



Caring for our huts and tracks

Greater Wellington Backcountry Network Inc

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The Horowhenua Scouts volunteered to help with the repair to slips on the Ohau track by carrying the timber and material into the slips. It was great to have their support

INTRODUCTION

This report details the activities of the GWBN in the three forest parks in the DOC Wairarapa District (Aorangi, Tararua, Remutaka).

There is a long history of community upkeep of huts and tracks in our local forest parks, beginning over 100 years ago with the Tararua Tramping Club, the first tramping club in Aotearoa. And has always been considered the Home of Tramping in Aotearoa.

In the lower North Island, this tradition has continued to the present day, especially since the formation of Tararua Aorangi Huts Committee (now GWBN). Now, almost all tracks and huts in our forest parks are maintained by the backcountry community.

The GWBN committee are proud to be playing a part in improving the recreation experience in our forest parks. This year has seen emphasis on completing tracks that upkeep had not been undertaken adequately and needed to be brought up to standard. We are also now into the stage where we are needing to undertake repeat maintenance of tracks that have a 1 to 4 yearly recutting schedule.

The GWBN has a 10-year maintenance strategy that covers nearly all of the forest park tracks and also eleven huts. We also attempt to support funding of member clubs that also maintain huts.

Achieving “catchup” maintenance of our tracks network has been a four-year undertaking by our volunteers and has required an annual maintenance program of 100 to 200 kilometres annually and considerable volunteer effort. It is our volunteers that have achieved this goal, and some have worked many hours volunteering..

We have been working to a program that with adequate funding, will ensure ongoing upkeep of our huts and tracks will occur when needed. And avoid the problems that arise when huts or track maintenance is deferred, as has been experienced.

Maintaining a hut and track network is forever. So far, the GWBN and our predecessor the TARHC have taken on this task for the last 38 years, probably longer than any other similar organized group in Aotearoa. There is no reason why this cannot continue into the foreseeable future.

Support from organizations that we have helped worked collaboratively with has been critical in maintaining progress. We are also receiving great support from local tramping and hunting clubs and individuals that have supported our efforts. Applications to charitable organizations have again been successful, and without that support, our maintenance program could not happen.

Nga mihi

Derrick Field (Chair GWBN Committee)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since 2022 we have almost completed catchup maintenance on 615 kilometres of tracks.
- 256 kilometres of track has been cleared this year.
- GWBN Volunteers spent 4503 hours on hut and track upkeep.
- The Horowhenua Scout and families gave valuable help with the Ohau valley track.
- Our charitable supporters and individual donors and tramping clubs have continued to help by providing 68 percent of our funding (two thirds).
- The GWBN initiative “Caring for our Huts” has been fully implemented at 50 huts.
- Collaboration with DOC and other groups has allowed more to be achieved.
- An additional 80 new members were registered this year bring total membership to 378.
- A total of 320 members are now registered in having an interest in volunteering.

THE GWBN COMMITTEE

The committee of the GWBN is comprised of experienced tramper’s and hunters with a keen interest in ensuring the community has enjoyable recreation experiences in our forest parks. The members are;

- Derrick Field – Chair
- Emma Gregg – Deputy Chair
- Andrew Pilcher – Secretary
- Owen Cox – Treasurer
- David Piggot
- Jill Dalton
- Robert Tristram
- Katherine Knightbridge

PLANNING

The key Object of the GWBN is to encourage and facilitate recreation through the provision and maintenance of huts and tracks. We have Conservation Agreements for the upkeep of 554 kilometres of tracks in the forest parks. We also maintain 11 huts, and also support other clubs to maintain their huts.

It is the aim of the Committee to ensure all existing official huts and tracks in the forest parks are retained and maintained.

Our annual programmes have been scheduled over a 10 year period that ensures all huts and tracks receive maintenance when needed, funding permitting.

Generally, slow growing vegetation in lower use areas are scheduled for maintenance at 4 yearly intervals. In main valleys with relatively high use, maintenance is undertaken at 2 to 3 yearly intervals. High use day -walks and tramps are scheduled annually or 2 yearly. Most annual schedules in future will total 130 to 160 kilometres of maintenance. This year, 250 kilometres of track maintenance was completed. This was due to as yet unmaintained tracks still to receive a “catchup” clearance, as well as scheduled repeat clearing of tracks.

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS

There are currently 378 registered members of the GWBN. This includes 13 “Corporate” members (clubs). A total of 80 new members registered to join this year. 85 percent of our members express an interest in volunteering. Unfortunately, backcountry work depends on weather and team members need to be available when conditions allow, or when right conditions eventually exist. It would be good to see more members be able to participate.

When asked, most volunteers often state the want to “give something back” and are proud to “make a difference” and ensure our valuable hut and track network is retained.

A key has been the sense of “ownership” volunteer groups have for their forest parks. This is motivation to want to put in the effort to keep their huts and tracks, and are not just volunteering “for DOC”, or any other funder of their work.

It has been a long time since that DOC has been able to fund a full maintenance program for huts and tracks and DOC have made it clear that funding is inadequate to retain all of the existing networks. Our efforts go beyond looking after just the lower priority huts and tracks, and much of the maintenance we had done is a high priority to DOC.

Below: Summary of Volunteer effort 2025-2026

Activity	Hours	Days	Volunteers
Huts	411	50	27
Tracks	4092	136	62

WORKING WITH OTHERS

Working collaboratively with others has been critical in achieving our programmes.

The **Department of Conservation Wairarapa** is the key organization that the GWBN works in a co-operative relationship with. While the GWBN has an MOU that provides for our group to “get on with it” with a minimum of bureaucracy, we both have similar goals in the forest parks and work in the same places and sharing opportunities for more efficiency is an aim of both of us.

In Aorangi Forest Park, the **Aorangi Restoration Trust** and Jow Howell have been extremely supportive of our maintenance programs.

The Te Araroa Trail traverses Tararua Main Range, and the walkers are a key user group in the forest park. Our aim is to work with the **Te Araroa (Wellington) Trust (TAWT)** to keep the tracks the trail follows to a good standard. There is a very strong tramping and hunting club interest in our forest parks. Several clubs have given great support during the year.

Stihl Shop Masterton continue excellent service in maintaining out chainsaws and scrub bars.



The GWBN receive an annual funding grant from DOC. Co-ordinating our efforts with local DOC rangers has reduced costs for both organizations. The work program can be shared and savings in costs when co-ordinating helicopter transport. Benefits have included getting tracks in the Jumbo-Atiwhakatu, Powell tracks, Tauwharenikau, Winchcombe-Cone completed at less cost. Maintenance and other tasks at huts and tracks have been shared. *Photo; the GWBN and DOC teams at Cow Creek hut. Both working on the tracks in the Upper*

Waingawa valley.



TAWT. We are working together to find solutions to hut overcrowding. It is pleasing that our provision of tent sites at Nichols and hut has seen ongoing use by TA walkers. Our next task is to work with TAWT on potential hut location and design. A Geotechnical assessment has been funded, and will occur in the next few months. *Photo; Nichols hut.*



The Aorangi Restoration Trust; First track to be restored with Joe Howells' and team this year was the Old Mill track, that is accessed from the northern end of the forest park near the DOC Waikuku Lodge. Over 8 days, totalling 560 hours of mahi to clear 12 kilometres of old logging road from the road-end to the disused sawmill site. The trust also generously funded our helicopter transport when a team recut the Aorangi Crossing. Aorangi Crossing from Te Kopi to Mangatoetoe.

The trust has also helped with clearing the Te Kopi access to the Washpool track and is also funding contractor spraying of heavy gorse and Spanish Heath on the track. Joe also arranged use of 4X4 vehicles so we could get access to

tracks in the forest park to undertake track maintenance. *Photo; Joe Howell and the GWBN/Aorangi Trust team returning to the carpark after a day on the track*



Bill Rainey and Kayla Hazeldine of Cold Air Helicopters have provided support to our backcountry work and also sponsored work done at Maungahuka hut. They provide an excellent service in getting our teams in and out of the remote areas of the forest parks.

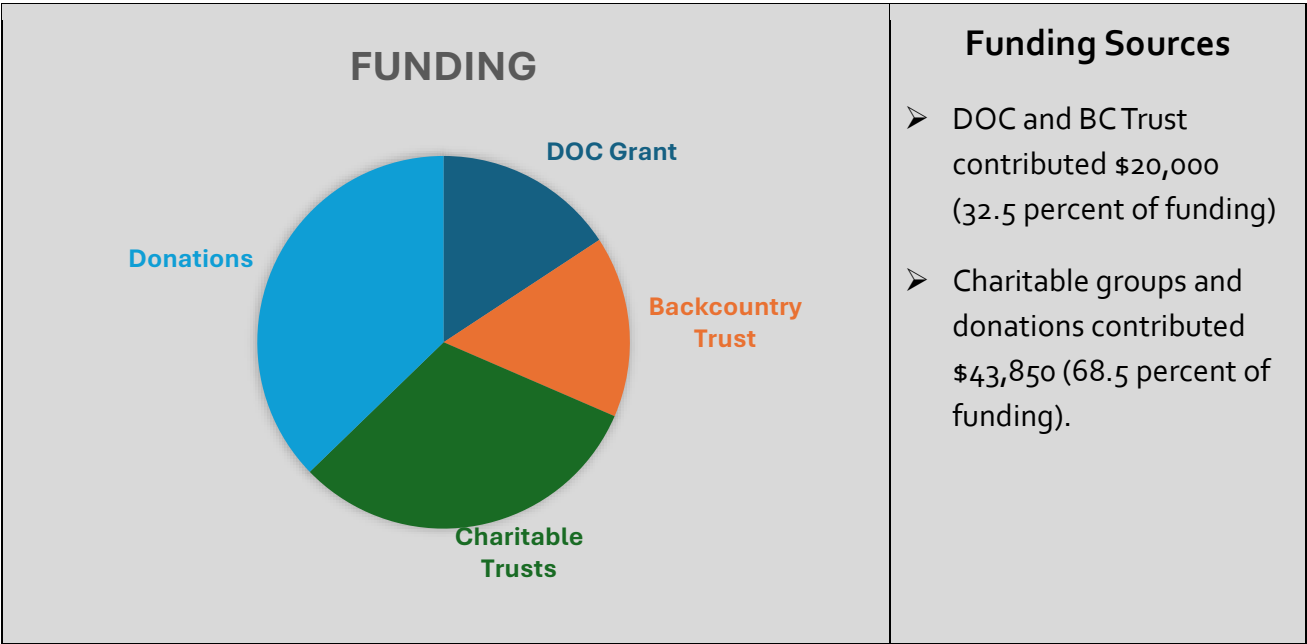
Having a pilot with experience in Tararua conditions and reliable like Bill is great to have when doing our backcountry volunteer work. *Photo; Cold Air Helicopters unloading at Arete Forks hut.*

FUNDING

We were fortunate to again receive funding grants from charitable organizations so that our scheduled program could be completed.

Total funding for 2025-2026 was **\$63,500**. DOC Wairarapa again provided a \$10,000 grant. The Backcountry Trust also provided a similar grant. BC Trust funding is from the International Visitor levy

(IVL). We again had great support from clubs, organizations we collaborate with and individuals donating (or funding) a total of \$20,400 towards of maintenance programs. Effort in seeking charitable funding is considerable but applications were again successful, with \$19,850 received in grants. The chart below indicates the contributions to our funding for hut and track maintenance.



Our funding Supporters;

- The Trust House Foundation again provided funding for two projects, the track clearing in the Waingawa valley and also raft installation on the Dobsons track at Kaitoke.
- The Carterton District Council again provided a funding grant, this year funding for recutting the Lower Waiohine and Totara Flats tracks.
- The Aorangi Restoration Trust provided funding for helicopter hire needed for recutting the Aorangi Crossing tracks. The trust also funded contract gorse and Spanish Heath spraying on the Te Kopi 4X4 track.
- Pub Charity have previously funded tent site construction at Nichols and Dracophyllum huts. This year, funding was received for a Geotechnical assessment of a future hut site at Nichols.
- Te Araroa (Wellington) Trust (TAWT) have provided funding support for our track work on the Te Araroa Trail and for Nichols hut.
- Support from tramping clubs has been also great this year with clubs helping to get buckets of cleaning materials into hut. The Tararua Tramping Club have donated funding to assist track work, over next 3 years.
- Several tramping clubs (VUWTC, NZAC, WTC, TTC and HVTC) raised about \$3,500 for GWBN for our track program at a very successful quiz night in Wellington. The VUWTC also organized a fund raising climb of Mt Victoria. The aim was to run up and down all day, until they had climbed the equivalent height of K2 in the Himalaya.

- The Tararua Tramping Club have provided a much appreciated \$3000 grant, which will repeat over three years.
- Our supporters who donate have been very generous this year, with individual donations additional to those mentioned above totalling \$7,800.
- Stihl Shop Masterton continue to provide equipment service and discounts on equipment purchases.

TRACKS

Emphasis was given to completing “catch-up” maintenance of tracks in the forest parks.

Tararua track projects completed include the tracks in the eastern valleys from Kaitoke to the Upper Waingawa at Arete Forks and where needed, the linking tracks in those valleys. Windfalls arising from storms needed clearing as were Barra, Bull Mound, Smiths Creek and Atiwhakatu tracks.

Catchup maintenance in the Ohau valley including Yeats, Dowling Falls and Gable End. Restoration of the closed Ohau track has been completed also with help from the Horowhenua Scouts

Tracks cleared in Aorangi included recutting the Aorangi Crossing, Pinnacles Lookout and the Old Mill track. Remutaka tracks cleared or marked were Wairongomai, Papatahi (underway) and Mukamuka.

A team also went to Whanganui National Park again, to do a repeat clearing of 15 kilometres of the Matemateonga track.

The above effort saw almost all of the track networks in the three forest parks having received an initial “catchup” and ongoing repeat clearing is occurring now, as scheduled in our 10-year program.

- **Total volunteer track hours for the year was 4092 versus last year of 2920 . This is a 40 percent increase on last year.**
- **Distance cleared this year was 256 kilometres, versus 111 kilometres last year. This is a 125 percent increase on tracks cleared.**
- **This year, average hours to complete 1 kilometre of track was 16 hours. Last year, average time was 34 hours per kilometre.**
- **Key reason for increased progress was repeat clearing being much quicker. And hardworking volunteers.**



Tracks – 2022 - 2026

- GWBN maintains up to 622 kilometres of tracks.
- Since the program began, 780 kilometres of maintenance completed (includes repeat clearing and tracks in Whanganui NP.)
- 116 volunteers have participated since 2022.
- Average yearly distance cleared is 180 kms

Volunteer Effort 2025-2026

- 256 kms track maintenance.
- 62 volunteers helped with tracks
- 126 days were spent on tracks
- Total 4092 hours by volunteers.
- Average 66 hours for each volunteer on track work.
- Average of 16.0 hours to complete 1 kilometre of track

The Costs

- Total cost of maintaining tracks was \$45,400 (helihire, materials, equipment mtce)
- To maintain 256 kilometres this equates to \$177.00 per kilometre.
- The DOC and BC Trust contribution total was \$20,000.
- The combined DOC/BC Trust share to maintain the 256 kilometres was \$78.00 per kilometre.



Eastern Valleys; Over the summer, several teams worked on the eastern valley tracks.

A team worked to Cone hut from Smiths Creek, and also cleared the Bull Mound track of windfalls, and also down from Cone to Cone Saddle. The team cleared over the Cone Saddle to the Waiohine River, and also out to Waiohine Gorge from Cone saddle.

Another trip by 4 volunteers was made into Totara Flats. The track was cut from the Waiohine roadend. The Cone Ridge was recut also, and then Totara creek to Gentle Annie track. Cutting of the Sayers track start and remarking of the track was also done.

DOC provided heli transport to recut the lower Atiwhakatu track, and the East Holdsworth track was also cleared. A team of 3 cleared the Upper Atiwhakatu, and also the track down from Jumbo. Helicopter transport was again provided by local DOC.

Next came Mitre Flats. The Barton track was cleared to Pinnacle Saddle and the Mitre peak track was also cleared, the first time in many

years. Also upriver to Mitre Flats. Then came the Cow Creek end, with GWN. And also DOC rangers who began from Arete Forks. Both worked down river to Mitre Flats. The track to Cow Saddle was also cleared.

Final push was a collaborative approach with DOC that saw numerous windfalls on the Smiths creek track out to Kaitoke roadend. And scrub bars to cut back the vegetation regrowth.

Like much of the track work, some long hard days cutting tracks.

Total track distance was 85 kilometres achieved by GWN volunteers and DOC rangers..

These tracks were initially cut in previous years, and this years effort was to do the scheduled repeat maintenance, which proved to be much quicker than doing the initial "catchup".

Photo; Alistair Barr with pitchfork clearing cut vegetation and Jeremy Collyns on the Stihl Scrub bar.



Maintenance Standards; A Track Maintenance Guideline has been prepared to assist track clearing using chainsaws and brush cutters. Generally 16 inch chainsaw and Stihl 461 brush cutters are used. Brush cutter tri blades are sharpened and depending on the pending work, up to 5 blades are taken daily. Eventually the aim is to be able to do repeat clearing with less equipment and use of Nylon Flail where possible.

Clearing needs to remove remaining vegetation adequately so that regrowth will not spread over the track too soon. If tree ferns if not removed on track edges will quickly regrow. Just trimming the track edge is usually inadequate. The same with woody species like Horipito, Pseudopanax, Coprosma and Brachyglottis. Which can have branch length of 2 metres plus. Also Flax, Toe toe and Astelia species. Generally a one metre cleared area either side of track is created, and all vegetation cut that will likely impact on the track before the next clearance. And need equipment like chainsaws or brush cutters with blades to cut back again. This particularly applies to the inside slope of tracks, where regrowth of tree ferns, grasses etc force walking to the outside edge. Creating uneven and narrow walking area

Clearing tree regrowth beside tracks and especially Day Walks should be removed at an early stage before woody species grow to a size that will result in more effort to remove and more visual impact. In the photo opposite, further tiers of sub canopy regrowth are occurring, which will increase removal effort even more, and also create even further visual impact. *Photos; Top – Powell track before clearing. Middle; Powell track-track inside slope cleared of all fern, other growth. As a high use track, clearing is required at least 1 to 2 yearly intervals. Bottom, example of sub storey species that should have been cleared when only seedlings.*



Kaitoke Access; We have been seeking funding to improve the Puffer and Dobsons tracks at the Kaitoke entrance to the forest park. This has been largely unsuccessful but we did receive a funding grant from Trust House Foundation (Remutaka). With GWBN funding, this will enable the installation of 25 or more "Rafts" on muddy sections of the tracks. Kaitoke is a key entrance to the forest park from the Hutt and Wellington areas. Dobsons and the Puffer track are still in need of significant upgrading and we will continue to seek funding. *Photo; clearing vegetation overhanging the Dobsons track*



Remutaka Tracks; Clearing and marking has been done on the Wairongomai valley track, and also on the upper Mukamuka valley track.

We are also underway clearing the Papatahi Crossing, cutting back vegetation so that future maintenance will be much easier.

The track is a relatively low use, but if not kept maintained will become impassible.

Photo; Removing Mingimingi, tree ferns and other woody species off the Papatahi Crossing with chainsaw.



Aorangi Tracks; Joe Howell and friends from the Aorangi Trust put in a lot of effort in helping restore the Old Mill track. They have also generously supported our Aorangi Crossing track clearing with funding for helicopter hire to complete the Aorangi Crossing and also spraying of gorse infestation on the Te Kopi track. We have also been loaned 4X4 vehicles to access the Aorangi tracks. We anticipate working with the team again on Aorangi tracks next year. *Photo; Joe and team removing cut vegetation from the Old Mill track*



Day walks; Tararua day walks at Otaki Forks, Holdsworth, Kiriwhakapapa, Kaitoke and also Pinnacles at Aorangi are very popular, and are cleared at least annually.

Other tracks used by day walkers maintained at 2 yearly intervals.

We have got to a stage where track vegetation regrowth is mainly grasses and ferns and can be cleared using Nylon Flail only. *Photo; Remutaka SH2 Summit track.*

OHOU VALLEY TRACKS

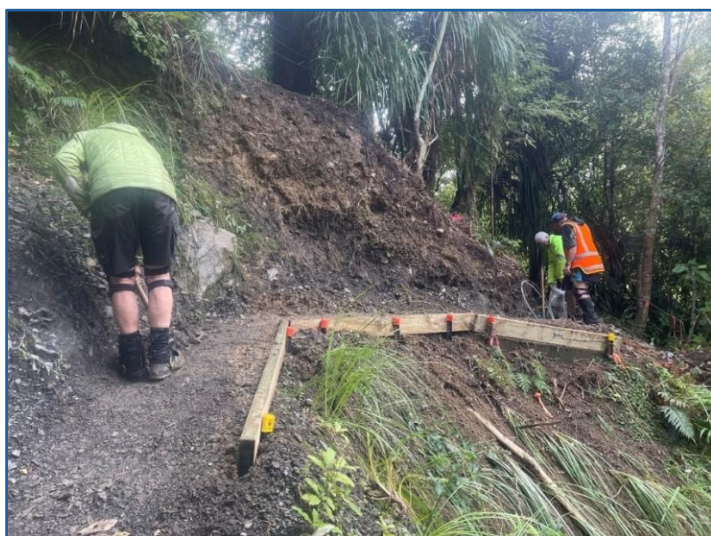


The tracks in the Ohau valley have finally all had "catchup" maintenance completed. Three trips were needed, several days were spent by a team of five to clear the Dowling Falls windfalls and also the Yeats track. Another team camped on Gable End ridge and spent four days clearing down to the old hut site on the Ohau river.

A team also spent four days clearing the notoriously muddy Gable End track. Until the closure of the Ohau track, Gable End was the Te Araroa trail route to Te Matawai hut

The Ohau valley track from Poads road had been closed by DOC due to slipping. The Te Araroa Trail routes was re-routed via Waiopahu hut as a result.

Photo; the Ohau river



Slip Repairs; The track has now been reopened as a result of stabilization by the GWN of the track sections across the slips. To enable this work to happen, funding was generously donated by the community to fund materials purchase. An offer to help with the project was received from the Horowhenua Scouts. 24 Scouts and families spent a great day on the track, carrying timber and materials to the slip sites. It was great to see our youth putting something back that benefits others. *Photo; Working on the Ohau track slips..*



Gable End Track; clearing this track wasn't simple, logistically. A camp site on Mayo Knob was selected, and packs, fuel and gear was dropped by helicopter using a long chain. Working from Richards Knob was slow going through the sub alpine scrub, and dealing with the frequent mud. Clearing took 4 days. On the last day it was alternating between vegetation clearing and returning to pick up packs and gear. Until the Ohau river was reached where Cold Air Helicopters arrived to get the team out.

Before track closure, this track was a key access to Te Matawai hut and beyond. There is extensive mud sections and we will be looking at raising funding to install "Rafts" as a solution. *Photo: The team at the end of cutting after four hard days*

HUTS

The GWN has agreements with DOC to maintain 11 huts in the Tararua Forest Park. Most have had maintenance in recent years and are not due for repeat upkeep.

Nichols hut. The Nichols and Dracophyllum tent sites we constructed last year are proving popular with Te Araroa walkers. Especially at Nichols hut which has long been a bottleneck on the Main Range section of the TA trail. Over-crowding is still an ongoing issue at this hut and presents a safety risk due to the

need to traverse the nearby Mt Crawford which is subject to the extreme wind conditions that the Tararua range is well known for. Funding for a geotechnical investigation at Nichols was provided by Pub Charity, to determine a suitable site for a replacement hut.



Maungahuka hut; A team of GWBN volunteers led by Jim Hepburn spent a few days giving the hut a good clean and tidy up. Various minor repairs were fixed. The deck, toilet, interior and exterior were cleaned, vegetation around the huts cut and toilet door repaired.

The trip was made possible by helicopter hire being generously donated by Cold Air Helicopters.

Hut Sites; during stays at huts during track clearing trips, we have found there is often a lack of clearing of vegetation regrowth and overhanging trees around huts. Failure to manage tree and fern growth around huts has led to shading of hut and dampness. There have been examples where roof and exterior wall cladding has needed replacing. Including the inside framework. Clearing of huts sites was undertaken at 10 huts during track clearing.



South Ohau Hut; this standard DOC 10 bed hut that replaced the old South Ohau hut and is in very good condition. But there had been no vegetation clearance around the hut for many years, and the hut was at risk of deteriorating due to dampness.

The team spent over a day clearing tree ferns and regenerating trees from around the hut to let more sunlight

hit in and allow air to circulate more.

A total of 411 volunteer hours was spent on hut work during the year by 12 volunteers.

CARING FOR OUR HUTS

Following a successful trial at 10 huts last year, getting Mitre10 buckets with cleaning materials into all huts was the focus of our “Caring for our huts” initiative this year. The aim is to encourage all hut users to “do their bit” in keeping our huts in good condition. Problems like dampness, mould inside and outside huts leads to deterioration. There are examples where neglect has led to major repairs later on.

Just regularly removing mould inside huts and on mattresses can prevent significant health hazards. Huts at the bush line or above, are particularly susceptible to dampness and mould.

The trial began coincidentally when the FMC launched their “Love our Huts” campaign. So, we benefited from the FMC promotion of hut users to help keep huts clean.

Our Secretary Andrew Pilcher has managed to get all but two of the 54 huts supplied with the buckets. The support from clubs has been great, with several offering to take buckets into huts. WT&MC and VUWTC have both contributed funding and also along with the HVTC and ARAC have taken buckets into the huts.

So far, it appears that providing cleaning materials is helping keep huts cleaned by hut users and comments on hut cleanliness is positive.



At Herepai hut, a bucket of cleaning materials had previously been carried in by Andrew Pilcher for use by hut occupants. **Candace Knight and family** took a tramp into the hut recently. Candace posted on Face Book that they went for “an adventure above Herepai Hut but it was a bit too windy”. And the family had to backtrack. With the cleaning materials at the hut, they decided to give the loo “a hearty clean”. The trip was “a different adventure, but rewarding one”. **Good one Candace!**

Photo; Candace and family doing their bit.

Now the task of keeping huts supplied with cleaning materials is underway. Advice from huts users when materials need replenishing can be done through the GWN Face Book page, or Tararua Forum. And continued help in getting top-up cleaning materials to huts will be needed frequently.

Hut users can help by taking top-up cleaning materials into huts, and/or providing advice on stocks of cleaning material at huts.



Jason Eason of the **Mt Cook Tramping Club (Wgtn)** volunteered to get two Aorangi huts supplied with Buckets of cleaning materials. The team walked into Washpool hut from the Pinnacles, and next day took the remaining bucket on to Pararaki hut. This is one of the many groups and individuals that have helped get this initiative underway by carrying buckets of cleaning materials into hut.

Photo: Mt Cook Tramping Club ready to tramp into Washpool and Pararaki huts with full buckets.

CONCLUSION

The Committee of the GWBN is proud that the efforts of our volunteers have “made a difference” to the recreation opportunities in our local forest parks.

Completing our maintenance programmes were not possible without the amazing efforts of the volunteers who have done the hard yards out there. Some have spent 300 to 400 hours over the year on maintenance work in the forest parks.

We have been fortunate in receiving funding grants from charitable organizations so our maintenance programs could continue this year.

It is four years since the inclusion of the wider backcountry community as members of the GWBN, which has seen a vast increase in our capacity to undertake maintenance of our huts and tracks. The GWBN organizational “model” has shown that a volunteer group can successfully take on the basic management of a large recreation network in one of the key forest parks in Aotearoa.

Looking forward, we are committed to ensuring all huts and tracks in our forest parks are retained in a good condition. So far, the GWBN, clubs and volunteers are showing this is being achieved at minimal cost to DOC.

Our challenge will be to keep the momentum going and this means having willing volunteers. And having reliable funding sources so that our long-term maintenance programs can continue as planned.

TRACK AND HUT WORK 2025-2026

TRACKS

Area	Track Project	Total Hours	Total Kilometres
Aorangi	Kawakawa - Mangatoetoe recut	54	6.7
	Old Mill Pig Ridge maintenance	283	12.1
	Pararaki to Kawakawa track recut	13	2.7
	Pinnacles Track clearing	18	2.8
	Recut washpool track	227.5	10.1
	Washpool to Pararaki recut	102	4.9
Remutaka	Mukamuka remarking	33	5
	Papatahi Crossing clearing	34	3.7
	Wairongomai track clearing	56	4.9
Tararua	Clearing Mitre Falts-Atiwhakatu track	74	5
	Clear windfalls Barra track	67	7
	Bull Mound clearing and windfalls	10	3
	Cone saddle to Cone recut	9	4.5
	Cow creek to Cow saddle	25.5	1.3
	Dorset to Cairn recut	93	1.7
	windfalls East Holdsworth track	7	3.3
	Clear fenceline to Snowy Bridge	150	5.5
	Ohau Gorge Track repairs	285	0
	Ohau Track clearing	135	3.6
	Gable End Recut	171	6.3
	Te Matawai to Girdlestone saddle	4	2.2
	Recut Jumbo to Upper Atiwhakatu river	48	2.1
	Dobsons raft installation	16	0
	Kaitoke to Dobsons	124	3.7
	Kaitoke to Smiths creek	51.5	6.5
	clear Kiriwhakapapa Loop	4	1
	Mikimiki windfalls	27	7
	MikimikiTrack recut	18	8.1
	Recut Mikimiki track	88	10.7
	Remark Neil Spur	24	2.5
	Blue range clearing	43	2.7
	Clear Lower waiohine track	128	9.5
	Clear Cone Saddle track	26	4.4
	Sayers track recut and mark	68	6.8
	Mitre Peak Clearing	84	3.1

Area	Track Project	Total Hours	Total Kilometres
	Mitre peak track windfalls	16	3.1
	Clear Waitatapia track	53	1.4
	Field track Lower - clearing	34.5	1.7
	Field track windfalls	30	2.5
	Panatewaewae Track clearing	184.5	9.6
	Penn creek track clearing	30.5	1
	Pukeatua track clearing	60	2.4
	Putara to Herepai clearing	21	2
	Remutaka Summit-SH2 clearing	30.5	2.5
	Smiths ch to Cone Hut track	143	10.5
	Dowling Falls recut	30	2.3
	Yeats Track recut	65.5	2.3
	Clear Tauwharenikau gorge track	59	7
	Totara creek track clearing	53	4.7
	recut Cone ridge track	49.5	3.2
	Waingawa track clearing	97.5	10
	walls where to cone chain sawing	24	4.7
Whanganui	Matemateonga track clearing	398	17.4
	Totals	4092.0	256

HUTS

	Hut	Total Hours
	Arete Forks clean up	40.5
	Cow Creek site clean up	12
	Dorset Ridge hut & Site cleanup	6.5
	Caring for our Huts Implementation	216
	Maungahuka clean and maintenance	49
	Mitre Flats hut site clearing	19
	Pararaki hut site clearing	4
	South Ohau hut site clearing	61
	Totara Flats hut site clearing	3
	Totals	411

	TOTAL HOURS	4,503.0
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We are dependent on fundraising to keep the backcountry hut and track network maintained.

Donations help retain improve recreation in your forest parks.

Our website link is <https://gwbn.org.nz>

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