

Rocklands Road Weedbusters – newsletter #6

- Newsflash - funding for Project 2 is approved!

To all members of the weedteam, DOC and TDC support staff and the many many landowners of the 3 weedbusting projects happening along the East side of Golden Bay.

We have had the application for the 2nd project approved. The funding has been approved in full - \$184,973 over 3 years!

Of course we are very excited and we will be getting under way as soon as possible, but a big thank you to all of the landowners of project 2 who have put in a lot of work to build up the contributions to match the funding - the amount of work still required to achieve a good knockdown and the follow ups over the next 3 years.

Project 2 covers from Birds Road, along the lower side of Rocklands Road, along Packards Road (the reef area in particular) and the Moleta, Joeckle and Edmonson farms through from Dry Creek to Rameka Creek. 6 km of escarpment in all.

The weedteam and support staff will be meeting next week to discuss the starting phase and confirm the system procedures.

The weedteam will be starting at the northern end and working south. so we are encouraging all property owners to help as much as possible by:-

a/ opening up tracks that are overgrown or new ones that will help with access to weedy areas.

b/ keep working away at any isolated vines and especially keep pulling those seedlings.

The weedteam will be contacting those they plan to visit in the next 3 months to discuss details and to make sure the tracks and access are appropriate.

An update on the status of projects 1 and 3 will be sent out shortly together with more details of the starting phase of project 2 - the spring newsletter.

If you need more information please reply to me

Happy weed hunting!

Cheers

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