

Living Streams Community Nursery

State Highway 75
Little River

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Second spring NEWSLETTER

We are now full on into spring.
Have you noticed the heavy scent of the lemonwood, and at night time the scent of Pittosporum tenuifolium?
Or the greenish yellow garlands of the Clematis foetida sprawling over bushes on the lakeside?

Living Streams Nursery has 5 regular volunteers, as well as people who help out occasionally. A special thank you goes to Nick Dunn who supplies us with soil several times a year, to Tom Dobson for ongoing maintenance work, to Stephen Mulholland for delivering ordered supplies from Goldpine when needed, and to Fiona Waghorn for doing magic with design for notice board etc.

Tim Mulcock is our treasurer and does a fantastic job keeping the books.
And thanks to Rebecca McKendry for making labels for our plants.

Please note: Do not bring back large pots. We seldom use them. Please inquire which ones are useful to us. We welcome milk cartons and polystyrene trays.

Its a busy time of year for propagating and watering etc. We do welcome volunteers on an occasional or more permanent basis. Please let us know if you want to be part of our team.

Our sale is now finished. However we still have specials that need a speedy home before the soil dries out.

In the specials are:

Pennentia corymbosa, also called Bellbird Tree and Ducksfoot (the leaf looks like one) or Kaikomako. A small tree, hardy, with fragrant flowers and black fruit.

Kahikatea or White pine, our tallest native tree. Loves Banks Peninsula, lower elevations up to 600m.

Hoheria angustifolia, Lacebark, specimen tree, masses of white flowers, attract bees. hardy.

Leptospermum scoparium, Tea tree, Manuka, 4m. Fast growing, attracts bees, moist sites.

Plagianthus regius, Ribbonwood, spreading tree, fast growing, hardy, good shelter.

Prumnopitys taxifolia, black pine, Matai. Up to 20m. Iconic tree, lowland forest. Hardy.

Some of the Coprosma's.

Olearia avecenniaefolia, mountain akeake, to 4m, showy scented flowers, hardy. spreading.

Grasses:

Carex buechananii reddish brown, erect, hardy, 0.4 m.

Carex flageliffera, similar to *c. testacea*, arching foliage, attractive seedheads, 0.6m.

Carex testacea, green and orange foliage, hardy, coastal conditions.

Carex virgata and secta. Wet conditions. Stream and wetland plantings.

Chionochloa conspicua, feature plant, up to 1m. Does not like exposed places.

Cortaderia richardii, toetoe, 2/3m. Hardy, shelter.

Festuca actae, blue tussock, endemic B.P.30/50cm. hardy.

Have a wonderful time planting your special bit of earth!

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