally. My background is in arts, literature and culture and I currently am engaged in work as an Oral Historian. I am Treasurer of The Tree Council (Auckland) Inc., and am a Trustee of the Going West Trust. I have been a WRPS Committee member for 18 years and the Deputy President for 15 of them.

Since May, there have been a few submissions made as outlined in Eva's HAC report on page 5. The biggest issue at the moment on the table for us is the Regional Parks Management Plan Review. We look forward to getting a clearer idea of the issues and making more submissions later.

We look forward to 2021 and to seeing you at our next AGM which we hope will be an actual one. We are planning to launch our new e-book *Making a Stand: The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act* then as well and to farewell and thank John for his outstanding contribution with a party. As John always says, if anyone can organise a party then WRPS can! It will be at the end of March so pencil it in your diary now. (Fingers crossed).

Dear WRPS members, may you all have a most enjoyable Christmas, all the best for the New Year and have a lovely summer. Take care. Stay safe. And thank you for helping to give the Waitākeres a voice.

Anna Fomison

WRPS AGM Report

The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society Inc. Annual General Meeting By Zoom 14 October 2020

Annual Report of the Executive Committee

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society Incorporated.

The AGM for 2020 was twice cancelled due to Covid-19 lock downs and levels that did not allow for gatherings of people. Hence this AGM is being held by zoom to avoid any further delays. This Annual Report is for the year ending 31 March 2020.

As you well know, 150 years ago logging of the mighty trees in the ranges was the greatest ecological threat. Since the logging ended, the forest has regenerated. Now the greatest threat is kauri dieback, caused by a microscopic pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida*. There is no cure - every infected tree will die. The five-year survey results released in 2017 showed that on average 18% of kauri were infected, almost doubling since 2012. In some areas of the ranges, for example the Piha catchment, up to 60% of trees are infected.

The rahui placed by Te Kawerau ā Maki in 2017, led to Council closing the majority of tracks in the ranges, and budgeting \$100m over 10 years for kauri dieback management. The Society has worked with Council, Waitākere conservation groups and local communities to see that this fund is used to ensure that tracks are upgraded to dry foot status before they can be opened again. Two audits of track conditions in the past six months have been carried out by volunteers organised by the Tree Council and the results have been forwarded to the Auckland Council. Special thanks to Te Kawerau ā Maki for their strong leadership up to and following the rahui. The Labour and Green parties have independently proposed funding for a National Pest Management Plan, which will give a much-needed boost to kauri dieback research should they be elected in the October Parliamentary elections.

Following our successful High Court appeal in 2017 regarding prohibited activity status in the ranges, parties who had submitted on this matter to the Proposed Unitary Plan Topic 75 were able to appeal to the Environment Court. Only three parties did go to the Environment Court where court assisted mediation lead them to drop their appeals in 2019, so now we have prohibited activity status in most areas of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area.

We appointed a new Heritage Area Coordinator (HAC), Eva Wrassky-Bulmer in April 2019 and Eva has been a great asset to the Society writing a number of submissions over the past year that include Action for Healthy Waterways, New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, A Resilient Piha & A Resilient Karekare documents, Maui and Hector's dolphins Threat Management Plan, Walking Access Act 2008 Review, AC New Policy on Dogs and Dog Management Bylaw, Proposed Speed Limit Changes around Auckland, Kauri Dieback Consultation Round Three, Phasing out the Waitākere rural sewerage service and targeted rate, Waitākere Ranges Track Plan, Proposed Freedom Camping in Vehicles Bylaw, Predator Free 2050 discussion document.

The Society continues to be involved as a stakeholder in Watercare's consultation to replace the Huia Water Treatment Plant in Woodlands Park Road. The chosen site is Manuka Road, adjacent to the existing plant. The Society is a member of the Community Liaison Group. As a group we have tabled a mitigation package to offset some of the damage to native flora and fauna on the site should the project proceed. The resource consent application has been notified and is currently before the commissioners. A survey of kauri on the proposed treatment site has been commissioned.

The Society has commissioned a history of the Heritage Area Act written by journalist Wayne Thompson who was a senior environmental reporter for the New Zealand Herald at the time leading up to and after the passing of the Act. The manuscript has been delivered to the publisher, Oratia Media, and is with the designer and will be published as an e-book which will be available free to members and friends. Grants for this work from The Trusts Foundation, Foundation North and the Waitākere

Valedictory Tributes to outgoing President, John Edgar

Ranges Local Board are gratefully acknowledged, as is the donation from the Hanna family. Deputy President Anna Fomison has worked with Oratia Media and has been responsible for finding the historic images that were needed.

The Society relies on professional consultants to prepare submissions and evidence for us on a range of legal and planning matters. The pro bono publico contribution of our legal counsel Douglas Allan from Ellis Gould Ltd. is invaluable.

Thanks go to Jenny Taylor who has maintained our membership database and coordinated mail-outs for many years. Anna Fomison keeps our website up to date and it is working well to disseminate information and allow people to purchase merchandise and join the Society. Orhan Er is editor of our quarterly newsletter and we always welcome contributions from members. The executive committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Special thanks go to our Deputy President Anna Fomison, and Treasurer Sandra Jones. The Society has three Patrons: Emeritus Professor Dick Bellamy, the Rt. Hon. Jonathan Hunt and Lynne Pillay. It has been my honour to be President and to chair the executive committee for the past 22 years. I want to thank Society members and my family and friends for their support that has enabled me to better serve the Society.

During my hospitalisation in March 2020 and subsequent recuperation, the Society's affairs have been handled by Anna, who is the Deputy President, and by Sandra filling in as acting secretary in addition to her elected role as Treasurer. I cannot thank them enough for the exceptional work that they have done.

Sadly, during the year four members passed away. Ron Bennett who maintained the membership database for many years died in 2017. David Jenkins died on 31st October 2019. An early Secretary of the Society, Marjorie Newhook died in May 2020 at the age of 98. (Marjorie was the mother of Judge Laurie Newhook, the Environment Court Judge who was also on the early committee). Dick Scott died 1 January 2020. Our condolences go to their family and friends.

To the members and friends who were there when the Society was founded in 1973, and the many others who have since joined we would like to express our thanks for your support. The Society has a proud history, but our work is not done. Your support in the coming years will be more important than ever.

After 22 years as President I will not be standing again. I will remain on the committee to ensure an easy transition to the new committee.

Thank you. I move that the Annual Report be received.

John Edgar ONZM
President, The Waitākere Ranges Protection Society Inc.



Professor Dick Bellamy (Patron):

I should like to add my tribute to those of other WRPS members and recognize the major contributions John has made over many years, both to the Society and to the important goal of preserving the unique values represented by the Waitākere Ranges. In undertaking this work, John's common sense and personal charisma have been widely recognized and admired in Auckland conservation circles. John's wide circle of contacts, many stemming from his own and Ann's stature as leading members of the NZ artistic community, have benefited the Society in many different ways.

One aspect of John's work, which is perhaps less well known, is his dedicated work in representing the Society at the many appearances made by WRPS at Planning Hearings held before Council Committees and the Environment Court. At these appearances, John has tirelessly pursued the objectives of the Society. As we all know, the Society aims to ensure that the Waitākere Ranges and its surrounds are better protected from unnecessary subdivision and development. John's effort in this important area has been pivotal and involved close cooperation with WRPS legal counsel Douglas Allan of Ellis Gould. Many expert witnesses have been recruited by John and he has himself presented evidence to innumerable hearings held before Council Committees, Council Commissioners and often before the full Environment Court. Highlights have included the many decisions issued by the Environment Court concerning the Swanson Structure Plan and the recent successful High Court decision concerning the interpretation of the Subdivision Rules in the new Auckland Unitary Plan.

These and many other efforts of advocacy by John have often been carried out under quite stressful circumstances. John has made a very important contribution indeed, but it is one largely unrecognized by the general public. Collectively, John's many contributions have generated widespread admiration within the Society and amongst the wider New Zealand conservation community. I wish John well as he now reduces his workload and hope that his involvement in WRPS work will continue - albeit at a less frenetic pace!

Gary Taylor CNZM QSO (WRPS President 1994-95):

Given John is retiring at this AGM, I do want to say how much I've appreciated his leadership of the Society over so many years. His is an exemplary record of selfless commitment to a heartfelt cause for which we are all extraordinarily grateful. His calm, resolute, staunch advocacy for the Ranges has served the wider community well and it's a great privilege to have worked with him and count him as a good friend.

Dr Mels Barton (WRPS Secretary 2008 – 2010):

I want to thank John for his 22 years of leadership and dedication to the Society and to protecting the Waitākere Ranges. He has committed endless hours to fighting inappropriate subdivision and development and the outcome in achieving permanent protection for the area via the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act was hard fought and hard won. Future generations will benefit from the foresight and determination of this work.

On a personal level I want to thank John for being such a good mentor. I spent several years as Secretary of the Society and I cut my teeth as an environmental activist in New Zealand in that role working alongside John on so many issues that affected the Ranges over the last 20 years. I learned heaps and I have applied those lessons in all of the work I do on my other committees today, much of which we have continued to do together. You can always achieve more by collaboration and WRPS has supported The Tree Council and the Titirangi R&R Assoc on many issues, and vice versa. We have always had a productive relationship and I know that John is leaving the Society in good hands to continue that legacy.

Thank you John for all your work and your friendship and I hope you have a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Colleen Pilcher (President 1985-86, 1990-91, 1996):

John has made such a long and effective contribution to WRPS it is hard to sum it up. Over my years on the committee, I managed to contact and persuade several people onto the committee, but many stayed only a short time. Then I was reminded that the brother of a work colleague lived in Karekare, and to my delight John was interested in coming onto the committee, and when an overseas work collaboration beckoned the following year, and John took over the reins, I was especially elated. Serendipity. I hoped his artwork creativity would not be detrimentally affected, but it cannot have been easy.

Artists have always been drawn to the Waitākeres, and therefore into the Society's sphere, but somehow John combined the artistic with the analytical and not only grasped the issues and threw new light on possibilities, but he also seemed to have huge stamina and a binding sense of responsibility to the Ranges.

Unsurprisingly he has never been just a figurehead president and he has respect from all quarters. We probably all knew that his boots would be difficult to fill, and while the committee has able and dependable members, hopefully the wider Society will provide the support they need and direct keen new members to help fill the gap.

Bruce Harvey (Long-time member and co-author of two books published by WRPS):

What words come to mind to help describe John during his Presidency? Stability, resilience, constancy, intelligence, empathy, articulate, far-sighted, creativity.

He led his team with stability and inspiration. He furthered land acquisition for the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park, eg bushland beside Big Muddy Creek, Parau.

Trixie, my wife, was on the committee from 2002, and together when we edited the two books about the WRPS and the Ranges in 2006 we began to understand John's great strengths and determination. He had housed the Society's history and data in great order which so simplified the work. In 2006 he guided WRPS through the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area bill with Lynne Pillay MP who presented it to Parliament. Some of us were in Parliament at the time and what an experience.

John has a great understanding of the legal issues pertaining to the Ranges and right from 1999 he made a monetary appeal for fighting in the Environment Court.

John, we know, is one of New Zealand's great sculptors and has been awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Art.

He remains on the committee and will be our elder statesman. Thank you, John, for so many years of wonderful work.



Keruru

Ted Scott

Environmental Defence Society (EDS) calls for independent body to oversee the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area

Excerpts from a Media statement, 24 November 2020

A new report, which is one of a series of case studies EDS is undertaking as part of a broader investigation into landscape protection in New Zealand, examines the effectiveness of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 in protecting the nationally and regionally significant landscapes of the Waitākere Ranges. It was co-funded by the Waitākere Ranges Protection Society and Foundation North.

The report notes that although the Act has been effective in heading off the threat of creeping subdivision, it has not been as effective in promoting positive changes. It proposes the establishment of an independent body, with dedicated funding, to manage the Heritage Area on behalf of the public. It also suggests that there is also great potential for properly resourcing local area plans so they can become strategic documents to guide government and community restoration efforts in the Ranges.

The full report “Protecting the Waitākere Ranges” by C. Woodhouse, S. Schlaepfer and R. Peart may be found at <https://www.eds.org.nz>

Heritage Area Co-ordinator Report

Over the past few months WRPS has made written submissions on the following issues.

Auckland Council Emergency Budget in response to Covid-19 (June)

WRPS was concerned that the Emergency Budget ignored the community and environmental effects of an austerity budget, and needed to have resilience, social wellbeing, and strengthening local economies as top priorities.

We noted two areas which largely missed out: “Parks and community” and “Environmental management and regulation”. We noted concern at the proposal to have no regional grants for environment or arts next year and are highly concerned at the potential delays in pest animal and plant programmes. We stated that WRPS strongly opposes the sale of Assets or selling off any more public land.

We strongly supported a 3.5% rates increase because the lower amount would have disastrous effects on the local community and environment, including significant cuts to libraries and a large sale of assets. Support for local communities is vital given the need for resilient communities to get us through the effects of Covid-19.

Marine Mammals Sanctuaries (July)

The *Marine mammal sanctuaries and Te Rohe o Te Whānau Puha/Kaikōura whale sanctuary proposals* are in response to the draft Threat Management Plan put out by DOC last year (2019) which WRPS submitted on.

Unfortunately many of the proposals in this document fall short of adequate protection of the Maui and Hector's dolphins. There are extensions of some of the sanctuaries but nothing close to the 100m depth contour which we stated as the ideal extension for the sanctuaries (based on researcher Liz Slooten's research and recommendations), and many harbours - including the Manukau Harbour - are not included in the sanctuaries.

There are proposals to ban seismic surveying and seabed mining within the sanctuaries but unfortunately there are many exemptions eg current Crown Mineral Act permit

holders can continue to operate, and even obtain future permits. Our submission highlights these shortcomings.

WRPS does not agree with any exemptions to allow seismic surveys in marine mammal sanctuaries, except in the instance of national hazard/emergency assessment eg in regard to earthquake risks.

It is proposed that all seismic surveys that qualify for an exemption in the five sanctuaries must comply with the 2013 Code of Conduct for Minimising Acoustic Disturbance to Marine Mammals from Seismic Surveying Operations. We commented on the strengths and weaknesses of the Code in relation to marine mammal protection, and WRPS does support it being made compulsory that permit-holders comply with the Code.

We also highlighted that there is no comment on reducing fishing threats, banning certain fishing methods, or addressing the growing risk of toxoplasmosis. These were evaluated as part of the Threat Management Plan, but not addressed in this Marine mammal sanctuary proposal.

United North Piha lifeguard watchtower (August)

WRPS' main concern was about the appearance and height of the proposed tower as being obtrusive and not fitting in with the Outstanding Natural Landscape which North Piha beach is categorised as.

WRPS submitted on the proposed design of the watchtower at North Piha beach because under the WRHA Act 2008 preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment and the protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes must always be taken into consideration. WRPS strongly supports the water safety of the local residents and visitors to the beach but it was unclear if a 2m increase in the height of the tower is necessary. WRPS wanted to ensure the design is not imposing and is of appropriate character, but there is local concern this will not be the case. There is concern it will not integrate into the landscape, and will in fact have significant effects on visual amenity. However we support that the proposed design does not result in the removal of any vegetation and claims to take up a smaller footprint due to the design.



Kauri snail, Omanawanui Track, Whatipu

Sandra Jones

Waitākere Ranges Local Board draft plan (August)

In this submission we have acknowledged the importance of the outcomes as laid out in the draft, in particular that the protection of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area was a top priority. We acknowledge and support the references to protection and preservation of the environment and historic heritages throughout the draft plan. WRPS strongly supports the recognition of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the importance that Council initiatives demonstrate awareness of Mātauranga Māori.

We have noted and support the specific mention of: managing the ecological threat of kauri dieback and pest plants and animals are significant issues; support key initiatives of enhanced relationships with mana whenua; local programmes for stream and coastal erosion, water quality, weed and pest management, enviro programmes, education, and biodiversity initiatives; the promotion of dark sky viewing as low impact recreational and cultural economic activity; and we support the key initiative to ‘consider and evaluate the impact of projects and activities on the WRHA’.

Regional Parks Management Plan Review discussion document (September and October)

This submission focused on the importance of adherence to the RPMP to the WRHA Act 2008. We raised concern around how to sustainably manage increasing visitor numbers in the future, effective track upgrades, planting of exotic species rather than native species to off-set carbon. We strongly support the continuation of the Waitākere Ranges remaining a Class 1 park with the emphasis on remaining a wilderness experience and low-impact recreation space, with minimal infrastructure.

We emphasised that as the largest regional park, the oldest regional park, and as it is close to the most populated part of the Auckland region, it deserves special attention and faces particular challenges from kauri dieback and over-use.

WRPS acknowledged the need to manage visitors to the Waitākere Ranges sustainably. WRPS strongly believes however that it is more important to put the preservation and protection of the Waitākere Ranges before visitor experience, rather than striving to help the widest range of people to visit.

WRPS strongly supported the Local Board and Council working towards the dark-sky accreditation as a low-impact way for visitors to enjoy the Waitākere Ranges, but does not support large scale events or revenue-generating infrastructure, eg experiences, ziplines, or increased accommodation.

We would not like to see the range of activities permitted in the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area, particularly in the Regional Park, expanded to include those currently prohibited, such as mountain biking, horse riding and motorised sports. If such activities are located in the Foothills adjacent to the Regional Park, we are concerned

that there could be overspill from such activities into the parkland itself. To avoid this, there should be a significant buffer zone between the location of any such activities and the boundary of the Regional Park.

It is crucial that the Waitākere Ranges remains a less developed regional park, and a predominantly natural landscape providing for low impact recreation opportunities only where possible and only that which require minimal infrastructure, with limited group activities and no large scale events – as it is classified in the RPMP 2010.

The Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act 2008 exists to protect this natural landscape and for it to remain an undeveloped natural landscape.

The existing RPMP sections on the Waitākere Ranges followed extensive consultation about the future of the Ranges. It is critical that the new RPMP does not deviate significantly from the values and management focus that were established in the existing plan which set a benchmark of public interest and ownership, environmental and landscape protection, and did not promote tourism or commercialisation. The Waitākere Ranges is an invaluable place of biodiversity and must be protected and maintained.

Eva Wrassky-Bulmer

New (returning) Committee Member



Tim O'Shea has returned to the WRPS committee.

Tim, his wife Vicki and their three daughters now reside in Te Atatu Peninsula, but they used to live in Henderson Valley for 16 years, in the foothills of the Ranges, in a home that was set in a beautiful, peaceful, natural bush environment. It was his love of the Ranges and Foothills, and appreciation of its unique and precious environment that got him involved with the Henderson Valley Residents Association (HVRA) from its inception in 2001.

As Chair of the HVRA, Tim took a very active role in the “Ranges Coalition”, a working party which came together to bolster support for the Heritage Area Bill, counter the SPAN group’s vociferous and self-interested attempts to railroad the legislation, lobby Waitākere City Councillors to include the Foothills in the boundaries of the proposed Heritage Area, and ensure its onward passage to Parliament. On 20 April 2005 Tim chaired the public meeting at

Henderson High School which was hosted by local community groups including WRPS to rally support for the Bill. Up to 800 people attended this enormously successful meeting, which many saw as the turning point in the Heritage Area campaign.

As Chair of the HVRA, Tim worked closely again with WRPS to bring together local residents' groups to successfully fight the abolition of the Waitākere Ward under the Local Government Ward Review.

Tim was also one of the organisers for the anti TPPA protests in Auckland which drew in tens of thousands of protesters. He is proud of the fact that during those peaceful protests, not a single person was arrested. Tim has always been a passionate anti-racism stalwart. After the events of 15th March in Christchurch, Tim took an even more active role in identifying and tracking down right-wing extremists in New Zealand.

After many years of fighting for worthy causes, Tim took the opportunity to have a break from community “activism and volunteering” to get settled in to his new role in real estate sales for Barfoot and Thompson, but very recently Tim decided that it was “time to re-join his friends at WRPS **again** and help them carry on their great work”.

A Rare Find in the Waitakere Ranges Fairy lantern (*Thismia rodwayi*)

The flora of the Waitākere Ranges has been continuously surveyed by botanists, both amateur and professional, since the mid 1800s, although a list of plants was not published until 1871 by T.F. Cheeseman. Because of this, new finds are very rare now. They may be of a species known to occur in other areas in New Zealand but never recorded in the Waitākeres before, or they may be plants that are familiar to us all but are re-classified when taxonomists take a fresh look at them.

A recent example of the latter is the revision of kanuka by Peter de Lange in 2014, which recognised that within New Zealand there are ten separate species of what we used to lump together into one species *Kunzea ericoides*. Two of these new species occur in our Ranges (*K. robusta* and *K. amathicola*). The true *K. ericoides* occurs only in the South Island.

An example of the former – species never before recorded in the Waitakeres - is the discovery of *Thismia rodwayi* (fairy lantern) in the southern part of the Ranges by Tim Stevens in 2015. The closest previously known records of this species are on Hakarimata Range and Mt Pirongia. It is a tiny plant, and because it is a saprophyte (feeding on decaying organic matter from dead organisms; and as in *Thismia's* case, through fungal threads connected to nearby tree roots) and therefore doesn't need chlorophyll, there is no need for it to come out from under the cover of the litter on the forest floor where it lives. But its tiny single flower does need to pop out into the open air

in order to spread its pollen and seeds. And what a bright beauty it is, usually red or yellow/orange. Conservation status: At Risk – Naturally Uncommon.



Sandra Jones

Thismia rodwayi (fairy lantern),
Waitakere Ranges, 4 Dec 2015

Ignore the green leaves that surround the flower; they do not belong to the *Thismia*. If you are viewing a digital copy of the newsletter, you will be looking at a colour image, and you will see a tiny red dot a short distance to the left of the top of the hand-held GPS. This gives an indication of the size of the flower.

WRPS Merchandise

We have a range of quality merchandise ranging from high quality reference books to t-shirts, tea towels, uniquely hand-crafted mugs & bowls, a Don Binney poster print and bird prints by Mandy Patmore. Some of the items we have in stock are illustrated on the next page.

For more details of the Society's merchandise please refer to the WRPS online shop at: www.waitakereranges.org.nz.

Thank you for your continued support.

T-Shirts



All T-shirts are 100% cotton except the grey marle which is 85% cotton/15% polyester. Available in a variety of colours, sizes and cuts for men and women. Please refer to our website for more details.

Kawerau ā Maki and we are grateful to Te Wārena Taua for permission to use it. **\$17 each + p&p**

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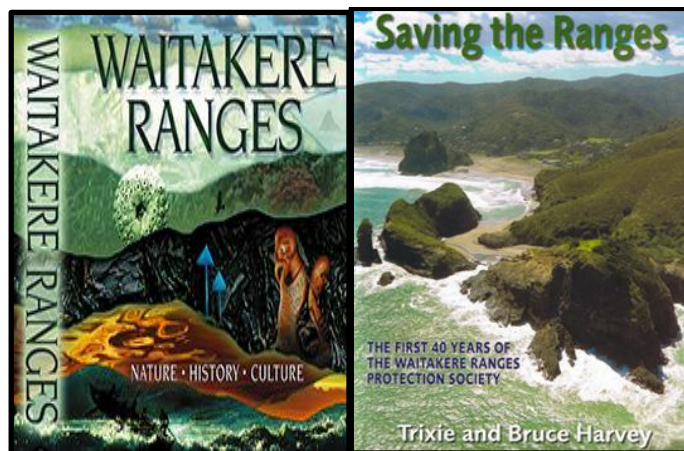
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Ed. Bruce & Trixie Harvey

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Ed. Bruce & Trixie Harvey **\$40 (includes p&p)**

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REPORT TO THE AGM

Statement of Financial Position, at the end of the Society's financial year, 31 January 2020

As a Registered Charity, we submit an Annual Return to Charities Services (Department of Internal Affairs) using a template that they provide. In addition to the Financial Statement, this Return includes a non-financial Statement of Service Performance. The full Annual Return including the Audited Financial Statements may be viewed online on the Charities Register. Copies are also available on request from the Treasurer Ph: (09) 817 2788, Email: treasurer@waitakereranges.org.nz
Auditor: Forbes Audit + Accounting, Chartered Accountants.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

“How we were funded” and “What did it cost to run WRPS”

OPERATING RECEIPTS (Money In)	<u>31.1.2020</u>	<u>31.1.2019</u>
	\$	\$
Donations (\$5520), Grant receipts (<i>The Trusts Community Fund</i> \$5655)	11,175	19,247
Subscriptions	3,698	4,487
Sale of goods (<i>books</i> \$524, <i>other goods</i> \$249)	773	975
Interest from investments	5,611	4,723
Other	00	22
Total Operating Receipts	21,257	29,454
Operating Payments (Money Out)		
Buying goods for sale (<i>t-shirts, tea-towels, mugs & bowls</i>)	00	764
Donations made (<i>to Env.Defence Socy, for landscape study, incl. the WRHA</i>)	8,000	-
Other operating payments	15,152	24,337
Total Operating Payments	23,152	25,101
Operating Surplus or (Deficit)	(1,895)	4,353
Increase / (Decrease) in Bank Accounts and Cash	(1,610)	4,520
Bank accounts and cash at start of F/Y	208,308	203,788
Bank accounts and cash at end of F/Y	206,698	208,308
Kiwibank Business Edge Account (<i>Visa Debit card</i>)	23	23
Kiwibank Business Edge Account (<i>Term Deposit interest, Neil & Jean Smith fund</i>)	289	867
Kiwibank Business Edge Account (<i>H.A.C - Heritage Area Coordinator, supported by grants</i>)	6,108	3,372
Kiwibank Business Edge Account (<i>Operating</i>)	8,905	6,932
Kiwibank Business Edge Account (<i>WRPS publications</i>)	16,102	20,273
Kiwibank Short Term Deposits (<i>Books</i> \$111,237, <i>Land</i> \$38,871, <i>H.A.C.</i> \$5163, <i>N&J Smith</i> \$20,000)	175,271	176,841
Total Bank Accounts and Cash at the End of the F/Y	206,698	208,308

STATEMENT OF RESOURCES & COMMITMENTS-

“What WRPS owns” and “What WRPS owes”

Schedule of Resources	<u>31.1.2020</u>	<u>31.1.2019</u>
	\$	\$
Bank accounts	206,698	208,308
Money Held on Behalf of IRD GST Receivable	38	494
Other Resources		
Inventory on hand at cost (<i>consists primarily of stocks of 'Saving the Ranges' & 'Waitākere Ranges'</i>)	18,877	19,449
Office Equipment	2	2
Plant and Equipment (<i>includes equip. purchased in 2009 from NZ Lottery Grants Board & ASB Community Trust grants (laptop, data projector/screen, digital recorder, mobile display)</i> Note: Under the Reporting Standards introduced in 2015 (Tier 4, Cash Accounting), depreciation is not regarded as a cash transaction, so there has been no change in value since then.	15,555	15,555
Total Resources	241,170	243,808

Commitments		
Book publication (<i>e-book "Making a Stand: The History of the Waitākere Ranges Heritage Area Act"</i>)	5,681	
Website development	3,203	

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