

*You are invited to:*

## The opening of the Ed Hillary Hope Reserve

**11.30 am on Saturday, 23 May 2015**

**732 Old Mountain Road, Waitetuna, Raglan**

### **Guests of Honour: Peter and Sarah Hillary**

Come along and celebrate with us the opening of our latest acquisition, the Ed Hillary Hope Reserve. Named in recognition of our long-serving first Patron, Sir Edmund Hillary, and the Hope family who protected the bush and farmed this land for well over 70 years. This new reserve has approximately 180ha of established forest and over 280ha of farmland well suited for restoration. It lies on the Hamilton–Raglan Road, adjoining the Four Brothers Scenic Reserve. The project will result in the largest area of native bush within 20km of Hamilton and will be a major link in Waikato Regional Council's Halo Project.

### Proposed Programme

11:15am – 11:45am	Park at the signposted Reserve car park
12:00pm	Guest speakers: Colleen Newton - Chairperson, NFRT Geoff Davidson - Founding Trustee, NFRT Peter Hillary - mountaineer and expedition leader Paula Southgate - Chairperson, Waikato Regional Council Alan Saunders - Team Leader, Natural Heritage, Waikato Regional Council Gordon Stephenson - Inspirational environmentalist and former Waikato dairy farmer
12:45pm	Lunch - BBQ venison sausages and billy tea
1:45pm	Guided walk through the Reserve
3:00pm	Event ends but guests are welcome to stay on and explore the Reserve

*Please RSVP by 16 May 2015*

RSVP by emailing Sandy Crichton ([sandy@nznfrt.org.nz](mailto:sandy@nznfrt.org.nz))

We encourage you to circulate this invitation widely

*More information overleaf*

