

Nursery News

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



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Front page news

Friday 30 July was a big day for New Zealand. Not only did we win two golds, one silver and a bronze at the Olympics, but the new Forest & Bird plant nursery was opened in the Wainuiomata Recreation Area by Prue Lamason from the Wellington Regional Council. Other dignitaries present were Andy Mitchell from Forest & Bird Lower Hutt and Ricky Clarkson, the Wainuiomata and Orongorongo Park Ranger, along with volunteers from Wellington and Hutt Forest & Bird, and the the Waiu wetland in Wainuiomata. Everyone involved was congratulated on their efforts, including, of course, Gary and Chris.

After the speeches and ribbon-cutting, we all did some planting in the new wetland area and then had tea.

As you can see, the event hit the front page of the *Wainuiomata News*.



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Gerard, Chris, Sue, Peter, Keryn, Mike

F&B Wellington Committee

We recently received a small delegation from the Forest & Bird Wellington Committee. It was part of a tour to show new committee members, Keryn and Gerard, the range of F&B projects around the Wellington region. After the visit, a good lunch was had at Rata café in the Zealandia visitor centre.

Letterbox: Happy campers

The team at the Porirua City Council Nursery were thrilled with the plants you generously gave us. Andrew is most keen to visit again and share seeds.

Janet

Your plants are very good quality again. Thanks so much. I would be grateful for more small tauhinu They are a perfect size for the top of the escarpment for the *Leptinella* habitat. I am mixing in a few *M. astonii* as they provide dappled light in summer but let the light through in winter. I will mix in some matagouri as well for the same reason. Recreating grey scrub is pretty exciting. **Robyn**



This is (happy) Joe from the Porirua City Council nursery.



FOREST & BIRD COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY

To implement Forest & Bird's Vaccination Status & Forest & Bird Activities Policy and ensure we are doing everything practical to keep our workers safe, all project leaders (including for volunteer-led branch and Youth projects) will need to ensure that only people who are vaccinated are participating in activities that involve 'in person' interaction with others at Alert Levels above 1.

**This Policy became effective as of
Tuesday 19 October.**