



BUG MAN: Ruud Kleinpaste will be one of the guests at the planting day.

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# Red zone to get green boost

BUGMAN Ruud Kleinpaste and singer Tiki Taane will be wielding shovels at a Matariki Planting Day on June 28, at Anzac Drive Reserve.

The event, organised by the Avon-Otakaro Network, is promoted as an "opportunity to

get stuck in and start making a difference in the red zone".

It launches the Mahinga Kai exemplar project, which is part of the Natural Environment Recovery Programme, and is seen as a first step in "greening the red zone".

Mahinga Kai sums up the interconnected cultural beliefs and practices of Ngai Tahu in relation to the environment.

It comprises not only the species gathered for the table, but the places and practices involved in doing so.

The planting activity at the reserve will take place from 10.30am till 2pm.

Bring gumboots, warm clothing, and a spade, if possible.

For more information go to [avonotakaronetwork.co.nz/projects/mahinga-kai.html](http://avonotakaronetwork.co.nz/projects/mahinga-kai.html).