



WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

Update 31 August 2023.

Kapiti Community Awards. Supreme Award to us!! \$2,000



It was an exciting evening, we were amazed and impressed by the huge range of community work done by so many people & groups in Kapiti. You volunteers have all contributed to this. Thanks +++

Our response: Good evening, Tena koutu katoa. Many thanks for this recognition of the Whareroa Guardians. It was due to the diligence of a small group of Kapiti residents that this 1000 acre reserve remains in public ownership (managed by DOC) and was not carved up for lifestyle blocks.

Kapiti volunteers have contributed enormously over the last 16 years: about 4000 person hours per annum - having planted 70,000+ native plants, developed tracks, trapped pests and controlled weeds. Fund raising has been essential.

The reserve is used by all ages – on foot, bike and horse and is now well on the way to restoration. However, many years of work are still needed, significant areas have not yet been touched.

Our thanks to the trustees, past and present and particularly to the hundreds of volunteers who have helped out. This award will purchase more native plants. Thankyou. Tenakoe.

PLANTING has almost finished. Next session Sept 3rd:

***You are invited:* Sunday Sept 3rd 10am**

**“Whareroa Farm Rotary Peace, Remembrance and
Community Forest”**

**Commemorative Event in Carex Valley to celebrate the
planting of 76,000 native trees in 2021 & 2023.**

About 10am, unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Rotary and then “morning tea”.

Wear your gummies to cross 2 small streams. It is about 20 minutes walk from carpark. Follow the flags.

From 9am you are welcome to help plant 200 carex and some forest trees in Carex Valley, just beyond the Gums. Spots have been sprayed & the ground is soft & moist. Bring a spade.

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 who facilitated the grant and Groundtruth who planted 75,000 trees on the high hills. The other 1000 trees were planted by the Guardians in Carex valley, funded by Trees that Count.

Last Planting session. Aug 6th

Wetland planting has progressed well due to wonderful turnouts of volunteers assisted by Raumati Scouts, Cubs & parents. Over 2,000 plants will have been placed this season by 50 planters, plus the 33 in the Scout group. Thank you all.

This session 600 + plants were planted in the wetland and on slopes below the caravan, stretching across towards Matai Bush. Denys again pre-dug lots of holes. People were so efficient that we ran out before noon so Jan took the Scouts on an adventure into Matai Bush. So far, pukeko have left the plants alone. Whew! However, rabbits have been nibbling Carex so we may have to put more

guards on. Some are already protected. Kowhai and kahikatea went in. Mike Bradstock arrived with about 40 natives that he had grown including 18 four-year-old nikau – still very small but should thrive inside their shelters. Bernard did more Dell track work, Miyako helped. Darrel & Diane managed the sausage sizzle with just the right number prepared.

Many thanks to: Mike Bradstock, Sue Campbell, Lynette Francis, Richard Lambert, Peter Kentish, Denys Crengle, Brian Law, Ian Redward, Shane Williamson, Ann Evans, Bernard Cammack, Miyako Cammack, Karen & Peter Jones, Jan Nisbet, John Rowland, Janet Walker.

Welcome to new volunteers: Laurraine Stewart, Pip and Jim Cox, Declan Copeland, Yvonne Fletcher, Barry, Clare & Sophie Foster, Steven McTiansh, Sam Ziaja.

David Haxton and Kate Foley brought a large contingent of scouts.

Darrel & Diane Sutherland as usual provided the sausage & onion sizzle.



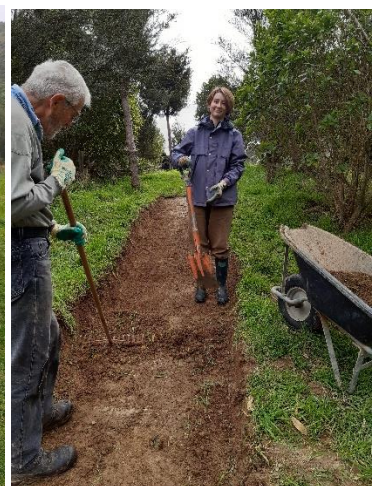
The Scout group



Mike B with his plants



Scouts



Bernard & Miyako, Dell track

Unfortunately a group photo was not taken as Ann was distracted – sorry!

Gabion Baskets in Carex Valley

Many of you have been aware of the erosion to the Carex Valley Track. DOC employed Barry the plumber to do some excavation. They also purchased some gabion baskets but no money was available to fill them. The Guardians purchased the pipe and initial supply of rocks. Denys has sourced further rocks from Otaki River and Guardians paid for truck hire to transport them



Denys with friends Mike O'Malley & Ian Gorton, bringing rocks to fill the gabion baskets

There is then a huge amount of work to transport the rocks from the Gums to the baskets using LUV and then carry each rock and place it in the basket. Bruce has been doing this single handed, including assembling the baskets. There will be 4 altogether to protect the bank from flooding. We are so fortunate to have these wonderful volunteers.



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