



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SHEPHERDS PARK

You are invited to join your local community to help with restoration, conservation and protection of this beautiful area.

Volunteers are needed to assist the restoration project by helping

Plant native trees and shrubs

Maintain tracks

Tidy up following storm damage

Control weeds

Collect litter and rubbish

Encourage public respect for the area by reporting graffiti, wilful damage and the dumping of rubbish

Volunteers meet on Sunday.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with park management by contributing ideas, administrative skills and attending **Shepherds Park Management Committee** meetings - held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Beach Haven Community House at 7pm.

To help or for further information please contact -

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NORTH SHORE CITY

SHEPHERDS PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Background

The headland area of Shepherds Park by Oruamo (Hellyers) Creek, has been transformed over the past decade from a dumping ground and area full of exotic trees, plants, and weeds, to beautiful native coastal bush by local volunteers with plants and support from the North Shore City Council.

Walking tracks including one designed for wheelchair access, a foreshore path and boardwalk, and a Heritage Centre with a picnic table and barbeque nearby have been created. These facilities are good vantage points to view the hundreds of native trees now in the area and the increasing numbers of native birds attracted back by these plantings.

History

Shepherds Park was occupied by Ngati Whatua and Kawerau tribes for three centuries and was one of the first areas of European settlement in Auckland. More recently it was a market garden, as was a large area of Birkdale and Beach Haven.

In 1989 the Birkenhead City Council acquired the area next to the sportsfields in Shepherds Park. A small group of local volunteers began to clear the land with a view to planting native trees. The Shepherds Park Management Committee, comprised of volunteers and a Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board representative, has met since 1990. In 1996 Ces Thomas approached the Council's Parks Department with a plan to create a botanic area with native species and kauri as the theme tree. Ces formed the Friends of Shepherds Park in 1998, under the auspices of the Shepherds Park Management Committee, to encourage local people to help with the restoration work.

Present and Future

Although much has been achieved to transform the area into the beautiful park it is today, ongoing maintenance and improvement work is required to keep the area looking attractive. This includes weed control, storm damage clearance, additional planting and track clearance.

Sadly, volunteer numbers are dwindling due to age, ill health and people moving away from the area. We always welcome the assistance of new volunteers to assist with the above work and /or to join the Shepherds Park Management Committee.

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