



## Restoration Society Inc

# Members

# Newsletter

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### TrustPower Waipa District Community Awards - Supreme Winner

In July we took top honours in the TrustPower Waipa District Community Awards being named Supreme Winner, receiving a trophy, \$1500 prize money and having the chance to represent the district at the TrustPower National Community Awards, to be held in Tauranga next March. Conscious that our achievement is very much a group effort, we are stoked that we have received this level of recognition. As regional winners we were filmed by TVNZ6 for VolunteerPower on 28 July which has aired already, but which is also available at [www.tvnz.co.nz/volunteerpower](http://www.tvnz.co.nz/volunteerpower). Thanks go to all those who helped with the filming of us in action, especially Heliworx, Pekerau School, and Pirongia Forest Park Lodge. We are currently planning the DVD which is needed for the national awards so be prepared for cameras at our upcoming activities.



Chairperson Clare St Pierre receives the TrustPower Waipa District Community Awards Supreme Winner Award from Waipa District Deputy Mayor Peter Lee (Photo: Te Awamutu Courier)

### Mangakaraa Project

Our new Mangawawa extension was completed on schedule, thanks to funding of \$8,000 from Lion Foundation. With the added 182 ha, we now have 750 ha receiving ongoing predator control. We've already completed the first bait station fill over weekends in August and September, involving about 50 volunteers at Grey Rd and O'Shea Rd departure points, and we are rapt with everyone's keen participation. Thank you! We are also grateful to Meridian Energy for meeting refreshment costs. Below are photos of the O'Shea Rd operation where a number of the 4WD vehicles were challenged by the soft conditions.



Refreshments afterwards were delicious as usual.

