

NurseryNews

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

WINTER 2022



PLEASE NOTE: As of 19 October 2021 it is Forest & Bird policy that all volunteers at the nursery must be vaccinated against COVID 19.

As of March 2022 'Fully vaccinated' requires a booster dose as well.

This and that

- Volunteers at the Nursery have been going about their work in their usual way, weeding, potting on and folding bags, along with some running repairs.
- A small group recently walked the loop track on Johnston Hill, looking for (and finding) seedlings. This was followed by a successful trip to Futuna to collect tiny totara seedlings.
- Angus is the driving force behind the recycling activity. Do remember to bring along the things that we have collection boxes for. Every little bit helps.
- Thank you to Ann, who has been taking home bundles of dirty labels and bringing them back clean.

Home improvements

The shadehouse beside the garage has been renovated. It gets a battering from the wind and was in a sad state. And work is progressing on the big shadehouse under the pylon. The system installed in the new Wainuiomata Nursery has impressed so thanks to some funding, we're able to buy and install some of the same elements for this big shadehouse at Disley Street.

A couple of worker bees



Ann all togged up on a freezing Saturday afternoon.



Rachel doing a spot of repotting in the sun.

Recycling at the Nursery

There have been changes to local recycling.

- The pen/writing instruments programme has ceased for now.
- Dental: this is funded by Colgate. From now on they will only accept Colgate packaging.
- Small plastics: local recycling is for types 2 and 5 only. There will be a box for each number.
 - Please place only #2s in the designated box.
 - Please place only #5s in the designated box.
 - If there is no symbol on the plastic, please put them in the 'Other small plastics' box.
- The steel and aluminium ring-pulls from cans (see photo) are collected by the Lions. Each ring-pull raises funding for renal dialysis.



- Tetra Pak cartons are being collected and sent to the wallboard manufacturer in Auckland.
- Visy plastics have no symbol on the lids they make for Lewis Road. Please write and ask them to address this (www.visy.com.au).
- Wellington's The Tiny Plastics Factory is willing to trial recycling vehicle registration labels and RUC labels – and yes, we have a box for it.



Happy returns

The bag ladies loved the PB³/₄s that came back neatly packed into a little wooden box.

For further information contact Richard (fbnurserywn@gmail.com) or Gary (mistletoe1957@gmail.com)



It's always sunny in Wainuiomata!

Progress at the Wainuiomata Nursery

The new Nursery in the Wainuiomata Recreation Area is such a success that we are now in the process of obtaining planning permission to build a second potting-up shelter.

The shelter will cost approx. \$1200 and we will be seeking funding for it shortly.

Due to the volume of plants and trees, the shadehouse is starting to burst at the seams, so we are making new standing out areas around the shadehouse to accommodate the hardier species.

The volunteer worker base is also being expanded to bring in local residents who will augment our Forest & Bird members.



A new standing out area outside the shadehouse.

We are also hoping to involve local school students in parts of the nursery work.

To find out more about the Wainuiomata Nursery, contact Gary (mistletoe1957@gmail.com).



The first batch of plants produced by Wainuiomata Nursery. They are destined for the wetland in the Wainuiomata Recreation Area nextdoor to the Nursery (www.gw.govt.nz/parks/wainuiomata-regional-park/).

Thank you for supporting the Wainuiomata Forest & Bird Nursery

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