

Summary of Mount Bruce Landowner Meeting, May 8, 2002

Key issues

- Pest control: - Possums, wide area including on Mt Bruce Reserve and private land
- Consistency between Councils, and communication from Councils back to landowners
- Protection of vegetation on the margin of the bush, including riparian strips. (In conjunction with pest control should benefit bird life in the area.)
- Tourism
- Don't know who all the landowners are that could be involved: need some sort of database
- Access into Mt Bruce area particularly to back blocks and for families.

Ideal situation

- Environmentally active neighbours
- Environmental education available for neighbours
- More native trees plantings
- Tourist attraction: ecologically sustained
- Birds everywhere
- Strong communication between staff at reserve and neighbours
- Pest control: Predators controlled within certain distance e.g. 3 km. Integrated approach from Councils and communication back to landowners
- Rare birds translocated to other areas

Options for moving forward

- support for landowner pest control
- what funding is available?
- information on how to do it
- resources - money
- integrated Council approach
- get landowners and council reps together
- Horizons m.w. and WRC
- Submissions to funding plans
- Involve more neighbours - Education - information available
- Ideas to DoC
- Promotion of area – sign

Priority actions from meeting

Meeting with both Councils and DoC re pest control. Two representatives from group to attend.

Summary to go out to landowners along with information about the meeting on 8th May and when the next meeting is.

Get more neighbours involved. Individual contact needed from people attending. Local knowledge used to develop a list of neighbours. Boundary of which neighbours to include defined by neighbours.