

**Good News**

An application for \$1,771. to repair or replace our damaged sign was made to Marlborough District Council by way of a submission on the Draft Annual Plan in May. I'm happy to report that funds have been made available by Council for the repair or replacement of our sign.



**For further information**

Anyone interested in landcare can contact any Core Group Member:

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- Barry and Trudie Lasham 570 5073
- Helen Palmer 570 2262
- Trish Horrey 570 2088
- Neil and Irene Martin 570 2207
- Christine Baker 570 5834
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**RARANGI LANDCARE GROUP INC.**

**LANDCARE UPDATE  
AUGUST 2003**

**Rarangi Landcare Receive Award**

It was a lovely surprise when the Department of Conservation letter arrived to say our Group was to receive an award from the Department in recognition of our efforts to protect threatened native foreshore plants in the area. Two of our members, Helen Palmer and Roseina Howe, went along to the ceremony held in Seddon on August 5th, to receive the Certificate of Recognition on our behalf. It states:

"The Department of Conservation acknowledges the valuable contribution Rarangi Landcare Group have made to species conservation in New Zealand Nga Taonga o Aotearoa".

In accepting this award we acknowledge and appreciate the continued support of the Department of Conservation, Marlborough District Council, NZ Landcare Trust and Outward Bound in helping us ensure the survival of many of our native foreshore species.



*Landcare member Helen Palmer with certificate*

**Preserving our native foreshore plants**

When three and a half year old Fynn Sawyer saw people planting native shrubs on the foreshore in June he wanted to help. So a hole was dug by Outward Bound then prepared for planting by Landcare which allowed our little environmentally aware member Fynn to place a Tauhinu plant carefully in the prepared hole (see picture). A real team effort.

Pebbles were put around the base of the plant in the shape of the letter 'F' and Fynn said he would look after it.

'Welcome to landcare Fynn'.



## June Working Bees

**June 5th (Arbour Day) and 6th** Outward Bound helped us out again by sending a great team of students to carry on with the weeding and planting.

The new foreshore areas, established in March, had to be re-weeded again before planting to give the young plants a good start. The plants were supplied by the Department of Conservation and the planting mix with slow release fertiliser was supplied by Marlborough District Council.

We planted several hundred plants over two days, mainly shrubs like Tauhinu and grasses like the sand tussock. The advice is once these plants become established they should be able to cope as this is their environment. But watch out for garden escapees such as lupins and pull these out when you see them. They are vigorous growers and a threat to our native foreshore species.

Thankfully there was only one area planted out last year where the plants may need to be relocated closer to the sea. That's pretty good when you consider the hundreds of plants being re-established.

### Beach Clean Up.

June 6th started with a beach clean up. Although it was raining everyone remained in good spirits and quite a bit of rubbish was collected.

### Thanks

Thanks once again go to the Outward Bound Team for a job well done.



The Outward Bound Team



Beach Clean up



Council and DOC Officers Nicky Eade (extreme left) and Colin Davis (third left) help with the planting. Pieces of old carpet supplied by Landcare member Sue Garing (centre) were laid around the plants to deter weeds.

## Other Groups show an interest in Rarangi Landcare Project

Interest in our foreshore project is coming from other Groups in the area. The Picton Garden Club was the first to pay us a visit in March followed by Forest and Bird in June.

There was a good turn out of members from both groups averaging two dozen or more. Each group was given a talk on the project before proceeding to the foreshore to have a look at planted areas. Thankfully, their questions were not too difficult!

The spokesperson for each group expressed admiration for our endeavours in trying to preserve Rarangi's foreshore natives and encouraged us to keep up the good work.



Above photos are of the Forest and Bird Group.

## Financial Matters

<u>RARANGI LANDCARE GROUP INC.</u>	
<u>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>For the year ended</u>	
<u>31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2003</u>	
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	
Grant	3,015.00
add: Interest received	<u>5.68</u>
<b><u>GROSS INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$3,020.68</b>
Less:	
<b><u>EXPENDITURE:</u></b>	
Bank charges(chq.book)	<u>2.50</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(2.50)</u></b>
<b><u>SURPLUS</u></b> of Income over Expenditure	<b>\$3,018.18</b>
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<b>Note:</b> Grant received is from the Community Trust for the purchase of one large information sign and several small plant identity signs	