



PAKURATAHI FOREST

SEPTEMBER 2011

Annual roundup 2010/11

Events

- Great Outdoors Summer Events: 2 x Rimutaka Rail Trail, Paws in the Park, Hutt Valley Gliding Club Open Weekend, Hutt Valley Deerstalkers Open Day



Great Outdoors – Paws in the Park participant

the Rimutaka Rail Trail

- Dying eucalyptus trees continue to be removed from Tunnel Gully upper picnic area. An air-borne fungus is suspected to be the culprit. The trees are being progressively replaced with other eucalyptus trees to maintain the area's special character

General

- Top coarse was applied to the access roads and carparks in Tunnel Gully and Rimutaka Rail Trail after wet weather created a lot of potholes
- Metal and roto-millings were applied to both the Rimutaka Rail Trail and in the Tunnel Gully reserve area
- Routine maintenance to roading infrastructure was carried out

Environment

- Thirty-two goats and 2 pigs were destroyed during hunting. Regeneration of palatable species is being seen as a result of keeping these animals at low levels. The Ranger has also culled 16 goats, while volunteers working in Tunnel Gully have maintained a possum trap network.
- Buddleia, pampas, willow, periwinkle and hakea infestations near Tunnel Gully were targeted, as well as wilding pine on



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