



BELMONT REGIONAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: Creek to Peak, Kev the Wandering Kiwi, Explore the Real Cannons Creek, Belmont Pony Club Open Day, Old Coach Road History Trail, Pink Tags and Pest Lines
- A Search and Rescue exercise was held at Dry Creek
- Planting events involving the Friends of Maara Roa, KEG and school children were held in the park

Environment

- The bait station networks in Korokoro Valley, Speedy's Stream and Dry Creek were re-filled every four months. Volunteers from Friends of Maara Roa continued to maintain the bait station network in Cannon's Creek. Possum monitors in the park showed the effectiveness of the possum control, as both Korokoro Valley and Dry Creek, residual trap catch rates were 0%
- Two hunting stints resulted in the culling of 15 goats in the park. Korokoro Environmental Group has been monitoring small mammals in the valley. Rats have remained low (between 0 and 2% tracking), but high numbers of hedgehogs were recorded (between 13% and 43% tracking)

- Old man's beard, Japanese honeysuckle, cathedral bells, banana passionfruit and Chilean rhubarb were controlled in Korokoro Valley, while in Speedys Stream and Dry Creek, buddleia, banana passionfruit, old man's beard, hydrangea, climbing asparagus and Japanese honeysuckle were targeted. At Cannon's Creek, pest plants tackled were Japanese wineberry, old man's beard, Japanese honeysuckle and karo. Contractors removed holly plants, Himalayan honeysuckle and Darwin's barberry in Sweetacres Reserve
- Large flocks of kereru were spotted with one flock at the Kelson entrance so large that the tree they were feeding on sagged under their weight

General

- Friends of Maara Roa celebrated the 10th anniversary of their Cannons Creek restoration project
- The Cornish Street entrance is having work done on it by the Department of Corrections
- A section of Hill Road was fenced off with funding assistance from the Friends of Belmont Regional Park



Great Outdoors participants on the Old Coach Road History Trail event

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