

# Jan- Mar, 2005 Latest News!

## Children's planting and stream testing day

Friends Of Owhiro Stream (FOOS) teamed up with Brooklyn Community Association and Greater Wellington Regional Council to host a planting and stream testing day for children.

George Holley and Frans Mars from FOOS helped around 30 children to plant flax along the stream. After planting, some of the children had a go at weaving flax putiputi.

Cate Pates from GW showed the children how to test the stream health using a set of key indicators. The children concluded that it was in fair to good health as they found lots of caddisfly larvae which favour healthier streams. FOOS plan to do more in-depth stream monitoring using the SHMAK system later this year.

Dave Mumford and Amiee Froud from B.C.A helped organise the holiday event and are planning another children's planting event in April with FOOS.



*Searching for stream creatures*



*George demonstrates a planting*



*Frans helps with the stream crossing*

# FOOS

## Friends of Owhiro Stream

## Shade house up and running (nearly)

Brooklyn Resource Centre have generously agreed to house a shade house for FOOS, and thanks to a tremendous effort from George Holley, Frans Mars and Emily Greenberg, the shade house is now up. The last working bee involved levelling out the garden at the back of the Resource Centre, laying down weed mat and erecting the shade house. An irrigation system has now been installed and the group are working on making and installing benches.



*George checking the irrigation*

## New Plants

FOOS have ordered new plants ready for this season's planting. These include Toetoe, Manuka, Cabbage tree and a variety of stream side sedges.

## Friends of Owhiro Stream

Friends of Owhiro Stream are a Brooklyn based community group dedicated to replanting the banks of Owhiro Stream, enhancing the natural stream environment and beautifying Brooklyn.

## We are always looking for volunteers! If you'd like to get involved in restoring Owhiro stream:

- Working bees are 9.30am- 12.30pm every second Sunday of the month
- Committee meetings are 7.30pm every last Wednesday of the month at the Brooklyn Community Association RSA room

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*Owhiro stream with new planting*