

Hawksbury Lagoon update April 2018

About a year ago the Hawksbury Lagoon committee embarked on a project to have five interpretation panels designed and erected on the causeways. We were fortunate to obtain funding from the Otago Community Trust and the Bendigo Valley Trust to enable us to undertake the project.

Alex Gorrie has designed the five panels which cover a variety of topics such as: wetland ecology, local flora, wildlife, Maori history and a timeline and he will erect the panels once completed. A panel will be placed near each of the three entrances, with one on the Maori easement and one near the seat on the Scotia St causeway. We hope they will be in place within the next few weeks. It is hoped they will add some further interest and information about wetlands in general and the Hawksbury Lagoon in particular. We look forward to hearing what you think about the panels and the information displayed.

We will be holding another planting day on **Sunday April 29th**, somewhere on the lagoon, the specific location still to be decided. It would be great to have more locals involved, along with the students from the University of Otago, volunteers who come to the area for the weekend to work on conservation projects both here and at Karitane. It is an enjoyable day with food and tools provided. Even if you can only do a couple of hours, you would be very welcome. Just contact me either by email ts.mckewen@gmail.com or phone 4657499.

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