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A Site Visit to the Marlborough Sounds

In the Marlborough Sounds, Monday 19 July 2004 was a lovely day with an awful weather forecast. It was also the day of our visit to Admiralty Bay, Port Ligar and Forsyth Bay, giving our expert witnesses and legal counsel another visit to the sites of several marine farm applications soon to be heard in the Environment Court. The days in winter are short, we were dependent on five airports and the weather in the Sounds, and we had a full programme. I was somewhat relieved when the boat left French Pass and the trip proper was under way.

The photos tell the story. A GPS was invaluable in locating the sites we were studying, especially in the expanse of Admiralty Bay. In Forsyth Bay we had a bite of lunch while drifting slowly towards the rocks. We were welcomed into Port Ligar by a small pod of dolphins, then again into the Shand's homestead by the smell of hot muffins. After this were the observations from various vantage points on land as we started our journey home arriving back in Nelson at 8pm right on schedule.

Consultants and assistants: Di (landscape expert), Denis (planner), Warwick (lawyer), Danny (boatman), Steffan, Gwen and Margot (committee), Peter, Shand family and Ken (helpers)

SEE MORE PHOTOS ON THE WEBSITE

Art at Heart Exhibition – Suter Gallery – Dec 11- March 20

Friends will be participating, along with other community-focused groups, in the selection and interpretation of two works from the permanent collection.

We have chosen paintings that show the pristine and fragile ecosystem of Mother Nature and her relationship to Civilized Society – *that's us*, the keepers of the safety and security of the environment.

Go along and have a look. It's not deep, it's a lovely picture of a lighthouse!

Visit our updated website:

www.nelsonhaven.org.nz

 **REMINDER** 

Have you paid your Sub? Want to join?

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Single Member	\$12.00
Two in a household	\$15.00
Single unwaged	\$ 5.00
Family unwaged	\$ 8.00
Group membership	\$50.00
Donation	_____

Tax deductible, please tick for receipt { }

We always welcome anyone with some spare time to help – phone Pam Lambert on 5459294

**“Waimea Estuary” (1978)
by Perrine Moncrieff**



**Reprints of Perrine Moncrieff’s
lovely water colour
are now available
for donations of \$20.**

Colour reprints are on quality paper
26x 21cm (8.25 x 10.25”)
Larger copies on request



Mrs. Moncrieff was a foundation member of Friends of Nelson Haven (1973), and remained an active member until her death in 1979. She was also a foundation member of Native Bird Protection Society (1923), which became the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society. Also a foundation member of Australasian Ornithological Society, Perrine wrote the first popular book on New Zealand Birds in 1925. She purchased and gave Haulashore Island to the people of Nelson and purchased 500 acres opposite Adele Island and made it into a private scenic reserve in 1936. Mrs. Moncrieff was the granddaughter of British painter John Millais and she inspired, and named, Abel Tasman National Park in 1945.



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP? Encourage your family to use “on-site waste treatment” - like your compost bin. What goes down your sink, goes into our bay.

LOCAL UPDATES

NELSON NORTH TREATMENT PLANT

Friends have made a submission and attended the hearing. A decision is awaited. We are also involved in the Wetlands Working Party and contributed to the cost of bringing an expert to Nelson for the hearing.

ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEALS

NELSON

- Calwell Slipway. Friends recently signed a consent memorandum that imposed conditions on slipway users to safeguard the environment from spray drift, water contamination and noise emissions.
- We are also in mediation over references on other issues at Port Nelson.

TASMAN

- Tasman Aquaculture Inquiry. Friends involvement continues, attending meetings and assessing draft planning rules. After five years it is hoped to be close to resolution.
- Outstanding Landscape Identification in Tasman Plan. TDC undertook to file a status report with the Court on progress by the end of September.

MARLBOROUGH

A very busy time ahead as many Marlborough cases were delayed awaiting the result of our successful Beatrix Bay appeals. Some of the marine farming appeals we are involved in are:

- MacLab’s appeal for a farm at Tawhitinui Reach begins on 8 November.
- Evidence is being finalized now for two major appeals on large mid bay marine farms in Admiralty Bay. Dolphin evidence was heard earlier in the year and the rest of the case will be in February and March.
- There are Forsyth Bay appeals in February and the tentative date for Bonne Point is June, and Port Ligar in October.
- Others have not yet been listed for hearing but all are important.