



WHAREROA GUARDIANS COMMUNITY TRUST

Update 01 March 2024.

Next Working Bee Sun Mar 3rd 9am to noon.

Working at the new wetland area by culvert on the farm race – Lower Ramaroa Stream. Clearing water weed from the stream and releasing plants in the Wetland. Weather looks wet but clearing water weed is wet anyway! Everyone is welcome. Please bring your morning tea. Follow the flags.

Last working Bee – Feb 4th

We spring cleaned the caravan and Old Dunny and tidied up Dell and Ti Kouka Loop tracks ready for the picnic. Lovely to see young Theo, our first 3rd generation volunteer (mother Ruby and G'mother Dawn) and welcome to the Whitehead family.



Many thanks to: Dawn Bush, Rachel Calvert, Shane Cave, Denys Crengle, Ian Redward, John & Sandra Rowland, Liffet Stewart, Ann Evans, Sylvia Hill, Karen & Peter Jones, Peter Kentish, Bernard McManus, Jan Nisbet, Janet Walker, Matt Whittaker, Shane Williamson, Tim, Maria & Will Whitehead and Theo May.



Usual group pic at morning tea

Whareroa Picnic and Open Day Sunday Feb 11th

Sadly the weather was cold and windy in the morning of our Open Day. Getting the sign and flags out was challenging in the strong southerly. Some hardy souls came along and learned about trapping and weta and the native plants in the Dell. It was nice for the volunteers to just relax and spend some time together - the caravan was well used as the base. Many thanks to the guides and those who came along early to help set up the signs etc. We have it all planned ready for next year!





Shane W gave a detailed trapping talk.

Botany at Whareroa

Matai and Totara are fruiting. Watch for kereru and rosellas flying into trees to see which ones. See Matai fruit in pic below right. 10 kereru were seen at once above Matai Bush.





Totara seeds picked up off the ground



Native jasmine (*Parsonsia heterophylla*) pods



Reunion of early (2007/08) and current volunteers: Jan, Ann, Maureen, Janet, Bev & Frances

Future working bees: Sun April 7th and May 5th. 9 to noon.

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