

The Summit Road Society has been actively involved in helping the Gama Foundation with track work and general reserve maintenance. Grant and Marilyn Nelson, appreciating the need for a long-term strategy to manage the land, entered into discussions with the Christchurch City Council and the Summit Road Society, and as a consequence, ownership and responsibility for the day-to-day management of Omaha Bush and Gibraltar Rock has now passed to the Summit Road Society.

### **What now for Omaha Bush?**

The Society has appointed Paul Tebbutt as Honorary Ranger to watch over Omaha Bush, and arrange for maintenance work to be done, such as;

- Maintaining foot tracks and vehicle tracks for public access.
- Controlling animal pests, and invasive plant pests in Omaha Bush
- Keeping plants pests off Gibraltar Rock and the surrounding pastoral area.
- Arranging for pasture areas to the north of Omaha Bush to be grazed only by sheep, with the income from grazing being used for work on the property.

### **So, how can you help?**

You are invited to join the “**Friends of Omaha Bush**”. There are already some people keen to help out. You also can help by joining a work party, or helping in the management or promotion of the area. Contact Paul Tebbutt at [stabbutt@clear.net.nz](mailto:stabbutt@clear.net.nz) or phone 03 384 3086.

The Society has three other work party groups, the Eastenders, the Ohinetahi group and the Weekenders, all making a huge contribution to the objectives of the Society, and enjoying themselves at the same time!