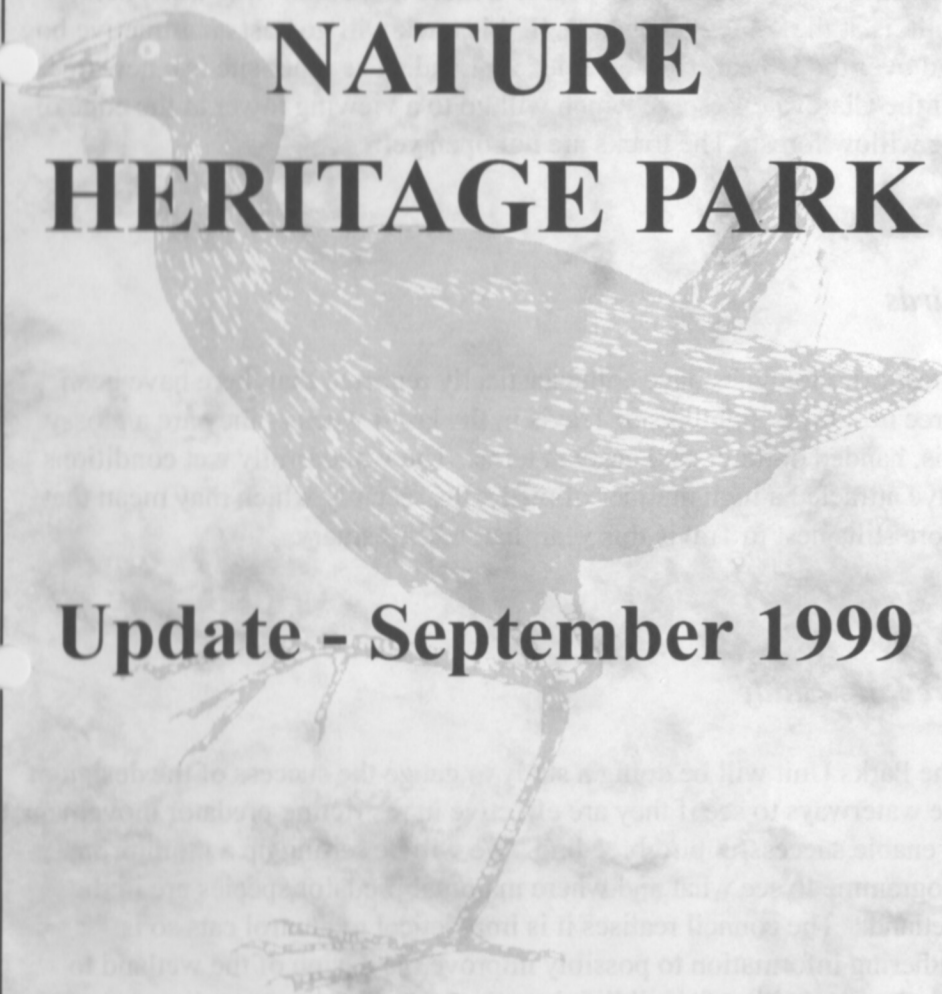


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# TRAVIS WETLAND NATURE HERITAGE PARK

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This information sheet is produced by the Christchurch City Council Parks Unit to inform the residents of recent developments at Travis Wetland

### ***Track Work***

Contractors have recently finished driving piles into two areas to enable boardwalks to be built over boggy sections. The piles are 4.8m long as they are being driven 3m through peat to a more solid soil. One track being built is at the Anne Flanagan Dell, this track will go past an attractive bog and over the tall carex to the Telecom Land. The other site is a new track off the Clarevale Reserve which will go to a viewing tower at the edge of the willow forest. The tracks are not open yet.

### ***Birds***

Local ornithologists have enthusiastically reported that there have been three new birds sightings in Travis in the last 4 weeks - they are a glossy ibis, banded dotterel, and caspian terns. The wonderfully wet conditions have attracted a high number of pied stilts recently which may mean that more stilts nest in Travis this year than in the estuary.

### ***Predator Study***

The Parks Unit will be doing a study to gauge the success of the design of the waterways to see if they are effective in restricting predator movement to enable successful bird breeding. We will be setting up a monitoring programme to see what and where mammal predator species are in the wetland. The council realises it is impractical to control cats so is gathering information to possibly improve the design of the wetland to enhance the habitat for wildlife by using natural features to discourage cats and to make it safer for nests and chicks.

A masters student from Lincoln is studying cats in Travis Wetland. (See separate leaflet) If you and your cat would like to be part of this study please contact Shelly. ***Beach Rd Pond***

The Water Services Unit have recently constructed a pond on the corner of Beach Rd and Frosts Rd. This pond will gather the water currently in the Frosts Rd drain.

### ***Visitor Centre***

Plans are underway to build a small pavillion at the end of Beach Rd to house information about the wetland.

### ***Travis Wetland Trust***

The Trust welcomes members to help out on monthly work days. Meet at Mairehau Rd carpark on the third Saturday of each month. The Trust is accepting donations for named boards, which will go on boardwalks. If you would like more information on the Trust or to get on the mailing list for their newsletter contact Coast Care . The trust has also been involved planting with local schools and running education programmes about the wetland for schools throughout Christchurch.

***Please remember the wetland is not a waste land -  
garden wastes should go to a City Compost Plant .***

***Dogs and Bikes are not permitted in the wetland - thanks.***