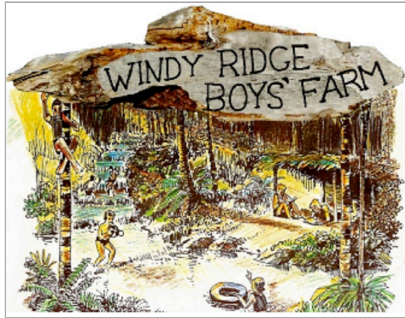


Windy Ridge Boys Farm

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To Friends Of Windy Ridge

Thanks to all those who attended our recent 'soup and bun' afternoon – we will have another one soon.

The future success of WRBF depends very much on the ongoing support from those of you who share in its 'vision'.

Please do share the aims of WRBF with friends and family – the more that know about WRBF the better.

Your support does not necessarily have to be financial.

We welcome your time, knowledge, skills, ideas etc. and contacts.

The Latest Farmstay - "Awesome"

Awesome seems to be the word for everything these days. The word just kept cropping up in leaders reports on the last Farmstay. The other amusing thing I notice is that each of the leaders see the boy that they are in charge of as the most awesome character.

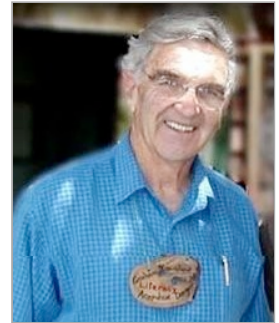
Some quotes from our reports:

"It was an awesome experience, kind of different to what I am used to. The kids have all really been able to band as a group. Awesome kids!"

"A dynamo in disguise, intelligent energetic and helpful. M--- is an awesome Kid. At the start of the week he seemed quite withdrawn but has learned heaps over the week he has been here. Have made good friends and is enjoying an every minute on offer. Almost doesn't want to go home

"W--- is definitely one of the nicest kids on camp, he is always willing to stand up for what is right and it doesn't give in to peer pressure. Always full of good words to the campers. Loves making things with wood. Adventurous ray of sunshine born to entertain with a servant heart. A young man of intensity who won't give in to peer pressure"

"This kid could do the real haka! Over the week L... has made good friends and has gone from not enjoying it to not wanting to go home. Not ashamed to admit its fears. Excellent attitude to learning. Very good team member."



Reaching Out On The World Wide Web

Our new website has already had nearly 5000 visitors. Now we are working on getting the benefit of spreading the word by using networking facilities like Facebook and Twitter to increase traffic. As well as getting knowledge of our special literacy empowering method to more people around the country this also adds opportunities to increase funding for the boys farm.

Something you can do to help:

Share on line your experiences with literacy problems and/or benefits of the boys farms. Such stories and testimonials will help us in our applications for funding from various organizations.

Go to www.windyridgeboysfarm.com there you can go to our networking section and write notes and upload photographs.



The next WRBF 'Farmstays'

Are during the school holidays starting September 28th. Please advise us of any boys whom you think might benefit from the 5 day 'Farmstay' experience.

If any one is available to assist in any way – please let us know



The Windy Ridge Boys Farm is operated by **The Arapohue Bush Camp Trust**, a charitable trust. Trustees currently are:

Graham Crawshaw,
Richard Crawshaw,
Miriam Holloway,
Colin Bogue.

Contact us if you would like to get involved or contribute a donation.

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Development Program - August Update

Support to date for Windy Ridge Farm from the local community has been really encouraging. This has sparked interest from local and national media with articles appearing in Magazines and news papers Further media coverage has been through interviews on TV and Radio.

Current Activity

Whilst existing farmhouse, huts and surrounding farm are freehold and governed by a trust still much needs to be done and paid for!

- Additions/alterations to existing buildings including the completion of the 'lean to' on the farmhouse and installation of showers, toilets etc within
- Construction of stone chimney/fireplace onto farmhouse
- Ongoing mini-projects involving carpentry, painting, planting, clearing etc.

Major Projects

Three major projects will require more substantial funds:-

- Installation of a waste-water/sewerage system (\$12,000.00)
- Construction of a barn – to be used when the weather necessitates shelter for activities which would normally have taken place outside (\$80,000)
- Construction of an office/administration building.

Looking to the Future

Windy Ridge Boys' Farm has longer term aims. We would ultimately like to establish a Literacy Centre that would serve all of New Zealand where we will:-

- Provide ongoing updated information on our website
- Offer free reading tests
- 0800 Literacy hotline
- Sales of reading materials e.g. phonic plaks
- Adult literacy programs
- Training courses for parents, tutors and teachers
- Specific programmes helping people overcome specific issues such as Dyslexia or Irlen's Syndrome
- Teaching people to read over the telephone

Writing our programme as a franchise to make it available throughout New Zealand and overseas

