



WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

Update 04 May 2023

Next Working bee Sunday May 7th, 9 to Noon.

1st activity - working in the Dell. There are plants to be released, some blackberry regrowth to be removed, clearing vegetation overhanging the tracks, cutting small gorse. We will have some carex secta to plant in swampy areas, guards will be needed. There is a lot of climbing sorrel which it'd be good to pull off plants – it's not prickly and could be fun for kids!

2nd activity – we've decided to tackle the 2 irritating indentations in the ground by the caravan – by removing turves and bringing in earth from the pile by the kennels and then replacing the turves. Shovels and rakes and strength needed.

All Welcome, follow the flags. Please bring your own morning tea. Gloves, hand saws, secateurs and grubbers will be useful. Also (gum) boots as ground is very wet.



The “trenches” at the Hub



The dirt pile



There is a matai tree under this sorrel needing releasing, as well as lots of other plants being smothered. Patches of ex blackberry on the bank above the track to be checked – and trees including totara and rimu to be released.



Newest volunteers - Kirton family: Isla, Hayley & James with cousins Emmy & Mack. They thought they were just coming for a walk on the farm but found themselves cleaning cobwebs and insects out from the caravan. Thanks.

Last working Bee April 2nd

Peter, Denys and Ian cleared the celery weed from the section upstream from the culvert (see below) Meesha, Lewi & Arianwen did the downstream bit. We need to get the stream shaded as

quickly as possible to protect it from this invasive weed which blocks flow and fish passage. Rachel, Jan and Ann have done further work as the stream decided to flow down the track.

We also cut more gorse on Totara Ridge and released last year's trees along Lower Ramaroa Stream.



Upstream from the culvert



Downstream from the culvert



Near the track, higher upstream

Many thanks to: Denys Crengle, Ellen Soulliere, Bernard McManus, Peter Kentish, Shane Cave, Liffet Stewart, Ian Redward, Meesha, Lewi & Arianwen Jones, Jan Nisbet, Ann Evans & Janet Walker.



We are sorry to farewell long standing volunteer Ellen Soulliere. Ellen has been involved from the very beginning, indeed she used to visit Whareroa with her family in the 1980's. Ellen drove out from Wellington for working bees and is moving down south to be closer to family. Many thanks Ellen.



Nice to see sheep keeping the grass down at the Hub.

As always, many thanks to all volunteers, and to DOC for ongoing support.

**Advance Notice. 16th AGM will be held on Tuesday June 20th 7pm
Next working bee Sunday June 4th. Planting starts June 18th**

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