

Update 02 May 2024.

Next Working Bee Sun May 5th. 9am to noon.

Forecast is again for dry weather. The Ramaroa Wetland tracks need a tidy up. These tracks are so close to the entrance little kids can use them so they need to be kept clear, Denys has just cut back flopping over flax but a general tidy up all the way to Ramaroa Bush and across to Totara Ridge would be good. We can also release last year's trees along the stream and plan where this year's planting should go. And of course, there is water celery in the stream for those so inclined! Everyone is welcome. Please bring your morning tea (Kahikatea picnic table @ 10.30). Follow the flags.

Last working Bee - April 7th



Fantastic work clearing more water weed from the stream by the Gums stream crossing. We released more wetland plants, they are growing well.



Many thanks to: Bruce Bulmer, Rachel Calvert, Sue Campbell, Denys Crengle, Peter & Denise Davis, David Fagan, Yvonne Fletcher, Lynette Francis, Peter Jones, Peter Kentish, Richard Lambert, Bernard McManus, Jan Nisbet, Ian Redward, Maria Whitehead and Shane Williamson.

Nice to see horses using the reserve. Bruce, Shane and Denys have cleared back encroaching vegetation right along Carex Valley and round the Horse Track circuit. It is all nicely mown. Autumn is the time for fungi, Whareroa has a rich variety from big to tiny.







Grass has taken well in the Dell despite the dry weather.

Nursery web spider

Planting this winter – Sue has prepared a sign to go at the entrance. Thanks Sue





More work to improve the Cairn area for lizards: Shane & Bruce moved stones & logs

Legal stuff. Due to legislation changes, we have to prepare a new constitution to continue as an incorporated society. This will hopefully be ready for members to confirm at the AGM on June 17th. It will be circulated beforehand.

The Whareroa Farm Plan Review to cover until 2033 has been completed and will be signed with DOC in a few days. We are now more in a consolidation mode re tracks but will continue active restoration.

Raumati South School visit Monday May 6th. Jan Nisbet is coordinating a "self guided" nature explore for students. Teachers and a water expert will be present. If any volunteers are free to join them please call Jan on 027 358 5611

Save the date! Monday June 17th 7pm AGM with guests from Capital Kiwi

Future working bees: June 02. 9 to noon and then planting starts on 16th

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