



Friends of
Taupo Swamp
& Catchment

Kia ora supporters of the Taupo Swamp restoration

The volunteers team made a huge difference to the weeds around trees a couple of weeks ago. It was great to see more younger helpers.

We have committed supply of 2000 trees/plants this winter.

This Thursday - 25th June - will be a planting and weeding day. We will have 10 Horticulture Trainees from Conservation Volunteers NZ on the job from 9am to 3 pm. It would be tremendous if we could get another 30 community volunteers for 1, 2, 3... hours. Whatever you can spare. Bring along gloves, spade, secateurs, snacks, water, coffee etc. Note comments below about rabbit deterrent.

On Wednesday 24th we will pick up 1000 trees from Te Rito Nursery, Porirua. Let me know if you would like to help with that task. We will need 4-5 people for 2 hours to shift them from Te Rito to Ulric St. We need volunteers to help us load and unload the Te Rito truck. ie you dont need to load up your own vehicle. The trees have been sprayed with rabbit deterrent which is smelly but not toxic. Bring gloves and old clothes.

If you are unable to make it to this planting day, we will also be working on the first Saturday in the month 9am - midday. ie Jul 4th, Aug 1st, Sept 5th, Oct 3.

Again we will be combining volunteer days with CVNZ on Thursday 9th June, 30th June, 13th Aug, 20th Aug.

Members of the Rotary Club of Plimmerton are progressing a plan for planting a Rotary Centenary Forest of Peace & Remembrance on the ground adjacent to the FOTSC planting area. This will be funded 60% by the MPI Billion Trees Program & 40% by in-kind contributions/ volunteer time/PCC etc. The project will involve planting 4000 trees in 2020 and then 5000 in 2021. It will be on the retired sports field by the new dog exercise area.

We recently showed local Green Party MP, Jan Logie the Taupo Swamp area. Here's a photo of Jan with Judy McKoy and Barry McEwen admiring the trees that were planted out only 10 months ago.



regards

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