

NEWSLETTER 1: AUGUST 2012

- a one page update for supporters
with all work done on a voluntary basis in between the day jobs!

2 MONTHS SINCE THE FIRST PUBLIC MEETING:

Tuesday 26 June - the worst night of winter weather, an overwhelming response from far and wide. Speakers included:

- Save Manapouri campaigner - Sir Alan Mark, **now our Patron**
- Chairperson of Southland Conservation Board - Viv Shaw.

Wednesday 4 July - the coldest morning of winter, we met the Minister of Conservation, Kate Wilkinson, with people, vehicles, signs, etc. all the way to Manapouri, to show her the strength of community feeling.

Sunday 15 July - another incredibly well attended public meeting, - developed work streams and an incorporated society.

Check our website for the aims and membership details.

Sunday 22 July - public meeting in Queenstown organised by the Glenorchy group, at which we spoke about the monorail and the tunnel.

SOME MEDIA MOMENTS:

Press releases are written, sent and followed up as and when necessary. Articles, letters to the Editor, online comments written regularly, radio interviews. E.g. **Sunday 22 July** - issues presented on TV One Sunday programme; a feature article in the Sunday Star Times; **Tuesday 14 August** - on Radio NZ Nine to Noon programme with Catherine Ryan.

THE WORK STREAMS:

meet / work online, regularly, covering the following areas, with an executive committee member acting as liaison.

The Executive Committee meet most Thursdays, 7.00pm, Distinction Te Anau Hotel:

Communications	(Alina Suchanski, Mary Hill, George Batchelor)	Education	(Claire Maley-Shaw)
Financial	(Geoff Thomson, George Batchelor)	Fundraising	(Kit Ghata)
Legal and DOC Processes	(Colin Pemberton, Ruth Dalley)	Lobbying	(Frana Cardno and Daphne Taylor)
User Groups - Recreational	(Bill Jarvie, Rex Forrest)	Business	(via Nigel Humphries)
Science/Technical and Environment/Conservation	(Dr Christoph Zink)	Students/Social media	(Nicholas Humphries)

Web design, social media and email work is done by Tim Mann and Andrew Pealing, assisted by anon.

Venture Southland provides legal advice and administrative support. Maree Baker-Galloway provides legal advice.

The strength of Save Fiordland Inc. is that each work stream has an additional number of hard working volunteers within it.

Save Fiordland's work focuses on the Infinity Investments/Riverstone Holdings monorail and the Milford Dart tunnel, working alongside the Glenorchy Action Group which focuses on the Milford Dart tunnel.

IN THE BACKGROUND:

 (a lot is going on, some of it listed below; check website and facebook for further details)

- UNESCO, as the body responsible for our World Heritage Status and the obligations that go with that has been informed.
- Invitations to meet with us have been sent to Members of Parliament and to the Director-General of Conservation. So far:
 - Eugenie Sage of the Green Party spoke to us on 15 July; Bill English of the National Party met with us on 24 August.
 - Questions have been presented in the House of Parliament; including about Bob Robertson's receivership issues in Pegasus Town.
 - the postcard campaign continues - more available from committee members.
- The NZ Conservation Authority and Conservation Boards are being lobbied to work with the Minister of Conservation.
- Work is being done with our legal and technical experts, questioning the way the original decisions were made by DOC.
- The tourism industry as the potential end users of the products is being lobbied to ensure they are fully informed.
- Local community groups are asking us to speak with them which is a great opportunity to inform their members.
- Blogs and forums are being contributed to, particularly of recreational users; recreational groups are helping out e.g. FMC
- Fundraising is going well with donations, membership registration (\$5.00 - see online form), the raffle, Trade Me auctions....
- Wayne Hill's donated sculpture unveiled, with Fiordland College encouraging students to debate the issues involved.
- Design work on website, facebook, posters, etc is being done; Ray's signs continue popping up - thanks Ray.
- Check out the brilliant signs at 51 Quintin Drive - available for \$40 + gst - call Nigel Humphries (249 7256) to order one.
- **A hard copy petition is being organised and should be available in the next week - please sign it.**

DATES COMING UP:

 - the last weekend of September

- **an art auction, a special evening at the Fiordland cinema, documentary screenings.**

Keep an eye on the website www.savefiordland.org.nz for the details as they are finalised.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING SO HARD TO PROTECT OUR WORLD HERITAGE AREAS.



It's our World Heritage



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