



A weekly feature on the
communities in
Horowhenua & Kapiti

Caring for Our Community

This week's feature – Reikorangi Beautification Society

The Reikorangi Valley is one of the picturesque jewels of the Kapiti Coast. With its swathes of native bush, green fields and the beauty of the Waikanae River it is the "gateway to heaven" as its Maori name translates.

However some residents have identified parts of the valley which can well be enhanced.

Tony Greig, head of the Reikorangi Beautification Society, says he was motivated into action by the sight of blackberry and weeds on reserve areas by the sides of the roads, particularly by the corner where there are two churches.

With a plan in action for fund-raising, and the clearing away of the intruding weeds, the Reikorangi Beautification Society has embarked on the next phase of its plan – the planting out of rhododendrons on the cleared land.

"The valley is very green and beautiful and now we are planning to add lots of colour with the variety of colours in the rhododendrons. It will be like driving through a garden to get to work," Mr Greig says.

"The rhododendrons will flower from late winter through to Christmas."

Mr Greig says there has been an amazing amount of enthusiasm for the project.

"To raise funds we held a picnic and concert at my home with music and food in the garden setting. It really bought the valley together. We plan to hold a Glendoran Gathering annually, although we had to cancel this year's event



The picnic which brought the valley together for a great cause.

which was scheduled for the very wet weekend of the last Sunday in February."

The rhododendron plantings has the support of the local Lions group and the assistance of Kapiti Coast District Council staff.

Mr Greig says the Reikorangi roads will be an even more attractive drive in the future. After the initial planning there will be other areas the group will turn its attention to.

"As well as benefiting the people who live here we have visitors coming to the local tourist attractions like Burnard Gardens or the Reikorangi Potteries.

"It's also a popular area for Sunday drives, and I can see it becoming more of an attraction as we develop the garden areas."

For more information contact Tony Greig on 293 8044.

Adventure of the week

MANGAONE WALKWAY

Walking time is three hours each way. If you don't plan to retrace the track, arrange transport from the point of exit.

How to get there:

The track links Mangaone South Road with Mangaone North Road. Mangaone South Road runs off Ngatiawa Road, eight kilometre south-east from Waikanae. Mangaone North Road runs off Te Horo Hautere Cross Road from Te Horo, 9km north of Waikanae.

The track is easy and well-formed and suitable for people of most ages and fitness levels.

Parking is provided at both ends of the walkway.



Heat Pumps: How They Work

Home heat pumps are compact sealed systems similar to a refrigerator – but unlike your fridge they can both heat and cool.

HERE'S HOW:

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