



AKATARAWA FOREST

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: Karapoti Classic, 4WD Back Country Akatarawa

Environment

- An ongoing bait station control operation at Cannon's Point has effectively lowered possum numbers, with a residual trap catch of 3.4% being recorded
- Three professional hunting operations resulted in the culling of 92 goats
- Large, extensive old man's beard infestations were cut or sprayed in the Birchville Dam track area.
- Follow-up control of numerous infestation sites of other pest plant species was carried out in the disturbed areas of the forest
- Buddleia, pampas, hawthorn, old man's beard, tradescantia and alder were controlled in Puketiro Forest

General

- A boardwalk on the Birchville Dam track has had handrails attached as part of the ongoing safety improvements to this track
- There were the usual problems of domestic rubbish being dumped - Bridge Road seems to be a popular spot
- Routine maintenance was carried out to the road infrastructure



Somewhere in the Akatarawas...

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