

What we're doing

THE REDWOODS – WHAKAREWAREWA FOREST

TREES TO THE RESCUE

The Rotorua District Council manages an area of forest known as the Redwoods. It is one of Rotorua's most spectacular natural assets and it provides significant benefits to our community and to our environment.



Reducing Greenhouse Gases

- Trees reduce the effects of global warming because they absorb carbon dioxide – the most common greenhouse gas – through their leaves and turn it into energy and oxygen.
- Did you know the carbon remains “locked up” in wood not only during the lifetime of the tree but also during the onward life of the wood product?

Creating a home

- The Redwoods provides shelter, protection, and a source of food for birds and animals.
- We have planted additional trees and shrubs to attract a variety of native birds.

Community health and wellbeing

- We maintain and make accessible tracks and facilities that provide the opportunity for our community to:
 - exercise for free by walking, running, or mountain biking
 - interact with nature and the environment
 - socialise with family and friends
 - rejuvenate the spirit
 - relax and de-stress
- The Redwoods is a favourite place for lots of people for many different reasons and it's right on our doorstep.

Everyday business at the Redwoods Visitor Centre

- We have replaced the old wood burner used to heat the Redwoods Gift Shop & Visitor Centre with a “clean burning” pellet fire that uses natural and sustainable pellet fuel.
- We re-use and recycle our paper products.
- We recycle our cardboard waste.
- We converted to more energy efficient light bulbs.
- Over 85% of our retail products are NZ made.
- Over 50% of our retail products are made from wood.

