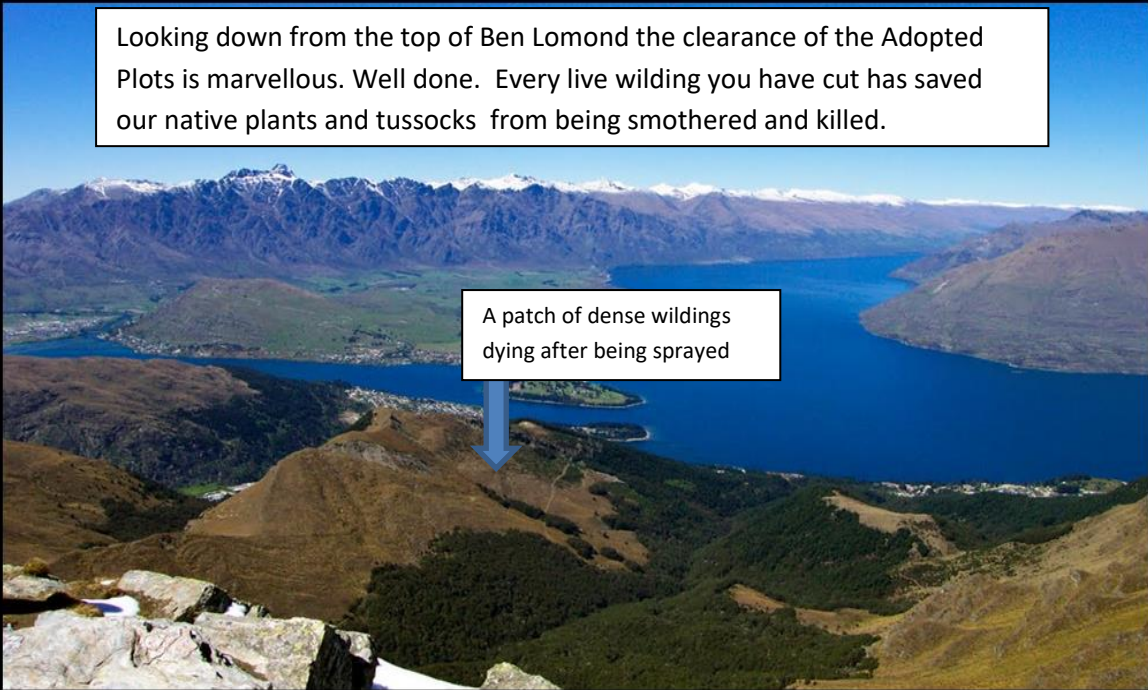


WCG Adopt a Plot Newsletter

September 2018

Looking down from the top of Ben Lomond the clearance of the Adopted Plots is marvellous. Well done. Every live wilding you have cut has saved our native plants and tussocks from being smothered and killed.

A patch of dense wildings dying after being sprayed



In April Helitours flew over twenty keen volunteers for a day attacking the wildings on Grant Mclellan's plot.

Big thanks to Paul for donating the helicopter time.

Heaps of wildings were cut. Grant has a big smile



Four years ago the Ben Lomond track in the lower section of the picture was being overgrown. Without Adopt a Plot clearances the track would wind its way through an emerging forest. Today this area is clear of larger trees. An amazing clearance by willing volunteers.



Why not talk to your friends, business or organisation about adopting a plot.

To date eleven businesses or organisations and nineteen people have taken up the task of clearing and maintaining their alpine garden. As one person reflected “I get an enormous satisfaction out of looking after my area and seeing the native plants and tussock re-establishing”. We can still find plots to care for.



A question, “How does the Adopt a Plot scheme work?”

You can tell your own story about your plot. An Adopt a Plot brochure can be emailed from wcgvolly@gmail.com . Or link into <http://www.wakatipuwilding.co.nz/> for further information. Or contact one of the AaP people below, they will show people a possible plot and explain the involvement required. To access your Adopted Plot, Skyline offer a free annual pass plus a pass for a helper. WCG supply tools and training in wilding control. Contacts are:

Tom McPhail 441 4573 027 6053 762 Jon White 027 4215
Graeme Watson 027 4301 398 Peter Willsman 442 2336 or 027 542 2336

* **To renew** AaP gondola passes ask at the ticket office.

* For **new** Adopt a Plot passes: elisa.largura@skyline.co.nz



Spring is a great time to pull those pesky little pines that have germinated. The ground is still damp and they pull out easily.

When cutting with loppers please cut low and make sure no green needles are on the stems.