



# WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

## Update 15 June 2023.

NB Planting June 18<sup>th</sup> deferred due to Xterra mountain race

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### **AGM Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm Paraparaumu Library meeting room**

We hope to see members and supporters at our 16th AGM. After the business section, Jim Lynch, founder of Zealandia, will discuss his visionary proposal to bring kakapo back to the mainland with a predator proof fence in rimu forest in the Wainuiomata-Puketahā catchment. Refreshments will follow Jim's talk.

Membership can be renewed now or at AGM.

### **1<sup>st</sup> PLANTING BEE Sunday July 2nd, 9 to Noon.**

We will start by the new culvert on the Farm Race – an area of wetland plus along the stream banks up- and down-stream. The wetland will have various sedges and rushes and a few special trees – kahikatea, swamp maire and pukatea. The stream bank plantings are to develop shade to stop invasive celery weed growing- it will take several years for sufficient shade



Plants already collected from nursery. More to come



## Last working bee June 5th

Report from Rachel: Small turn out for the working bee, only the nine of us. It was quite overcast and people may have been away for the long weekend.

I've attached some photos. Ian sorted the holes in the track. The rest of us spent the morning tackling the gorse along Totara Ridge. We made some good progress.

I met Peter Jones and his wife Karen came along. Not the best weather for their first working bee, but I'm sure they'll be back.



The workers



A lost totara found



Sheep on the move

**Many thanks to:** Denys Crengle, Bernard McManus, Ian Redward, Rachel Calvert, Sue Campbell, Jono Ziaja, Peter & Karen Jones

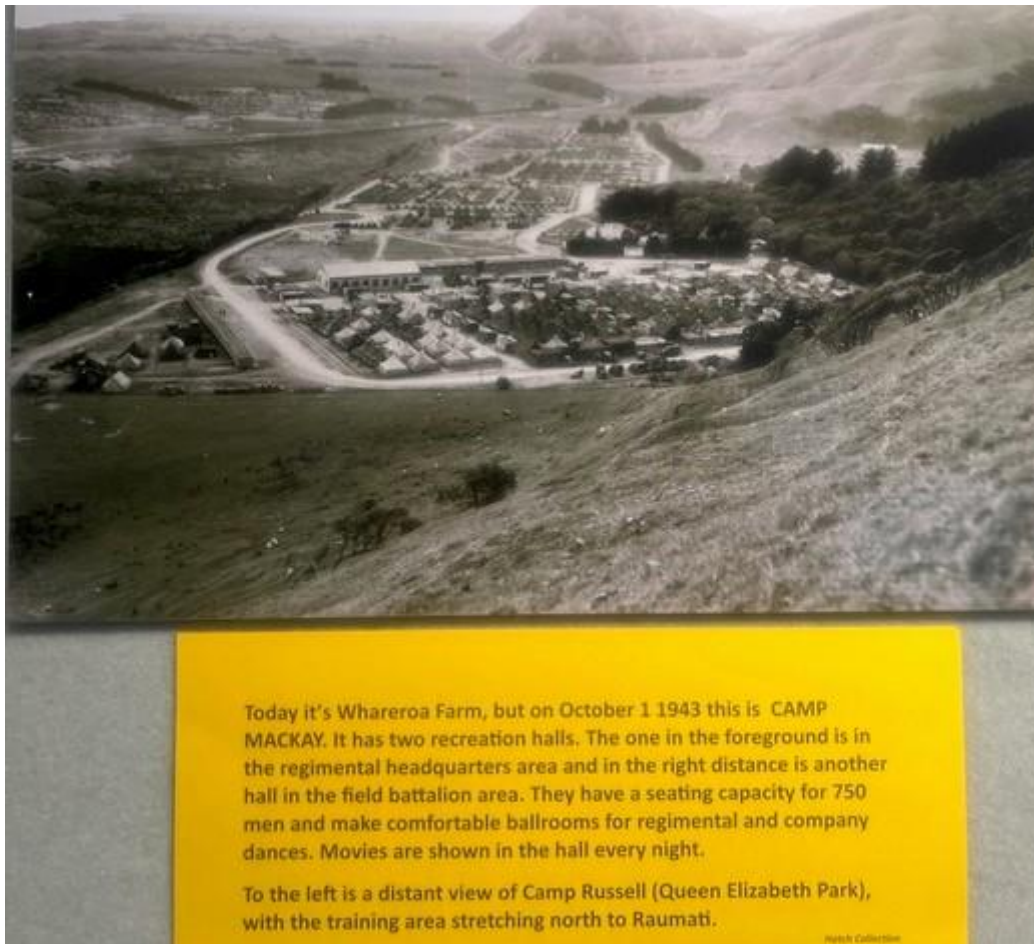
**Grazing licence** – we are pleased that DOC has granted a 3 year licence to Brent Cuttance to graze sheep. Brent has been doing this for some time and he is pleased to have some surety. Gorse in the grazing areas will no longer be sprayed – apart from keeping tracks open. This will, over time, lead to shrinkage of pasture and further regeneration of native through the gorse as is well advanced on the back country.

### **Xterra mountain Race Sunday June 18th, 9am to 1pm**

There will be several hundred runners doing loops of the tracks – the longest being 17km and involves two ascents to the top. Visitors might prefer to leave them alone though the walking tracks do remain open.

### **Marines' exhibition in Paraparaumu Library**

This exhibition of photos of the US Marine's camps from World War II is worth a look. It will still be on next week so visible at our AGM. This is looking north – Ramaroa Bush on the right



**Planting starts July 2nd then 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays July & Aug  
9am to noon followed by sausage sizzle at the shed**

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