

Nursery News

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AN UPDATE FROM THE FOREST & BIRD (WELLINGTON BRANCH)
NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION PROJECT



Peter with a couple of fine bunches of astelia seed heads during a recent Hawkins Hill plant-sourcing trip.

Plant-sourcing trips

We've had useful collecting trips this year to Brooklyn windmill/Hawkins Hill (see photo), Waihinahina Park, Wrights Hill, South Karori, Johnston Hill and Manawa Karioi.

Colin Ryder

Colin Ryder, a previous Wellington Branch of Forest and Bird committee member, recently passed away suddenly. Colin had been a strong supporter of the Forest and Bird nursery since its inception.

He assisted and trained Gary in the art of fund-raising for the nursery infrastructure and consumables.

Colin was involved in many conservation projects such as eradicating mice from Mana Island, purchase of the land at Baring Head for the reserve, establishment of the Tapu Te Ranga Marine Reserve and designation of the land known as Watts Peninsula at Miramar as a reserve.

He will be sadly missed by the conservation community.



Wainuiomata Nursery

Work has moved ahead on the new branch of the Nursery in the Wainuiomata Recreation Area. Funds have been raised and holes have been dug so that the framework of the shadehouse can be concreted into the ground – construction is underway. It's a big structure, as can be seen from the photos. It's hoped to have the Nursery up and running by mid May. This is happening outside of the normal hours at the Highbury Nursery, where work carries on as usual.



The volunteers at the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust in Dunedin have sent a letter of thanks for the bundles of unwanted PB3 bags that we have sent them. Thanks also to Postmistress Rachel for making it happen.

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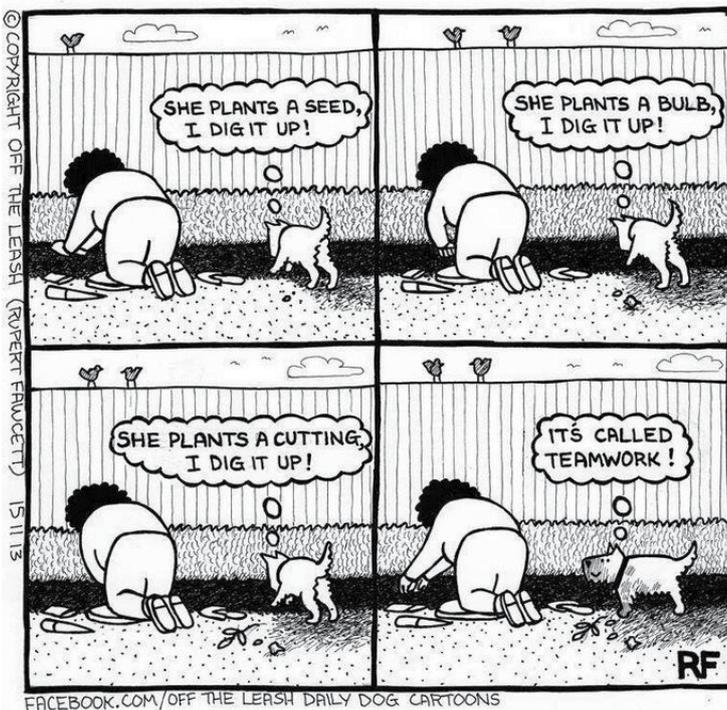
Spot the Nursery competition

No prizes – just the pleasure of knowing you know where it is



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Waiu Wetland

Postscript to our story in the summer edition about the Waiu Wetland: at a recent planting session a very small skink was found climbing up the back of a volunteer, so it would seem that they are now breeding in the area, which is excellent news.



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