



WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

Update 16 January 2024.

Whareroa Picnic and Open Day Sunday Feb 11th from 10am

It's been a while since we had an Open Day – Covid. However, we invite you all to come along. Do a guided walk (some “off piste” eg into Matai Bush, up Mamaku Valley, through Toetoe Flats), join in a trapping demo, visit weta motels with a weta enthusiast, do a “botanical” wander. Or just hang out with friends and family.

BYO picnic. There are several picnic tables in the reserve: by the caravan, in the Dell and just beyond the Gums in Carex Valley. Also Lower Ramaroa Valley under giant kahikatea & matai. Totara Ridge, above Matai Bush, at Five Ways and others as well as various seats. See Map on the day. Have you visited them all?



Looking across Whareroa to Mt Wainui from Upper Mamaku Valley. Rocks in the centre distance

Next working Bee Sun Feb 4th 9am to noon. At the Dell

Preparation for the picnic and Open Day. Jobs include:
Spring cleaning the caravan, Old Dunny and Mini hut (we will bring cleaning materials).
Checking Ramaroa tracks for overhanging vegetation and cutting it back.
Checking stream crossings are good.
Any spare time can be spent clearing horrible water weed from streams.
Everyone is welcome Please bring your morning tea. Follow the flags.

Last working bee, at the Wetland, Dec 3rd



Many thanks to Ian, Sue, Janet, Jan & Denys (photo by Ann)

It was a moist morning but there were *Carex secta* to plant and other wetland plants to be checked and released. Good fun and the rain held off pretty well.

Recent volunteer activities – all much appreciated!

Denys removed a further length of old fencing under the bank by Toetoe Flats. Janet W continues her gorse campaign by Totara Ridge. The mowers: Bruce, Denys & Brian have mowed regularly, Ann weeded banks, Bernard continues on Dell tracks, Shane & Shane have restored *Carex* Valley Track, it is now again safe to use, even by horses, after a lot of work improving drainage, recovering the bank & clearing vegetation. Rachel has been clearing celery weed from streams. Lynette manages the finances. Blackberry team Sue, Alex, Lynette, Richard & Liffet are there regularly. Sandra clears tradescantia, Jan turns her hand to anything, every week as does John R. The trappers do their rounds etc etc.

Lots of stuff just happens quietly; volunteers are down there most days keeping fit.

Many thanks to all volunteers for their work in 2023.

If you'd like to get more involved, give Ann a call 021 162 3559.



Trustees had their December meeting at the Caravan. Thanks to the mountain bike “Coastal Crew” for their “Merry Christmas” creation each year (some of them on the right).



Jan clearing mud on Carex Valley track



Matai Bush Wetland, plants settling in



Rachel’s celery weed clearing – to help stream flow and reduce risk of flood

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