

Date: Wednesday 26 March 2014
Time: 10.00am
Meeting Room: Claris Conference Centre
Venue: 19 Whangaparapara Road
Claris
Great Barrier Island

Great Barrier Environment Committee OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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BIOSECURITY LOCAL BOARD UPDATE

*Called @ 11
Great Barrier
Environment
Committee n
on 26/03/14*

Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area- Great Barrier Island

Argentine Ants

- Monitoring and treatment of 5 areas will be completed this week
- Monitoring results-
 - a) No Argentine ants detected at Medlands and Masons Road.
 - b) Mulberry Grove- ants found in traditional locations with high densities across from the School.
 - c) An increase in numbers at Ocean View Road
 - d) Blind Bay Road at similar densities to when they were detected last August

Darwin's ants

- Single site out at Mohunga.
- Monitoring earlier this week has detected ants outside of the original delimitation area.
- Trip planned for Friday to carry out further monitoring work and treatment.

Broken Islands

- The Envirokiwi activation of stations earlier this month picked up 2 Rats that were captured in snap traps at the western side of Rangiahua.(Stations 51 & 77).
- The follow up inspection last week detected tracking through 2 stations on the southern end of Rangiahua
- Rat was captured in snap trap close to the tracking sites
- Outer 2 islands of the Grey group remain Rat free.
- Inner Grey group trapped to Rats. Baits refreshed and traps reactivated.

Rainbow Skinks

- Shoal Bay Wharf Trapping- Capture at Shoal Bay has increased with a high number of neonates caught recently
- Cache of eggs discovered behind wharf sign
- Trapping expanded onto Brian Burrells property and around to Gibbs landing
- 450-500 individuals captured since November
- James Reardon (from NZ lizard TAG and Science advisor for DOC)
 - a) will be on GBI for the next two days looking at the Rainbow Skink surveillance and control we are carrying out.
 - b) James been actively trying to get some momentum going with DOC to provide assistance to the project (in the form of technical / scientific) advice.
- Surveillance-32 sites have been set up across the island and have received ongoing survey work since December last year

Weed Control

- Kahili ginger site at Palmers grid searched with a number of plants removed
- Bone seed at Crans removed
- New weeds detected
 - a) Hydrocotyle umbellata -pennywort
 - b) Alisma plantago aquatica-Water plantain

Rabbits

- Aotea Contractors Started Rabbit Warren ripping in Awana on Monday
 - a) Mechanical ripping on Paddocks
 - b) Manual destruction in sensitive and inaccessible areas
- Coastal Pest Solutions (ditch) started the first round of Rabbit shooting on Monday evening at Kaitoke, palmers and Awana south with 126 Rabbits shot
- First shoot will run for approx 14 days with a return trip planned for late May.

Kauri Die back

- 2 trees detected in Whangapoua, coromandel
- Aotea meeting held last week

Kaitoke Fire site

- \$7,730 of Board money
- Committed expenditure for Grandstand swamp
 - a) 530 Plants =\$1,575
 - b) Brush removal and re planting =\$2027.40

c) \$2,400 on Control of Surveillance weeds

d) Wildlife monitoring= \$1727.60

Wharf and Airport Mustelid and Rodent Pest Surveillance (February)

- Port Fitzroy -39% Bait take & 6x Rat caught in DOC200
- Tryphena- 0% Bait take x5 Ship Rat caught in DOC200
- Whangaparapara-45.5% bait take x3 Ship Rats in DOC200's. 1x Wax tag=Rat
- Okupu -100% bait take.0x Rat in DOC200
- Claris airfield environment -14% bait take
- Claris residential-3.2% Bait take.

Bait Stations at Transfer Sites (February)

- Southern Stations- Medlands 0%, Okupu 0%, Puriri bay 0%, Mulberry grove 0%, Cape Barrier 10%, Rosalie Bay 0%
- Northern Stations- 100% Motairehe. Okiwi 0% & Kawa 100%

Private Jetties & Boat Ramps

Location	DOC200	Bait Station	Chew Tag
Yates		0%	
Jetty	1x Rat	75%	
Prichards	1x Rat	50%	
Stellins		0	
Whangapara Jetty		0	
Okupu Boat Ramp	1x Rat	30%	
Mulberry Grove Boat Ramp		0	
Puriri Bay Boat Ramp		0	

The New Zealand Herald \$100m 'Next Foundation' launched



5/3/2014

A privately-backed \$100 million foundation to fund "high impact" environmental and education projects has been launched in Auckland.

The Next Foundation, to be chaired by leading businessman Chris Liddell, will fund a handful of projects in the next 10 years which will deliver long-term legacy benefits in education and conservation for future generations.

The fund is backed by retired Northland couple Neal and Annette Plowman, the philanthropists best known for the restoration of Rotorua Bay, in the Hauraki Gulf, into a conservation park with educational spinoffs. They have supported a number of other environmental and education projects, ranging from Abel Tasman National Park to the Auckland University Business School.

The foundation will seek expressions of interest from anyone with big ideas but will expect a business-like focus on results and solid management, Mr Liddell told the foundation launch in Auckland. Mr Liddell, the New York-based former finance boss of Microsoft and General Motors, said education and the environment were two key areas where initiatives could bring lasting benefits for New Zealand in an increasingly competitive world.

Projects would need to be large-scale and aim to have a broad impact, a clear plan to deliver and be well-managed. Expressions of interest are likely to be sought mid-year with the first projects underway by the end of the year.

Liddell praised the Plowmans as a family who started with nothing, created wealth and have since sought to make New Zealand a better place. The Plowmans owned NZ Towel Supply, a company started by Neal Plowman's grandfather George in 1910, until its sale to an American firm in the early-1990s.

Environment Minister John Key welcomed the initiative, telling the launch the Government couldn't do everything and the private sector and philanthropy filled important gaps.

Mr Liddell told the Plowmans: "We are lucky to have people like you who not only have immense generosity but a vision for what they want New Zealand to be."

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