

Newsletter Sept 2021

Welcome to an update on happenings at Brook Park, Motakiora.

Event Cancellation

With the Covid levels where they are we have had to reconsider our programmed events. Our chance for fundraising at the Community Op Shop was cancelled as it was during Covid level 4, but hopefully we will be able to secure another spot before too long. It is also with regret that we are having to cancel our Annual Fireworks display and the Talented Te Kuiti performance. All sponsors of this event are in the process of being contacted to discuss what they would like to do. This event will be revisited in 2022.

AGM

The Brook Park AGM is to be held in November. This will be advertised in the King Country News with a date, time and venue. We welcome interested people to come along. At this meeting we will be outlining what we have achieved over the last year and the annual sub to be a member will be confirmed along with a bank account to deposit for those who would like to be members.

FEATURE

Brook Park Rhododendron Dell

The Brook Park Rhododendron Dell was planted by the King Country Rhododendron Group in the early 1990s and was maintained by the group until the demise of the first Brook Park Volunteers Group. Neglect, resulted in privet, old man's beard, honey suckle and sycamore seedlings smothering many of the rhododendrons.



The 'Wednesday Weeders,' a small group of volunteers, spent last year ridding this area of weeds and successfully eliminated most of the invasive plants. Early red flowering rhododendrons have survived, and the present Brook Park Committee would like to enhance and add to the original planting.

Planning is underway to revive this special area with new plants, building entrance stiles, preparing a circular path around the Dell and seating.

Recently purchased rhododendrons from David Stewart, Rhodohill Nursery, Rotorua, will be planted at the coming working bee on October 3rd. All interested folk are most welcome to join us.

A very generous donation from **The Lines Company** of \$1,000 towards this project, will be a wonderful help towards bringing this plan to fruition.

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Disc Golf

On a Tuesday afternoon there will be a gathering of interested people who will be practicing Disc Golf at 4pm. During Daylight Saving the time may be moved to a little later. There will be discs available to use. Come along and learn a new skill or come and show off your expertise.

When the public are walking around the park, we ask that they take notice and respect any signage that has been erected – usually this is to do with stock, Health and Safety and machinery operating.

Working Bee Sunday 3 October

We welcome any support from anyone who would like to come along and help at our Working Bee. Bring a spade, grubber, secateurs, saw, hard bristle broom, hammer, gloves or anything that you think may be useful. We will have some areas we will be working on like:

- the Rododendron Dell to clear areas for planting, start forming a path, planting and perhaps building a style.
- Clearing the Disc Golf Tees of debris
- Walking the Mountain Bike track to make sure it is clear
- Pulling invasive seedlings from the Somerville Grove