

# WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

## Update 18 August 2022

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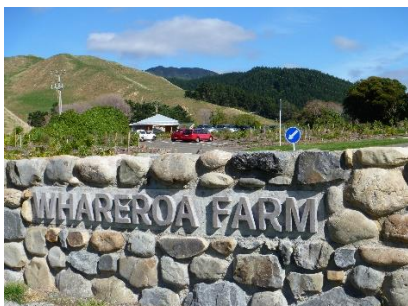
### **Tree Planting Sunday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup> 9 to Noon then BBQ sausages**

About 300 native trees remain. There are still about 80 to go in along lower Ramaroa but it will be too much of a swamp after this week's rain – they will have to wait till September. However, there are manuka/kanuka parked up Carex Valley (thanks Theo). These are to be planted on the slope just before Mamaku Valley – no spots sprayed so dig through grass. Some totara and taller trees to be “inplanted” amongst earlier plantings along Ti Kouka Stream and across the stepping stones on the left. Plants will be by the Gums. Kapiti Cubs plan to come, to plant some kahikatea amongst Ti Kouka by Intake Valley Track. Wear gumboots or boots as the ground is very wet and take care. Follow flags. Darrel & Diane will have sausages & onions ready in the shed from noon. Forecast might be OK.  
*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MORNING TEA. THANKS*

### **AGM Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room**

This will be our 15th AGM and the theme is “The next 10 years at Whareroa”

After the “Business” section, Andy McKay from KDCDC will set Whareroa in the context of Kapiti biodiversity and facilitate a discussion about how Whareroa could develop over the next ten years. A brief resume of the existing Farm Plan and how much has been achieved will be shown but the key question is What Next? Please come along with your input. Under Covid Orange, masks to be worn except when eating/drinking (nibbles provided)



## Membership

Please renew your membership for 2022 (or join) – see application and banking details for online payment or Treasurer Lynette will be at the AGM for those who prefer cash - only paid up members can vote. Your membership helps give us credibility as an organisation and of course the money helps. All income goes to Whareroa, no honoraria go to trustees. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible as the Trust is a registered charity.

## Last Planting Bee August 7th

It was so sloppy underfoot but people roamed and planted where they could, along Lower Ramaroa, Matai Wetland, beyond the entrance picnic area and along the Vollies' Track. The Lower Ramaroa Stream has lost its way and is wandering all over the place – floods have deposited stones and the plantings are not sufficient to maintain banks. Also celery weed contributes to blocking water flow but that won't go away until there is shade from trees. Eventually we hope to have the area similar to Ramaroa Bush upstream – maybe in 20 years. Though the forest giants will take much longer.



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Ti kouka protected against pukeko, Matai Bush Wetland. Penny's pond with earlier carex plantings. There is money for another 1000 or so wetland plants for 2023 but the area could absorb 10X that number. We intend to keep plantings low to maintain the distant view up th valley.

## Toilets at the carpark

Visitors and volunteers will have found these toilets to be closed. This is due to expiry of resource consent for the soakaway system. However, the toilets are expensive to maintain – not just the cleaning but plumbing issues when water supply dries up or the toilets get blocked by bad things. DOC is incredibly short of money this financial year and is struggling to manage all the demands on their funds. The Guardians have strongly advocated for these toilets to be supported. There are toilets up at the Hub and in QE Park to be used in the meantime.

## Bill Jansen

Long serving volunteer Bill died in March. The family would like as many Whareroa people as would like to join them for a few words and a cuppa at the caravan which meant so much to Bill. Friday September 2 at 1.30. Meet in car park.



**Planting likely on September 4<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed**

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