

A network of volunteers prepared to help maintain and enhance the historic and indigenous natural features of the reserve and adjoining slopes.

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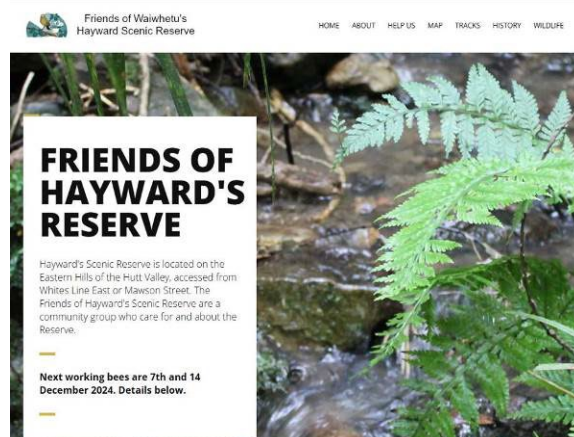
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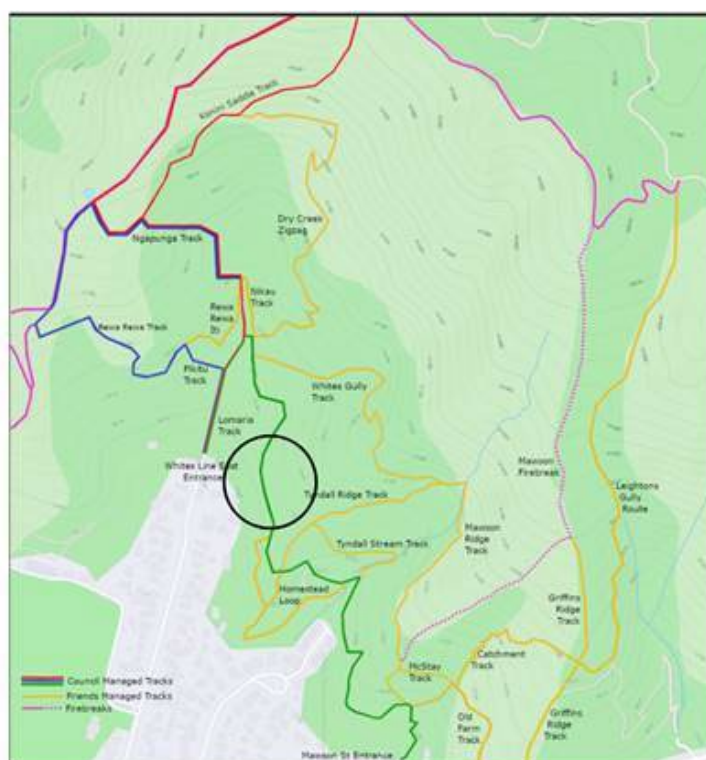
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1. *Welcome to new members.*
2. *Nesting Falcons/Karearea*
3. *Track maintenance – 8th Nov 2025 Working bee*
4. *Track maintenance – next Working Bees 29th Nov & 13th Dec*

1. Welcome to new members: Nik B, Achim G, & Kersti T.

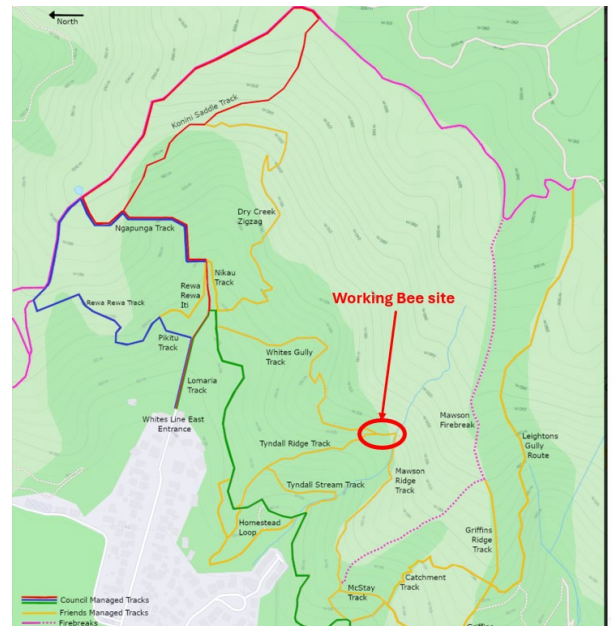
2. Nesting Falcons/Karearea.

- It is great that a pair of falcons/kārearea nesting near the Haywards Track in the location indicated in the map.
- HCC council have put signs up to warn people and to stay clear of them.
- The falcons/kārearea will swoop anyone and potentially attack anyone getting too close to their nesting site.
- See the RNZ article on the Falcon in here:
<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/577709/bird-of-the-year-karearea-turns-on-wellington-walkers>
- Paul O'Hagan been doing great work on the entrance to Whites Line East. He's done a great job, looks heaps better.



3. Track Maintenance – 8 Nov Working Bee (~10 attendees)

- ❖ At the junction of the Tyndall ridge track, Whites gully track and the Mawson Ridge Track (see map), we are bypassing a very boggy section which is very steep, wet, and unstable. The new bypass will join the Mawson Ridge track ~20m up the Whites Gully Track
- ❖ With 10 people we have mostly benched out the new track bypass to now be able to walk it.
- ❖ Check out a video of the new bypass:
<https://youtube.com/shorts/6my4Vv1e-5w>
- ❖ Check out the photos below



Benching out the new by-pass track

4. Next working bee(s)

We'll have two more working bees

- 29th Nov
- 13th Dec

Where to meet

Meet around 9:50am for a 10am departure. Finish around midday.

Meet at the turning circle of Whites Line East between 206 and 227.

What We'll Do

We will work on junction of the Whites Gully, Tyndall Ridge and Mawson Ridge Tracks.

1. Complete the benching work to make a nice track
2. ~4 new steps
3. 2 sections to be retained.
4. Rebuilding of the wet steps at the top of the Tyndall ridge track,
5. If there are sufficient people we'll also maintain the tracks in that area, re-benching and pruning overgrowth.

What To Bring

If you don't have any tools, you're still very welcome, we'll bring some spares.

The most useful tools are gloves, a pick (aka mattock or grubber) and hedge clippers or loppers.

You might also like to bring along a spade, rake or hand saw.

Also don't forget to bring some water and sun/rain protection. We will mostly be working in shade.



Regards Bill & Martin