

# NEWSLETTER

## July 2020



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### GATE CODES FOR WINTER 2020

- July **GRAZ 4729**
- August **BERN 2376**

### SECURITY GATE OPERATION UPDATE

Most access systems on the Tern Point Gate were lost in the major electrical storm on 26 June, but good progress has been made on restoring these. **All means of access EXCEPT the MERLIN M842 “Green Button” gate remotes (or M842 compatibles) have been restored.** Merlin no longer supply the program board lost on 26 June, and have advised that new gate Remotes will be required. Before we pursue this or other options, we need confirmation of how many landowners are still using the Merlin remote for their Tern Point access - please advise Bryan Clark no later than 12 July.

To summarise the access arrangements now available:

- If your mobile phone has been registered at the gate, dialling the gate number (021-90-9697) as you approach will automatically trigger opening.
- Monthly gate codes entered at the plinth (4729 for July);
- Keying in “Unit Codes” at the plinth will again generate a call to registered telephone numbers. If you determine that the caller has a valid reason to enter, enter # on your phone to open the gate;
- The original AIRKEY (black) Gate Remotes to open the gate are working;
- CAMES (grey with blue or yellow feature) remotes are also working.

Thank you for your understanding – please contact Bryan or Dave Hurley if you encounter any problems.

### PLANNED POWER OUTAGE

Northpower are planning a temporary power outage affecting Tern Point on **Wednesday 15 July between 8.30am and 3.30pm**. The Security Gate will be left open during the outage period.

### SUCCESSFUL WORKING BEE

There was a great turnout of 24 volunteers from the Tern Point community for last weekend’s planting of dune grasses along our boundary area with the Mangawhai Wildlife Refuge. With bad weather looming, organiser **Heather Quinn** reports: “A ‘will we or won’t we’ dilemma presented itself but I decided to go ahead with the planting, warning everyone to dress for showers. And “shower’ it did... it poured down at times, but everyone was focused, and we completed the planting of 1,200 Spinifix plants in 1.5 hours. A huge thank you to everyone for committing to an enjoyable morning of planting. Enjoyable is the right word because there was a great turn out, which meant the rain did not matter, because everyone worked hard and got the job done quickly.

After an early start to her day by driving up from Auckland with her Dad, **Bella Andrew** continued to make everyone work hard with her job as official ‘pill’ girl - dropping fertiliser tablets into every hole, and it was so nice to see new faces this year.

It was also relaxing to catch up with everyone at the end, with the sun warming our backs as we had our coffee/tea with scones and muffins”.



Great community spirit, in the rain and sun – thank you volunteers!





Thanks to Heather Quinn and John Russell for photographs.

## CHANGES COMING IN TERN POINT REFUSE DISPOSAL

KDC have advised the Committee that the rubbish cages at the end of Raymond Bull Road will be dismantled next month and the Kaipara Refuse truck will enter Tern Point on Monday mornings to collect our rubbish from a single location (Tern Point owners outside the Gate can leave their bags at kerbside for collection). KDC have also advised that a Mangawhai Community Consultation later this year will determine if the current blue Refuse and yellow Recycling Bags collection will be replaced by individual wheelie bins, with a likely start date of July 2021.

As an interim step, the Committee is hiring 2 large (1100 litre) bins to be located at the Boatshed for the weekly refuse and recycling collection. The Boatshed area is the only area where the large Kaipara Refuse trucks can safely turn in all weathers without damaging our roading network. Effective dates for these changes will be advised when known.

## EXTRA PREDATOR TRAPPING PLANNED ON TERN POINT BOUNDARY

Tern Point will benefit from a conservation project being undertaken by Tara Iti Golf Club, The Mangawhai Shore Birds Trust and Auckland City Council, to improve predator control in the Black Swamp area. The aim of the project is “to create a buffer zone of predator management to further insulate the ecologically sensitive areas of the Mangawhai Wildlife Refuge, Tara Iti and the Te Arai coastline from the impacts of mammalian predators (via trapping).” 20 new animal traps funded by Auckland Council will be added to those already in place in our Conservation Areas and along our boundary with the Wildlife Refuge. The new traps will be placed at intervals along the length of the Becroft Track which runs from the top of Dune Lane through to the Mangawhai Estuary. A few of us regularly walk this track and we are asking for volunteers who will undertake to walk it at least once a week and check whether any trap is ‘occupied’. The traps will be numbered and positioned in view of the track, and we are being asked to identify any occupied trap by number, so that Trapper Reg Whale can quickly locate and clear them on his next visit to Tern Point. Please contact Bryan Clark if you would be able to help with this task.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to **Heather Quinn** whose volunteer efforts in the wider Mangawhai community have once again been recognised. Heather was made a Life Member of the Mangawhai Museum & Historical Society at their AGM on 27 June. She has served as Collections Manager at the museum since it opened in 2014.

## AGM 2020

The AGM date this year will be **Saturday 5 September**. Please note this in your diaries now. Working with the Society’s accountant, the Committee is targeting to have the agenda, all reports and annual accounts circulated for review by early August. There will be 2 vacancies on the Committee, so if you might be interested in serving a term (minimum of 2 years) please talk to a Committee member about what is involved.

## YOUR 2019/20 COMMITTEE

**Mike Jepson** (82 Tern Point – Acting President), **Dave Hurley** (5 TP), **Terry McDell** (159 TP) & **Craig Forrester** (145c TP). If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns regarding Tern Point, please contact a committee member or the Society’s Manager **Bryan Clark** (174 TP) telephone 021-672-806 or email [ternpointmanager@gmail.com](mailto:ternpointmanager@gmail.com) Likewise, if you have any items for this newsletter, please pass them on to Bryan or a committee member.