



# Living Streams Community Nursery

State Highway 75  
Little River

Last newsletter this year.

Dear supporter,

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This summer could be a warm and dry one.

Not ideal for planting at present. The only way to succeed is to have a water supply on hand. If you wish to buy trees you could look after them in their pots till the time for planting is right.

We have quite a few specials for you to choose from.

## **Specials while stock lasts**

***Carex buchani***. This carex has a lovely reddish/brown colour. It has a very stiff habit, which makes a lovely contrast with other grasses. Up to 75cm. Coastal to montane (up to 1000m), on beaches, lake, lagoon or stream margins, in damp and open ground or forest margins. Does best in full sun in permanently moist soil.

***Poa astonii (Coastal Poa)*** Poa is the Greek name for pasture or meadow grass. This species needs an annual combing out to get rid of old foliage, and likes being lifted and divided every 3 years or so. 20-25 cm tall, spread of 30cm. Tolerates dry conditions if not too long. Dense blue-green.

***Akaroa daisy (Celmisia mackau)***, endemic and rare on Banks Peninsula. Flowerheads handsome 5/6 cm daisies. Coastal to subalpine damp cliffs. Up to 60 cm tall. Will grow in garden conditions.

***Plagianthus regius (lowland ribbonwood manatu)***, Our tallest deciduous native tree, up to 15 m. Very hardy, tolerates wet and dry conditions. From sea level to about 650 m. handsome tree with erect trunk and wide spreading branches.

***Leptospermum scoparium (Manuka)*** not to be confused with Kanuka, which is much taller. It has more prickly leaves that are less aromatic. The flowers are much larger. It grows up to 10 m. Manuka is quite rare on BP. Conditions damp to dry.

***Dacrycarpus dacrydioides (Kahikatea, white pine)*** The tallest native tree species it can reach up to 30m. If you have space on your land and you are not above 550m than Kahikatea will do you proud. A beautiful cone shaped podocarp, that is hardy and grows on valleyfloors and hillsides. Some moisture is appreciated.

All these plants are priced down to the next lower size. Grasses are \$1.30 each.

We are approaching the summer holidays and christmas time.

It is a time when volunteers are thin on the ground and particularly the watering schedule will be a challenge to maintain.

Any help will be gratefully received.

We are receiving boxes of milkcartons cut ready for use. Please note that they are most useful when not cut in half . And thank you so much , they are great, plants like sending their roots down in tall containers.

With greetings and wishing you a restful, joyful christmas break,

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