

**FW: Te Mamaku Project says THANK YOU!**

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Wed, Aug 16, 2023 at 10:06 PM

Hello Marion,

Presume you received this email as well.

I feel its worth circulating...up to you though.

Regards

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**Subject:** Te Mamaku Project says THANK YOU!

Yesterday, the last of 12,000+ trees were planted by a volunteer team from Crombie Lockwood and then it started raining. We take this as a good omen for our many little trees to grow successfully.

12,000+ trees on 3 hectares have been planted this year on what was an impenetrable gorse and blackberry-infested piece of land covered with wilding wattles and pine trees.

A big thank you to our volunteers for putting on plant guards and doing some planting too. 650+ hours of volunteer work has gone into the project this year.

A special thank you goes to the regular volunteers who came to many of the 14 working bees.

A very special thank you goes to David Easton, who provided logistics & organisation for all of the working bees and his continued advice of how to do things right.

All this impressive planting on Blocks 1 & 2 of our Te Mamaku Native Corridor Project (have a look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfE8To3yT48> ) which was made possible thanks to:

- Restoring the Moutere and Elliot Easton
- Lottery Environment and Heritage
- Rātā Foundation
- Trees that Count
- Landcare Trust and One Tree
- Pub Charity

- Nelson Building Society NBS
- NZ Motorhome and Caravan Association
- Network Tasman
- Tasman District Council
- Individual Donors
- He Rā Rākau Tītapu (King's coronation) programme

### What's next?

- Volunteers: mid September we will have a working bee to apply fertiliser around the trees on selected parts of Blocks 1 & 2.
- Spraying between the plant guards in spring and summer will take place with our planting contractors. We will also have a few working bees to weed inside the plant guards to ensure the trees do not have competition from weeds.
- Preparing Block 3 and 5 for the 2024 planting season to plant 11,000+ trees . We want to have Block 3 cleared of pine trees, with the gorse, wattles and blackberries mulched. Block 5 needs a final mulching too, by the end of October 2023. We already have secured funding of half the costs of clearing and the donation of 5,800 trees via the He Rā Rākau Tītapu (King's coronation) programme (1,200 for Block 5 and 4,600 trees for Block 3)

### Sponsors and donors:

We will apply for funding in the coming days and weeks to cover the remainder of the costs of Blocks 3 & 5. May we ask for your continuing help in volunteering to help with our ambitious project.

Next time you drive along SH60 or cycle or walk the Dicker Loop Track, smile and be proud to be part of this great project.

Thanks again for your support

Michael Markert and David Short

for details of the project see: <https://www.tasmancommunity.org.nz/te-mamaku-drive-ruby-bay-bypass-corridor-planting-project>

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