



WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

Update 02 August 2023.

PLANTING CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY, Aug 6th, 9 to noon

We will continue wetland restoration at Whareroa. This week we will return to Matai Bush Wetland, beyond the caravan. Planters can drive in to the Hub to park. Lots more sedges and rushes await along with toetoe for the banks and some wetland trees. We will plant another 600 or so. Raumati cubs will join us. Wear gummies and warm clothes. Follow the flags. Morning tea at the Caravan at 10.30 and sausage sizzle after.

Last Planting session. July 16th



Another amazing morning; we had a good start with Denys' pre-digging. This time only some of the site was stony, other parts were squelchy. Pukekos watched from a distance – we hope these plants are big enough to resist their attention. Some will be “guarded”. A few swamp trees were added along with toetoe, coprosmas and kowhai on the banks. Welcome to the Mitchener family who worked hard. Also good to see Andy and Juneau Hummel again. Juneau had to check out the totara he planted 3 years ago – it has grown and so has he. So many carex, oioi, giant umbrella sedge went in as well as some rarer wetland plants eg *Machaerina sinclarii* (Tuhara or Pepepe). Over 600 in total.



Machaerina



Oioi or jointed wire rush



Toetoe going in on the banks; carex and others along the bottom

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Moving up the wetland from the track, planting in between plants from last year.



Juneau and Andy planting a totara in 2020. Ann helped out.

2023 The tree is a lot taller

**Planting will continue Aug 20th back near farm entrance
9am to noon followed by sausage sizzle at the shed**

Groundtruth have completed planting on the Western Hills

The last 16,000 trees were planted last week – Western Hills and Upper Mamaku Valley (off Carex Valley). Mostly kanuka, manuka and Olearia solandrii with a few other species. Thanks Groundtruth.



These spots now all contain a tree seedling. The distant ridge leading up to the Rocks was planted 2 years ago, Mt Wainui in the far background

Sept 3rd 9am Whareroa Farm Rotary Peace, Remembrance and Community Forest Commemorative Event in Carex Valley to celebrate completion of planting 76,000 trees.

All welcome to plant 200 carex and some forest trees in Carex Valley just beyond the Gums. Wear your gummies to cross 2 small streams and plant in moist ground. Bring your spade. 20 minutes walk from carpark.

About 10am, unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Rotary and then morning tea at the picnic table. After planting is completed maybe go for a walk further up Carex and Mamaku Valleys to appreciate the Guardians' planting in the valley and look up at Groundtruth planting on the hills. Many thanks to Rotary and Groundtruth.

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