



Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves Inc.



A Merry Christmas To You All

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Dear Friends, Your Committee wishes you all a very Merry Christmas.

We hope your holiday season is as exciting as the environment you have created for the forest reserves of Tawa. To you all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The committee wants to make a special thanks to all those members who make that extra special effort to contribute to the running of the organisation at all levels, and that make the Tawa projects we undertake very successful. So, it is also a very special Merry Christmas to all our incredible volunteers, the committee, the supervisors of the working bees, the trappers, the nursery, the planters, and all the members who contribute to the projects that we undertake. Your generosity and hard work creates a very positive impact on our environment and our community. We hope you all enjoy a festive season filled with enjoyment and relaxation.

Christmas in New Zealand is not really like all the pictures we watch on BBC and CNN.

Our Christmas looks like this,



And Christmas day like this.



OUR MEMBERS ACHIEVE FOUR MAIN ACTIVITIES

Controlling Animal Predators - The Trapping and Baiting Team

Merry Christmas to all the dedicated predator trappers and bait station people who spend a lot of time out there in the bush. Your hard work and commitment to protecting our wildlife is appreciated: and certainly, by these guys.



The Wellington Barking gecko, or green gecko, or Moko kakariki, a very important Gecko sub-species.

And these guys will, because they are soon to be our neighbours.



Noxious Weed Control and Re-Planting Our Native Forests

Carried out by Working Bee Teams

Merry Christmas to all the dedicated planters, and weeders! Your hard work and commitment to preserving our environment is inspiring. Enjoy the festive season, and I hope your holiday season be as fruitful and fulfilling as the plants you nurture and the land you protect. Merry Christmas to all our working bee people.

Weeds that must be controlled.



Tradiscantia (aka wandering willie), a ground cover weed that invades quickly, shades out and strangles many emerging native plants.

And trees that must grow free.



Kahikatea (*Dacrydium dacrydioides*)

Kahikatea is New Zealand's tallest native tree reaching up to 60 meters high. Black seeds, produced in autumn on succulent red stems, are popular with wood pigeon (kukupa or kererū), kākā and tūī.

And Maintaining a Native Plant Nursery.

Merry Christmas to our wonderful plant nursery managers and the people that work with them. Your dedication and care help bring life and beauty to our environment. Enjoy a festive season filled with joy and relaxation, (between irrigations that is!)



Thanks to the organisations that supplied photos and information to this newsletter.

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