



KAITOKE REGIONAL PARK

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: Nature Discovery Treasure Hunt, 2 x Beginners Guide to Rainforest, Norbett's Creek Walk, Sport Wellington Buggy Walk, The Big Coast



Great Outdoors buggy walk participants

- Several weddings took place at the weir picnic area and at Rivendell
- Group camping once again proved popular with schools and organisations. Campers ranged from army cadets and boy scouts to Japanese high school students
- The NZ Defence Force held two events at the park. One was a team building exercise and the other a 10 day training exercise for bodyguards
- A Rural Fire Training event involving 70 volunteers was held using the campground as a command centre

Environment

- A professional goat hunting operation resulted in the culling of 19 goats, 1 pig and 1 deer
- Intensive pest plant control was undertaken in the main Te Marua bush remnant. Pest plants were removed from the other regenerating bush remnants, while old man's beard infestations were controlled on the margins of the surrounding forest
- Planting continued with assistance from the Honda Treefund with efforts focused on joining up the bush remnants at Te Marua
- Department of Corrections community workers have contributed a total of 2170 hours of work over the past year. Their duties have included mulching, planting, scrub clearing, drain clearing, and painting

General

- The Celebrate Life Totara Grove has been filled. New areas for future planting are being sourced
- Kaitoke was used for filming by several companies including Weta
- The Public Health Risk Management Plan for the drinking water supply was approved by RPH and implemented
- Three new free-to-use barbecues were installed in the large facility building and have proved very popular
- Anti-social behaviour continues. A group of 20 was evicted on New Years Eve for breaking the liquor ban, trees were damaged at the Keith Spry lookout and tagging has occurred
- An additional new water treatment plant was installed to service the campground and Ranger office
- The Terrace Walk was resurfaced with top course gravel
- The water supply to the Pakuratahi Forks toilet was upgraded with a new pump and new pipework installed

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