



# Kaipatiki Project

*Inspiring communities to live sustainably*

*Summer 2009*

## Breathing new life into our Centre – creating fresh opportunities for people

Kaipatiki Project environment centre has been successful in its application for funds from the Ministry for the Environment to improve our outdoor teaching facilities.

Staff, volunteers and members were invited to give input and feed back to plans to make sure everybody had an opportunity to drive how the centre could be developed.

Thanks to all involved some fantastic ideas came out of the brainstorming process such as edible gardens, improved and accessible composting/ worm farming facilities and a new hard-standing area for the native plant nursery —all great opportunities to do some much needed maintenance to the centre.



*The Birkenhead Community Board has given Kaipatiki permission to use the reserve at the rear of the Centre for growing plants for Eskdale reserve.*

### Nursery Bites

free native plant propagation mini-workshops



A brand new series of bite-sized workshops has been launched by the Kaipatiki Project. Aimed at up-skilling volunteers, the *Nursery Bites* programme of 14 mini-workshops is a great way to gain work experience and learn at the same time, and is definitely recommended for those wanting to gain practical, hands-on experience in native plant propagation or in working in the nursery field.

Sessions are free as part of a volunteer/ work experience programme and have been funded by the Auckland Regional Council's *Environmental Initiatives Fund*. *Nursery Bites* has been designed so that participants can take the whole series or

just select the topics that interest them, from how to collect seeds, make plants from cuttings, pot on, grow native trees, irrigate and hand-water through to identifying and dealing with weeds, and nurturing threatened plants, ferns, wetland and riparian plants.

Sessions are limited to 20 participants a week so **bookings are essential** by calling 482 1172 or emailing [restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz](mailto:restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz) with your name and contact details and which week/s you will attend. **For a detailed list of topics and dates, check out the back page for the Nursery Bites calendar.**

This issue we are happy to feature the Naturally Smarter campaign from North Shore City Council's Environmental Services Team. Here, Sustainable Environment Team Leader, Trish Kirkland-Smith, tells us about

## One more person being naturally smarter...

Judy Te Hiwi (*pictured*) is one more person being naturally smarter here in North Shore City. Judy is a weaver, a mother and a grandmother. She is also the kaitiaki (guardian) of a 2.5 acre site in the Eskdale Reserve, just outside her back gate. Eight years ago Judy set out to revive the traditional art of fibre weaving. With the help of many friends, school children and the local community, the area was cleared of weeds and planted with harekeke (New Zealand flax) and over 200 native trees. Now over 50 varieties of harakeke are thriving at the site and Judy is using the area to teach adults and school classes about how to grow and weave it. She is also using the area to help rehabilitate inmates in various Auckland prisons.



Being naturally smarter is all about just doing your small bit...you could be walking your kids to school, composting or worm-farming, or removing weeds from your backyard. If you have been doing your bit, then tell us your story at our website [www.naturallysmarter.co.nz](http://www.naturallysmarter.co.nz). We will publish your stories to help inspire others. The website is also full of lots of naturally smarter tips, links to helpful information, or you can sign up to receive a regular Naturally Smarter e-newsletter so that you can keep up to date with environmental news in North Shore City.



Special thanks to the Funding Co-Ordinators from **ASB Charitable Trust**

(*pictured left*) - they chose to do something for the environment as a special Christmas staff event.

Ten members of their team volunteered for a morning down at the Kaipatiki Centre, starting the centre upgrade by planting a harakeke hedge to mark the boundary of the new nursery area that will support thousands of new plants to be planted in Eskdale Reserve network in 2009. Kim from ASB commented "Everyone got stuck in and we were really amazed at what we achieved. It was an amazing day - fun and educational".

## Volunteer Recognition Barbecue

At the end of November last year Kaipatiki Committee organised a BBQ to celebrate the start of Volunteer Awareness Week and to say thanks to the many very special people who make a difference to our work.

Gifts were presented, faces were painted and many sausages and glasses of wine were guzzled.

A big thank you has to go to Coopers Creek Wines and Little Boys for their generous contributions to the evening's refreshments.



# Just how green is our garden?

## Kaipatiki Project Half-year Review July-December 2008

Kaipatiki staff and volunteers beaver away every week but what do we actually achieve—how are we progressing in our mission to inspire people to live sustainably? These impressive statistics show just some of the tangible results and benefits of our work in just six months.

And these are just the countable facts and figures... every planting day we organise and each school education visit we host spreads the sustainability message wider across the community, and gets more and more people thinking about small changes they can make at home and at work towards a less wasteful, more productive and beautiful environment.

### Natural Environment

Community participation in the Eskdale & Witheford reserves:

Group planting days	6
Volunteer hours	856
Nursery working bees	43

### Education & Training

Promoting and facilitating environmental education programmes:

Schools and community group programmes	18
Participants	713

Create Your Own Eden:

Composting and worm-farming courses in North Shore, Auckland & Manukau:

Courses	24
Participants	352

### Kaipatiki Environment Centre usage (July-Nov)

Calls	830
Emails	2474
Visitors	358



## THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

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ASB Community Trust, Birkenhead-Northcote Community Board, Boughtwood Printing House Ltd, Bunnings Warehouse, Caffè l'Affare, Community Post, EIF/ARC, Glenfield Community Board, ihug, Infrastructure Auckland, KBL Rotational Moulders, KWIK-N-EZY Canopy NZ Ltd, Lion Foundation, Living Earth, Ministry for the Environment, NZ Lottery Grants Board, North Shore Community & Social Services Inc, North Shore City Council, Officemax, Pitango, Vero Insurance.

*Thanks to Jill Nerheny our Community Co-Ordinator for the donation of some furniture for the Centre. Also to Jane Kerrwood for all her efforts with the Kaipatiki website. You've both made an awesome difference - Kia Ora!*

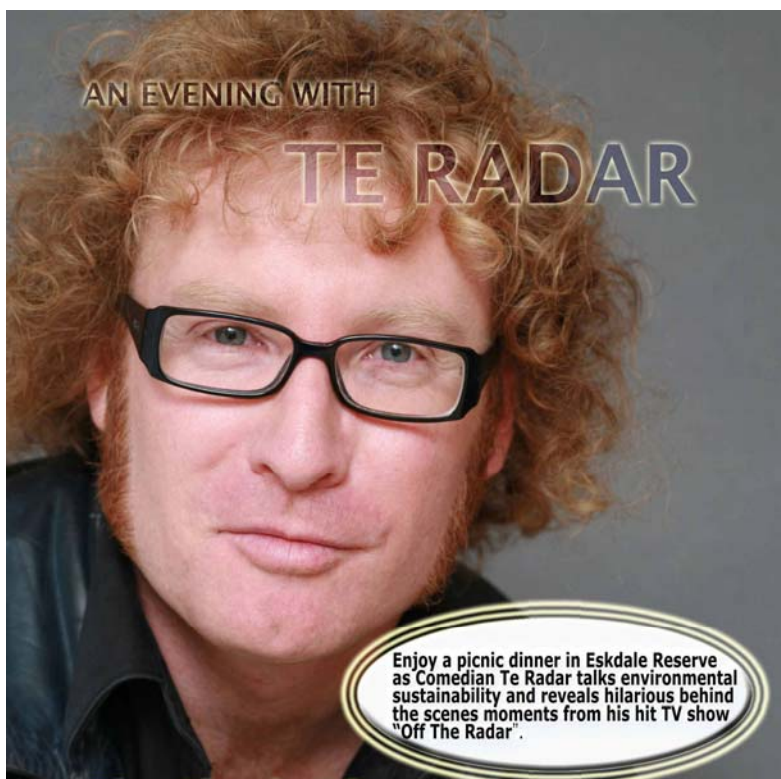
## SupplyIt - a cool way to contribute...

SupplyIt, based in Albany, supplies printer cartridges and is concerned about plastic in the landfill. They can recycle cartridges but also want to raise awareness of carbon emissions – this could be mitigated by planting trees.

As Supplyit gives gifts/vouchers to their clients, they thought they would offer them the opportunity to donate instead to an organisation that plants trees.

So from now on SupplyIt clients can donate their \$10 voucher to Kaipatiki to help towards tree-planting — thank you to SupplyIt for an innovative way to show your support.

# What's on at Kaipatiki?



## An Evening With Te Radar

Thursday 26 February, 6.30pm

Venue: Kaipatiki Project & Environment Centre

BYO picnic blanket, dinner, wine & beer

Organic coffee unit will be on site BYO mug

\$20 per adult, kids free.

All proceeds to Kaipatiki Project & Environment Centre.

Tickets - phone 482 1172

## NEW ORGANIC GARDENING COURSES

Run at the Kaipatiki Centre (address below)

### Edible Gardens for beginners

Saturday 28th March 10:00—3:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00

### Herbal Gardening - edible & medicinal

Saturday 18h April 10.00 – 3.30 pm

Cost: \$40.00

Limited numbers : Bookings essential

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## Nursery Bites

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12/2	Seed collection, seed sowing, eco-sourcing
19/2	Potting on tubes to planter bags, irrigation/hand-watering
26/2	Weeds identification, organic weed control, nursery stock, plant placement
5/3	Potting on seedlings to tubes
12/3	Ferns—growing from spores, identification
19/3	New plants from division, harakeke, kowharawhara, grasses
26/3	New plants from cuttings
2/4	Threatened plants, identification, propagation, growing, care
16/4	Growing native trees, kereru food
23/4	Growing native ground covers and small shrubs
30/4	Growing native medium-size trees and shrubs
7/5	Wetland and riparian plants
14/5	Nursery built elements maintenance
21/5	Open ground planting

## Organic Gardening

### Beginners Courses

Saturday February 21 10:00—3:30 pm

Saturday March 7 & 21 10:00—3:30 pm

Venue: 203 Manuka Rd., Glenfield

Very limited places available. Please register by phoning  
Dee 444 9342 / email [mikedee@clear.net.nz](mailto:mikedee@clear.net.nz) Cost: \$40.00

### Huckleberry Farms Summer Series

## FEED ME RIGHT!

Nutritional know-how and body science

For children aged 8+

Starting 18 February for 5 weeks

Wednesdays 3.30pm-5pm \$65

Children will be introduced to fun ways of preparing healthy foods using only wholesome, fresh ingredients. The course will empower children with the knowledge to make the right food choices and provide them with the practical skills to build strong bodies and healthy immune systems. The course is taught by Dee and Tamarin Pigneguy, authors of 'Feed Me Right!'. Full course outline from Renee 577 0138 ext 7706 or email [renee@tetuhi.org.nz](mailto:renee@tetuhi.org.nz). To enrol phone 557 0138.