

Membership

Thank you to all those who keep up their membership subscriptions and to those who fill in our monthly monitoring reports. The environmental benefit to all in Waimate North is there to be seen in the pristine condition of our flora. If you have not already paid your family subscription this year please fill in the subscription form below. Thanks.



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Membership is only \$20.00 per family.

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Waimate North Landcare Trust Inc.

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Newsletter

*Annual General Meeting
Monday 13th September, 2010,*



*7:30pm at the Sunday School Building,
Waimate North*

Come and listen to Grant Adams speaking on the
behaviour of kiwi in Waitangi Forest.

All members, local residents and supporters are
encouraged to attend.

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Enjoy the music of springtime



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September 2010

Wetland Planting

Waimate North Landcare volunteers recently took part in planting over 100 locally sourced native trees on the Historic Places Trust wetland adjacent to Showgrounds Road.

Replanting the wetlands is of benefit both to the ecosystem and enhancing the historic heritage of the area.

Thanks to Historic Places Trust for their encouragement of the programme and to the volunteers for their hard work. The team of 12 volunteers joined together for a sausage sizzle and a hot drink when the work was done.



Kiwi Terrorises Dog!

A kiwi was seen going from a flax bush outside of Carpet Court in Mill Lane, Kerikeri across the road towards Placemakers. The kiwi was retrieved by Steve McManus of D.O.C. and taken into neighbouring premises for

inspection. The occupier of the premises had recently taken his dog for Kiwi Aversion Training at Waimate North. His dog was on the premises and immediately it sniffed the kiwi it disappeared as fast as it could to the furthest possible corner of the premises.

This little story tells us two things. Kiwi can be found almost anywhere in and around our area and secondly how effective the Kiwi Aversion Training for dogs can be. Waimate North is a highly significant kiwi populated area and aversion training is another tool to help protect these birds from dogs which are their biggest predator in the north. If you would like to know more about the aversion training program please contact a Waimate North Landcare trustee for information on our next aversion date.

Enjoying the Birds

For the maximum benefit to birdlife, possum and rat control is best concentrated just before and during the bird breeding season. This means now!

Tips for Possum Traps:

Timms traps are best baited with a piece of fruit, eg. apple sprinkled with cinnamon, lemon or orange peel, etc.

Possums love sugar! Sprinkle some sugar on the fruit and place a piece both in the Timms Trap, and also leave a piece outside the trap to attract the possum.

Steve Allan Possum Traps can be baited with a mixture of 50% flour and 50% icing sugar. Shops like Surplus Direct or Binn Inn sell cheap cake and

biscuit mix which can be very effective. Anything will work as long as it is sweet and powdery.

Steve Allan Possum traps are also good at catching rats.

Placement Tips for Rat Traps and Bait Stations where:

There is a particularly heavily fruiting tree that attracts rats, ie lots of rat gnawed berries nearby;

You have observed nesting or breeding behaviour in a species you are trying to protect;

There is a tree favoured by native birds, ie a taraire tree in which you often see kukupa; and/or

Two streams meet.

Be sure to position traps and bait stations so that they are not easily accessible by children, pets or stock.

Community Thank You

The trust recently submitted the final report to the Government Biodiversity Fund accounting for three years funding. Below is the funding summary submitted, you can clearly see the importance of volunteer hours.

We thank everybody who has contributed hours helping the trust and for sending in their monthly monitoring returns either on paper or from our website. They have real value for our community!



Contribution	Source of contribution:
\$34,944	Government Biodiversity Fund 401a
\$9,190	Northland Regional Council
\$7,249	Far North District Council
\$21,274	Fundraising by the trust
\$34,944	Lotteries Grants Board
\$76,170	Hours submitted by members =5078 hours (@ \$15 per hours)
\$183,771	3 Year Total

National heritage and your property enhanced all for just a \$20 a year family subscription! In addition the trust provides employment for two local trappers.

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Website : Visit www.waimatenorthlandcare.org.nz for the latest news and information about the Trust's activities and information and to fill out the monthly monitoring form.



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