

## Leaves from the Brook

The newsletter of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary  
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### “Cash in for Nature”

We are now launching this new and exciting coin collection campaign in order to raise further funds for the Sanctuary. **Our “Cash in for Nature” campaign will be officially kicked off on Sunday 21 May at the Brook Sanctuary site.** (This event also doubles as a Raising the Roof celebration, see article below.)

As many of you are aware, from the end of July the current 50, 20, and 10 cent coins will be replaced with smaller and lighter coins, and the 5 cent coin will begin to be phased out. There will be a transition period of three months, from 31 July - 31 October 2006 where both the existing and the new coins can be used. From 1 November 2006 the current 50, 20 & 10 cent coins, including the 5 cent coin, will no longer be legal tender, which means that retailers don't have to accept them. **So...instead of just giving them to the bank, why not use your small change to make a big change and provide our iconic wildlife like tuatara and kiwi with a safe and permanent home?** We aim to collect a million five cents coins, so start collecting them now & bring them along to this event!

Along with the 5 cents we are also keen to collect other denominations such as the 20c and \$1 kiwi coins and any other donations are welcomed! Collection boxes will be very soon be placed in local shops and offices to receive your coins. A separate school coin collection programme is also being organized. In addition to the “Cash in for Nature” launching event above, the campaign will include several different events and activities, such as the upcoming talk on Kiwi Conservation on Thursday 18 May – see separate article on this. Collection boxes will be available at these events too.

(New currency information sourced from Reserve Bank website.)



### Entrance Building Progress

The construction of the entrance building is progressing well. The project has been kept on schedule by the hard work of a group of builders who have generously donated their time and expertise and the special efforts of coordinators Tom Brett and Trustee David Leadbetter. The builder's group was co-ordinated by Alastair Wiffen from Mayfair builders, and included Steve Burt and Sam Wiffen. A dedicated group from Gibbons Construction included Bruce Stewart, Peter Fitzgerald, Dave Shaw, Dennis Burman and Tom Brett. Chris Skinner also assisted with the building and Russell Raharuhi donated the invaluable assistance of a crane to raise the trusses. The apprentices from NMIT have continued their frenetic pace, and we are on schedule for the roof going on in the second week of May.... which leads us to the....

### “Raising the Roof” Celebration Sunday 21 May 11- 2pm

An event to celebrate the roof going on our entrance building (and launch our “Cash in For Nature” campaign) will be held at the Brook site on Sunday 21 May from 11am to 2pm. This will take place rain or shine and everybody - members, non-members, supporters, families etc are warmly welcome. The event's programme will be as follows: see overleaf.



NMIT students & staff carry out roof preparation

## “Raising the Roof” Celebration Sunday 21 May 11- 2pm Programme

11am - Everyone arrive & assemble in the marquee

11.15 - Blessing

11.20 -12 noon – Inspiring words from guest speaker and Dave Butler (Trust Chair) followed by a waiata

After the ceremony from 12.15, there'll be: Coin collecting tuatara and kiwi art and activities and other fun games for children (and adults!)

Guided walks of the site and an opportunity to view the now roofed entrance building

Sausage sizzle (with vegetarian option) and water / soft drinks available

Information and demonstrations on other current and planned Brook activities e.g. tracks, trapping, monitoring, etc

An opportunity to view and purchase the beautiful Brook Sanctuary poster kindly donated by Stirling Images

An opportunity to join / resubscribe as a member and information on how to become involved in the project

## Brook Sanctuary Kiwi Conservation Talk

This talk by Dr John McLennan (originally scheduled for Thursday 11 May at NCC Council Chambers) will now be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 18 May at the NMIT (Nelson Polytech) Student Centre.

John has studied kiwi for more than 20 years and during his research he confirmed that at least 90% of juvenile kiwi on the mainland fail to reach adulthood, mainly due to stoat predation. John was awarded a Queens Service Medal in 2004 for services to kiwi and the community. Everyone welcome. Gold coin donation.

Advance notice of another event...

### Talk on Conservation in Africa & Conservation with the Community at Auckland Zoo

**Who:** Glen Holland, Director of Auckland Zoo

**When:** Friday 2nd June, 7.30pm at NCC Council Chambers. Gold coin donation.

**Subject:** Conservation and species management in Africa & NZ. Glen is an inspirational speaker who has won a community conservation award.

## Fence Fund started

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the receipt of a donation of \$70,000 from the Canterbury Community Trust (CCT) towards the building of the pest-proof fence, together with approval of the same funding in 2006/07 and 2007/08, a grand total of \$210,000. Grand indeed and what a great start to the fund-raising for this key project element! The CCT played a critical role at the start of the project, providing the initial grant for the entrance building, and now they have taken the lead again.

## New Office

We have moved! Thanks to the wonderful CEO and staff at NMIT, the Brook Sanctuary now has its own office at 337 Hardy Street, upstairs in the J Block. J Block is the 2 storied old building immediately next to the Queens Gardens. Our new phone number is 546 9175 extn 683 and our new email is: brooksanctuary@xtra.co.nz. These premises will house the Brook Sanctuary for a year, or until we move on-site, - whatever happens first!

Office hours will generally be Mon and Tues 8.30am to 4.30pm and Wed till 8.30am –12 noon, but please ring first to make an appointment to discuss any Brook business. Also a huge thanks to Keryn Squires and all other staff and committee members of the Nelson Environment Centre for hosting and housing the Brook Sanctuary up until now. Your commitment, generosity and patience has been fantastic and your fun and cheerful company will be missed!



## Sharing the effort

One of the most inspiring aspects of the project is the extent to which many members are volunteering their time to carry us towards our shared vision. However, there are going to be times when things do not run smoothly. The Trustees, Coordinator and those organising different groups are all doing the best that they can. If problems do arise we hope they can be addressed in a friendly way based on mutual respect.

## New Treasurer

It's our pleasure to introduce and welcome Nick Dalgety as the new treasurer for the Sanctuary Trust. (Nick has taken over the treasurer role from Derek Shaw, who remains a Trustee.) While a relative newcomer to Nelson, Nick lived for many years within a stone's throw of the Karori Sanctuary in Wellington and was inspired by watching that project develop from a theoretical idea to an actual thriving environment for native flora and fauna. "The Brook Sanctuary allows the local community an amazing opportunity to recreate an environment not seen since early settlement of NZ - and right on our backdoor step !!" The Trust would also like to say a big thanks to Derek Shaw for all his efforts as past treasurer and his work training up Nick.