

NO8 WIRE WEEK

16 – 24 July 2016 - Summary Report



Background

The Council held the first 'No.8 Wire Week', within the period 16-24 July 2016. It consisted of practical workshops, typically 1.5 hours long, as well as community events and excursions. The concept was to extend the No.8 Wire Workshops formerly held at the Annual Sustainable Home and Garden Show, but vary times and venues to engage the maximum number of people at times and places that are convenient to them. Expanding the time the workshops are spread over would allow more depth and opportunity to get hands-on than the format of the workshops at the Show allowed. The timing coincided with the school holidays, allowing 'kid-friendly' events during weekdays. Also it was thought that mid-winter might be a good time to offer community activities as people are more likely looking for things to do at this time of year.

Purpose/objectives

- Engage a wide range of people on practical topics that enhance community resilience and reduce environmental impacts
- Promote the cultural value of 'kiwi ingenuity' and DIY resourcefulness within Kāpiti
- Promote council's 'green' services
- Meet community expectations regarding the provision of trusted, independent advice relating to environmental sustainability
- Build relationships with community groups
- Support the entrants in the Greener Neighbourhoods competition

The objective was to involve 250 – 500 participants, with a budget of \$5,000 for direct costs.

What happened

Topics were selected based on what has been popular in the past at Council-run workshops, and those that would result in the attendee producing something on the day within the time scheduled. A 'call for interest' in 'On To It' and on social media also allowed the community an opportunity to shape the programme. Demonstrators were drawn from the community using council networks including a call for expressions of interest in the On To It newsletter.

The concept of an Eco-Art exhibit during the Week was floated with schools and ECEs. There was only a limited response, possibly due to the short lead-in (as schools were contacted in the first week for term two where their planning for the term was already set), so this part of the Week was scaled back. Two art works made by students on a winter theme were shown at one of the community events.

37 events were scheduled. The main venues for the workshops were the Kāpiti College and Ōtaki College technology blocks. Apart from the workshops There were 3 nature walks, 2 planting/restoration bees, 1 film screening and 2 community celebrations, which were larger events with food and entertainment that had craft activities/workshops happening within them. One of the events was the No8 Wire Week launch/Most Neighbourly Celebration, this event was collaboratively organised and was well attended by a wide spectrum of the community.

Promotion began in earnest in late July, although many people were made aware it was coming through the On To It newsletter and via the Greener Neighbourhoods groups. The Eventbrite website was used for people to book, and all events were free, apart from direct payments to demonstrators for materials in some cases.

Council 'Green Team' members shared the job of co-ordinating individual events – ensuring they started on time, giving the health and safety briefing, recording attendance, collecting feedback and managing the venues.

The table in Appendix 1 shows each event and its attendance. There were 1,400 incidences of participation, including all attendees at the two community celebrations. Excluding these larger events, the remainder of the activities resulted in 319 incidences of participation. Analysis of the feedback forms to estimate the number of individuals (and not double-count those people who attended multiple events during the week) revealed around 250 people attended one or more of the workshops. Note that 4 of the 37 events did not go ahead for various reasons.

In addition to the attendees, six community groups (not including neighbour groups and ZEAL) were involved and were able to raise their profile, and both Kāpiti College and Ōtaki College had new raised beds and compost heaps built in their gardens as a result of the workshops held there. Around 250 native plants were planted.

Photos and descriptions of what happened at each of the workshops are in Appendix 2

Costs

These are detailed below. Staff time is not included. The cost of graphic design work was not included in the original budget, which was expanded to cover this. The design work and the billboards are reusable should the event be held again, reducing costs.

Kapiti College hire	\$	520
Graphic design	\$	1,120
Newspaper ads x 4 quarter page	\$	900
Facebook advertising	\$	50
Programmes and billboards	\$	1,005
Demonstrators' time	\$	2,460
Materials	\$	80
Total	\$	6,135

Including only 10% of the people at very large event Matariki Event at Ngā Purapura (where the No8 Wire craft activity was just one of many attractions, and where additional, separate budget was used to stage the event), the overall Council spend per individual participant was approximately \$14.

Results/Feedback

Feedback from 169 completed forms is in Appendix 3. The event was rated as Very Good to Excellent across all categories and nearly all participants wanted to see it happen again. Comments included:

- *"Fantastic! Made information and ideas very accessible. Nice to have something to take away to continue with. More like this please. Thank you."*
- *"Excellent workshop, can't wait for the next food demonstration. Keep this going!"*
- *"Great informative, knowledgeable speakers. Excellent samples and great easy to understand recipes. Highly recommend to all A+++ 10 gold stars!"*

- *“These workshops are a great opportunity to get your feet wet in various ideas. Thank you.”*

The main modes of hearing about the Week were word of mouth, facebook and On To It, all ‘free’ forms of communication. Most of the participants were from Kāpiti, with only five saying that they were from out of district.

What worked

The topics were well received, with only one not attracting any interest/attendees. All others had at least five. The demonstrators themselves were very capable communicators and did their part well.

The timing (school holidays) worked and many parents brought children along.

The number of events, while challenging to schedule, were manageable to run and the density of events did lead to a ‘buzz’ and effective cross promotion.

Greener neighbourhoods groups were well represented amongst participant , satisfying some of their immediate needs around workshops and getting them off to a good start.

Having multiple rooms at the technology blocks allowed sessions to over-run naturally without being cut short because of any need to clear a room for the next event – it was easy for one person to co-ordinate sessions running in parallel.

The Green Team provided great support to each other to co-ordinate the week. The fact Council was running this event reflected positively on our reputation.

Facebook and the Council website were effective platforms to promote the event and manage bookings. The Sustainable Communities Kāpiti Facebook page with links a No8 Wire Week pages on council page was very popular (according to facebook stats reaching over 10000 people and resulting in over 800 visits to the No8 Wire pages in the first week of promotion).

Eventbrite was highly effective for managing bookings. As the events were free there was no cost to using this service.

Calling for interest and ideas through On To It and social media prior to the event did help shape the programme with skilled demonstrators coming forward proposing to run workshops and input from community helped to shape the content of programme.

The No8 Wire Week launch/Most Neighbourly Celebration was extremely well attended (initial estimates were that 40 people would come and 100-150 turned up). It built an earlier collaboration between the Sustainable Communities Coordinator and wider Programme Design and Delivery Team which resulted in the Neighbours Day Aotearoa ‘Town of the Year’ award and successfully brought a wide spectrum of the community together – notably ZEAL youth group and the Coastal Villas residents provided an excellent intergenerational mix.

Changes/improvements that will be considered

The short lead in time was a problem. While everything got done, the length of time for promotion was squeezed. Another few weeks would have been helpful – starting earlier, with the experience, connections and resources gained from this first attempt would remedy this. A greater focus of promotion in Ōtaki would have been helpful to raise numbers there.

Likewise, the short lead in time limited school involvement. This could also be related to clashes with other term 2 events such as the interschool Science Fair and ArtSplash interschool choir event. Communicating with schools and ECEs in term 1 about it next time would help.

Mahara Gallery has shown interest in future involvement, possibly to exhibit No8 Wire artworks made by school groups. The opportunity for schools to exhibit student work at the local public gallery is likely to increase the interest in schools to take part. Early planning would be essential to enable this.

There were many people that booked to come to events that did not show up. There may be ways to gain greater commitment from people that book such as introducing a small charge. Allowing larger maximum numbers and the introduction of waiting lists and 'stand by' tickets (where those on the waiting list are invited to turn up as their will probably be a space) could also help.

We could consider moving more of the events to during the week and fewer on the weekend, as the weekday events were well attended by parents with children.

The two tree planting events did not attract significant interest outside the restoration groups themselves, whereas the nature walks did. New strategies for promoting these planting events as 'kid-friendly' will be considered – e.g. combine planting as part of a nature walk. Events where parent/child engagement was organised and promoted proved to be popular.

The film screening was poorly attended. If this element is to be run again as part of the Week, a different approach is needed to both the format and how it is promoted – e.g. use Shoreline Cinema instead of the College hall.

Many of the workshops did not require the facilities in the technology blocks, and the rooms used were not especially comfortable (e.g. stools and benches, no heating). Regular classrooms may have been more suitable for some sessions.

There is scope for a better comms plan for the programme, the general concept of the event was popular and there are potential for stories about the event to have a broader promotion and reach, i.e. into the Greater Wellington region such as via Greater Wellington Regional Council, Radio New Zealand, the Dominion Post and the Sustainability Trust. It may also be news worthy in national sustainability themed media i.e. Happyzine, Good magazine etc, thus an opportunity to promote the Council's work to promote and build sustainability communities more widely.

Conclusion

Overall the event was a success, met its target for attendees and was very well received by those that came. Because of graphic design costs, the budget was exceeded, but as this work can be reused, costs will be lower if run again. With a longer lead in and some tweaks, it is likely the numbers of participants can be increased also, improving the overall cost effectiveness of the event closer to \$10/person.

Appendix 1

Event ref	WHAT	WHERE AND WHEN	Attendees	Comments
		<u>Saturday 16 July</u>		
1	Basic Bike Maintenance	Kāpiti College 10am - 11:30am	9	
2	Pimp my bread	Kāpiti College 11:30am - 1pm	7	
3	Build your own rat trap	Kāpiti College 1:30 - 3pm	5	
4	Ecocleaners	Ōtaki College 10am- 11:30am	12	
5	Composting	Ōtaki College 11:30am - 1pm	4	
6	Basic Bike Maintenance	Ōtaki College 1:30pm - 3pm	5	
7	Native plant papermaking	Ōtaki College 3 - 4:30pm	9	
8	launch/Neighbours Day party + 3 craft activities	Kāpiti Community Centre: 4-7pm	100	At least this number
		<u>Sunday 17th July</u>		
9	Recycled jewellery	Kāpiti College 10am - 11:30am	8	
10	Beekeeping	Kāpiti College 11:30am - 1pm	21	
11	Garden tote box	Kāpiti College 1:30 - 3pm	9	
12	Raised bed	Kāpiti College 3pm - 4:30pm	8	
13	Raised bed	Ōtaki College 10am- 11:30am	5	
14	Herbs for winter months	Ōtaki College 11:30am - 1pm	12	
15	Beekeeping	Ōtaki College 3 - 4:30pm	0	Wrong time advertised
16	habitat hero & whareroa planting	Whareroa Farm 9:30am-12:30pm	9	
		<u>Monday 18th July</u>		
17	edible garden and kids craft	Tilley Road, Paekākāriki: 1-3pm	20	
		<u>Tuesday 19th July</u>		
18	pedal ready	Kāpiti College: 10am-12pm	0	Cancelled (weather)
19	pallet building workshops	ZEAL Headquarters, Paraparaumu 1-3pm	11	
		<u>Wednesday 20 July</u>		
20	bike maintenance	St Peter's Hall, Paekākāriki 10am-12pm	14	
21	nature tour	Paekākāriki and Te Araroa escarpment track 1-3pm	14	

Event ref	WHAT	WHERE AND WHEN	Attendees	Comments
		<u>Thursday 21 July</u>		
22	planting	Edgewater Park, Waikanae River 1-3pm	9	
23	Just Eat It film screening	Kapiti College, 7-9pm	10	plus 8 helpers
		<u>Friday 22 July</u>		
24	Re-wilding workshop (nature walk)	Queen Elizabeth Park, Mackays Crossing entrance 1-3pm	16	
		<u>Saturday 23 July</u>		
25	Kombucha	Kāpiti College 11:30am - 1pm	17	
26	Composting	Kāpiti College 1:30 - 3pm	6	
27	Native plant papermaking	Kāpiti College 3pm - 4:30pm	8	
29	waitohu planting	Ōtaki Beach 10am-12:30pm	12	
28	Celebration - with recycled jewellery activity	Nga Purapura Matariki event 11-4pm	1000	At least this number
		<u>Sunday 24 July</u>		
30	Harakeke weaving	Kāpiti College 10am - 11:30am	13	
31	Herbs for the winter months	Kāpiti College 11:30am - 1pm	13	
32	Keeping chickens	Kāpiti College 1:30 - 3pm	15	
33	barrels workshop	Matai Road Community Garden 3-4:30pm	9	Re-located to college due to bad weather
34	Keeping chickens	Ōtaki College 10am- 11:30am	8	
35	T-shirt upcycling	Ōtaki College 11:30am - 1pm	0	
36	Garden tote box	Ōtaki College 1:30pm - 3pm	7	
37	Rat traps	Ōtaki College 3 - 4:30pm	0	Cancelled - no registrations

BARRELS OF FUN!

Sunday 24 July, 3-4.30pm, Matai Rd Community Garden.



Barrels of Fun was planned to take place at the Matai Rd Community garden, with Brian Falkner from Rain Harvest Products showing how repurpose plastic barrels around the garden to capture rainwater and make liquid fertiliser. The plan was for Brian to demonstrate connecting barrels to downpipes, installing taps and making stands, while connecting up the existing five barrel stand at the garden. Unfortunately the stormy conditions meant the workshop was relocated to Kāpiti College where participants built biodigestors instead. This was easy and fun but many were keen to see the rainbarrel set-up, so this has been rescheduled to Sunday 7 August at 1:30 – 3pm, at the community garden of course.

For more information contact Brian Falkner at rainharvest@clear.net.nz or visit : www.plasticweldingrepairs.co.nz

Above: Building a bio-digester



Below: Brian Falkner shows how to build a bio-digester -to liquidise noxious weeds, transforming them into fertiliser.

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE

Saturday 16 July, 10–11.30am, Kāpiti College and 1:30-3pm, Ōtaki College; and Wednesday 20 July, 10am-12pm, St Peters Hall, Paekākāriki.



Bike riders young and old turned up with all types of bikes to workshops held in Ōtaki, Raumati and Paekākāriki. Here they learnt basic bike maintenance from experienced bike mechanic Matt Nicol and Paekākāriki Bike Library crew. From fixing punctures, adjusting your brakes and keeping your



cables oiled, everyone learnt something new and left with smooth running wheels.

Above: Jan Nisbet and the Paekākāriki Bike Library team teach the A,B,C,Ds of bike maintenance.

Below: Bike mechanic Matt Nicoll shares his expertise.

BEEKEEPING

Sunday 17 July, 11:30am-1pm, Kāpiti College and 3-4:30pm, Ōtaki College.



Beekeeper Pete Mackie discussed what's needed to set up a hive or form a beekeeping club, and demonstrated the basic equipment. People swarmed in to hear Pete's talk and were keen for a follow-up session.

Beekeeper Pete Mackie demonstrates the finer details of setting up a hive.

BUILD A GARDEN TOTE BOX

Sunday 17 July, 1:30-3pm, Kāpiti College and Sunday 24 July, 1:30-3pm, Ōtaki College.



The Menzshed presented a well organised and fun workshop, showing all ages how to build a garden tote box - perfect for keeping essentials close at hand. Participants busily got to work and each built a handy box with helpful guidance from the Menzshed crew.

Above: John from Menz Shed shares his expertise

BUILD A SIMPLE RAISED GARDEN BED

Sunday 17 July, 10-11:30am, Ōtaki College and 3-4:30pm Kāpiti College



"Measure twice, cut once", was one of Chris Webb's pearls of wisdom shared at the "Build A Simple Raised Garden Bed" workshops at both Ōtaki and Kāpiti College gardens. Chris encouraged full participation, providing great tips on how to be resourceful and make the most of existing materials. The end result was two impressive looking garden beds ready to be filled by students when the school term resumed.

Above: Chris Webb encourages full participation to build a raised garden bed at Ōtaki College.

Below: And then he builds another one at the Māra Kai, Kapiti College marae.

BUILDING WITH RECYCLED PALLET

Tuesday 19 July, 1-3pm, ZEAL headquarters, Rimu Road (beside PAK'n SAVE).



This was a great workshop, it was fabulous to see so many people turn up and make some really neat little herb gardens using pallets. Participants were soon put to work using saws, hammers, nails and drills as they constructed their herb gardens. There was plenty of help available and the workshop was a hive of activity.

The pallet building crew show off one of their creations.

BUILD YOUR OWN RAT TRAP

Saturday 16 July, 1:30-3pm, Kāpiti College, and Sunday 24 July, 3-4:30pm



Joining the Battle to Save the Birds, participants were guided by Geoff Osgood and the Paekākāriki Rat Pack to make their own rat traps. This was a fun hands-on workshop with a really useful outcome. The rats and mice on the Coast are now shaking in their paws.

Geoff Osgood shows how to rid your property of pests by building your own rat trap.

COMPOSTING

Saturday 16 July, 11:30am-1pm, Ōtaki College garden and Saturday 23 July, 1:30-3pm, Māra kai (garden) at Kāpiti College marae.



The art of building a living compost heap was shared by two gardening experts. At the Ōtaki College gardens Bernadine Bloemgarten from Transition Towns Ōtaki showed that putting life into the soil is the key to growing healthy food. An impressive compost heap was built from fresh green waste weeded from the garden, manure and drier foliage.

Bernadine Bloemgarten from Transition Towns Ōtaki shows how to build a living compost heap.



The following weekend brave souls turned up in the rain for Daniel McClellan's composting workshop at the Māra kai, Kāpiti College marae. Dan shared his extensive knowledge and wisdom on how to get your compost cranking. He encouraged hands on participation and soon a beautiful heap was built.

Previous page: Daniel McClellan and team brave the rain to build a compost heap at Māra kai, Kāpiti College marae.

ECO CLEANER WORKSHOP

Saturday 16 July, 10-11:30am, Ōtaki College.



Aimee and Jane from Figgy & Co led an informative, hands on workshop making household cleaners from natural ingredients. Figgy & Co is a local business, who make all natural, non-toxic, budget friendly cleaning products and also supply the bulk ingredients and recipes to encourage people to make their own at home.



It was a busy session, where peppermint shower cleaner that smelt good enough to eat, as well as bench spray and laundry powder were made.

www.figgyandco.co.nz

Eco cleaning production in action.

EDIBLE GARDENING AND KIDS' GARDEN CRAFT

Monday 18 July, 1-3pm, 99 Tilley Road, Paekākāriki.

A full workshop of children and adults turned up to get busy in the garden with Tina Pope. The children stitched leaves to make jewellery, made seed bombs and miniature gardens with help from Olive, Ellie and Yasmin.



Meanwhile Tina showed the adults the hands-on workings of an urban edible garden. It's all about soil and looking after your plants. Rain earlier in the day meant pruning was cancelled, but there was still plenty to do and learn, including compost building and crop rotation.

Above: Budding garden crafters busily create miniature gardens at Tina Pope's Edible Garden workshop.



Below: While the kids are crafting Tina Pope shares her gardening knowledge with the adults.

HARAKEKE WEAVING

Sunday 24 July, 10-11:30am, Kāpiti College.



Kaia Hawkins began her Harakeke workshop starting with the tikānga of harvesting and working with harakeke, and a karakia. She taught the traditional technique for weaving a kete. Participants learnt that harakeke is a laxative, meaning eating and weaving don't mix (pro tip – wash your hands afterwards!). The group were enthusiastic weavers and everyone stayed on for extra time to get their kete finished – thanks Kaia!



Zap and Chad learn to weave a harakeke kete and show off their results.

HERBS FOR THE WINTER MONTH

Sunday 17 July, 11.30am-1pm, Ōtaki College and Sunday 24th July, 11.30am-1pm, Kāpiti College.



Participants were greeted with a delicious herbal tea to sip while Sandra Timmins from Stoney Ground Herbs (kapitiherbs.co.nz) shared her wisdom on how to propagate herbs and use them specifically for your health. Everyone made a herbal tincture to take home and learnt about other ways of preparing herbs. More tea was made and drunk, discussion continued and participants left with new knowledge on how to fend off winter ills.

KEEPING CHICKENS

Sunday 24 July, 10-11.30am, Ōtaki College and 1:30-3pm, Kāpiti College.



Darcy Philp showed his first bird in a poultry show in 1952 and has been heavily involved with chickens and poultry shows ever since including being president of the North Island Poultry Association for 15 years and president of the Wellington/Hutt Valley branch for 35 years.

Darcy and his wife, Cheryle shared their extensive knowledge, giving tips and guidance on breeding, housing, hygiene, and general poultry care. Participants got to meet some of Darcy's prize birds up close, and see chicken care first hand, right down to trimming beaks and toes.

To find out more call Darcy on 06 367 3256 or 021 138 5279 or email dphilp@vodafone.co.nz

Darcy Philp brings along some of his beloved chooks to show the finer details of chicken care.

KOMBUCHA

Saturday 23 July, 11:30am-1pm, Kāpiti College.



Kombucha, the 2000 year old beverage that the ancient Chinese called the 'Immortal Health Elixir' is having a huge revival. It is a refreshing digestive aid and tonic that has long been used to support recovery from cancer, arthritis, and other degenerative diseases. People flocked to Megan Salole's workshop to find out how to make this magical drink at home. Megan talked through the steps, starting with making a sugary tea which the 'SCOBY'*

feast on. Everyone left with a jar containing all the crucial ingredients to get their Kombucha started and recipes for future favoured infusions (including lemon meringue pie and pina colada). [**symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast.*]

Megan Salole shares her Kombucha secrets.

MAKING PAPER FROM NATIVE PLANTS

Saturday 16 July, 3-4:30pm, Ōtaki College, and Saturday 23 July, 3-4:30pm, Kāpiti College.



Those who attended Rob Kennedy's traditional paper making workshop were shown how to make paper from scratch and had a go making their own. They learnt about the special qualities of harakeke - an important New Zealand native plant. Its strong fibrous leaves are fantastic for weaving but problematic in waste streams. Following Rob's interest in avoiding waste he developed techniques for processing harakeke into pulp for papermaking, with beautiful results. The workshop was enjoyed by both adults and



children who eagerly awaited picking up their dried paper a week later.

Previous page: Rob Kennedy shows the art of papermaking and explains why he makes paper from hakakeke waste.

Left: The finer details of making paper process.

PARAKORE - ZERO WASTE WORKSHOP

Mon 18th July: 9am-2pm., He Iti Nā Mōtai Whare Kōhungahunga, 144 Tasman road, Ōtaki.



Parakore and Te Aho Tū Roa hosted a full-day Waste Workshop facilitated by Parakore Manager Jacqui Forbes.

Three local kura and kohanga groups in Ōtaki were in attendance with staff from 2 centres all present. Participants learnt about 'whakapapa of stuff' and were able to trace the beginnings of all things found in our recycling bins. The whakapapa of plastic was of particular interest to participants, discovering it's origins from oil which is derived from Papatūānuku. Once Atua connections were made, it became clearer the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling!

Since the workshop, both kohanga of Ōtaki are reflecting on Parakore principles which they learnt, and implementing it into their programme this term.

Workshop participants in action and showing off their efforts.

PIMP YOUR BREAD COOKING CLASS

Saturday 16 July, 11:30-1pm Kāpiti College.



Have you ever tried bread aioli or bread salad? Pimp Your Bread participants learnt how to turn bread ends, crusts, and stale slices into something delicious with Ricky Dennes of [Long Beach Tavern](#). Ricky showed how to make delicious bread aioli (so moreish!) and a crunchy breadcrumb topping for soups, salads and pasta, and everyone got hands-on making an Italian bread and tomato salad. Yum!

Above: Ricky Dennes, chef at the Long Beach Tavern shows how to make gourmet treats from leftover bread.

Below: Enjoying the results.



RECYCLED JEWELLERY MAKING

Sunday 17 July, 10-11:30am, Kāpiti College.

Artist JoAnna Mere invited participants to bring along trinkets, broken jewellery, metal bits and bobs and nature finds to create unique new jewellery creations. On the day JoAnna had lost her voice, but soldiered on with Jake repeating her whispers for all to hear. People were impressed with her in depth understanding of materials.



Some lovely pieces were created including a steampunk pendant and a Lego figure brooch.

Artist and environmental jeweller JoAnna Mere teaches participants how to make their own jewellery creations for broken and found treasures.

BECOME A HABITAT HERO

Sunday 17 July, 9:30am-12:30pm, Whareroa Farm.



Led by Jan Nisbet and Kāpiti Coast Biodiversity Project, families were invited to Whareroa Farm to meet weta, check some traps, plant some trees and enjoy a sausage sizzle. Jan's enthusiasm was infectious! The kids loved it and there was interesting stuff for the adults too.

Becoming a Habitat Hero at Whareroa Farm.

NGĀ URUORA NATURE TOUR

Wednesday 20 July, 1-3pm, Te Araroa trail.



Ngā Uruora members lead a guided walk on the Kohekohe loop track on Te Araroa trail. Those on the walk played their part in the tracks maintenance and development by each walking a waratah into the start of the track. It was a stunning day and a truly beautiful track with spectacular views. Along the way we discussed their planting, saw some weta hotels, rat traps and the irrigation system. A great walk for all ages.



Above: Ng Uruora members lead these fierce warriors into the Kohekohe forest.

Below: Stunning views on a stunning day out on the Kohekohe loop track.

PARIKAWAU RESTORATION GROUP TREE PLANTING

Thursday 21 July, 1:15-3pm, Edgewater Park, Waikanae.



It was a lovely sunny day at Edgewater Park, Waikanae. The Parikawau Restoration group volunteers, council staff and general public planted over 130 trees. A significant contribution towards the 1000 trees which are planned to be planted this winter. The kids had a ball discovering worms, pet rocks and playing by the river, plus they planted heaps of trees too.

Tree planting at Edgewater Park, Waikanae led by the Parikawau Restoration Group.

RE-WILD YOUR GROWN-UP

Friday 22 July, 1-3:30pm, Mackays Crossing, Queen Elizabeth Park.



On a cold rainy day a brave crew of kids rugged up their grown-ups and brought them along to Queen Elizabeth park to teach them how to be wild again. Under the guidance of Liana Stupples kids showed their grown-ups how to play in the outdoors and enjoy nature. Both kids and adults enjoyed reconnecting with their senses, moving quietly along bush paths and creating nests to have some time alone in nature. Liana was an enchanting leader of both kids and grown-ups. It was an

invigorating afternoon, with everyone leaving with smiles and wild sparkles in their eyes.



Previous page: Those that braved the weather and turned up to Re-Wild Your Grown Up were rewarded with a rainbow. The kids led their grown-ups into the bush to teach them how to be wild.

Left: Liana Stupples instructs the children on what's needed to Re-Wild their grown-ups.

WAITOHU DUNE PLANTING

Saturday 23 July, 10am-12:30pm, North end of Moana Street, Ōtaki Beach.



A group of multiple generations turned up and planted out in the dunes – the work was done quickly and then we retired to the plant nursery nearby for a cup of tea – very civilised!

Waitohu Dune Care group take a well-earned break after their planting session.

NO8 WIRE WEEK LAUNCH PARTY AND MOST NEIGHBOURLY CELEBRATION

Saturday 16 July, 4–7pm, Kāpiti Community Centre, Ngahina St Paraparaumu.

No8 Wire Week was kick started with an evening of activity and creativity at the Community Centre. It was a Matariki celebration of community and creativity with Neighbours Day Aotearoa representatives coming along to crown us “Town of The Year”, offering soup, fresh bread and cupcakes for all. Ashley Gross from NDA handed out spot prizes and presented Mayor Ross Church with a 'Most Neighbourly Town' teapot trophy. A huge turnout of past Over the Fence Cuppa and No8 Wire Week participants came along, most notable being the large number of residents from the Coastal Villages retirement home and ZEAL youth group members who made for a really special mix of generations. The community centre was buzzy with music, activity and winter treats, making No8 Wire Week feel well and truly launched!



Mayor Ross Church is presented with the “Town of the Year” teapot, by Ashlee Gross from Neighbours Day Aotearoa.



Councillor's Gavin Welsh and Diane Ammundsen planning a cuppa.

No8 Wire Week Special Events



Kaia Hawkins teaching harakeke weaving.



JoAnna Mere runs a popular jewellery making table.



Lantern making with Nina King.

JUST EAT IT FILM SCREENING

Thursday 21 July, 7pm, Kāpiti College.

A small but select group enjoyed a free screening of the entertaining and thought-provoking documentary 'Just Eat It', exploring issues of food waste from farm to fork. After the movie, Katharina Kennedy (Council's Waste Minimisation Officer) introduced the national Love Food Hate Waste campaign, which aims to curb household food waste in New Zealand. An engaged discussion followed, with plenty of ideas flowing on how the food waste problem could be tackled. The event was finished with a round of banana smoothies produced by members of the audience on our fabulous bicycle blender.



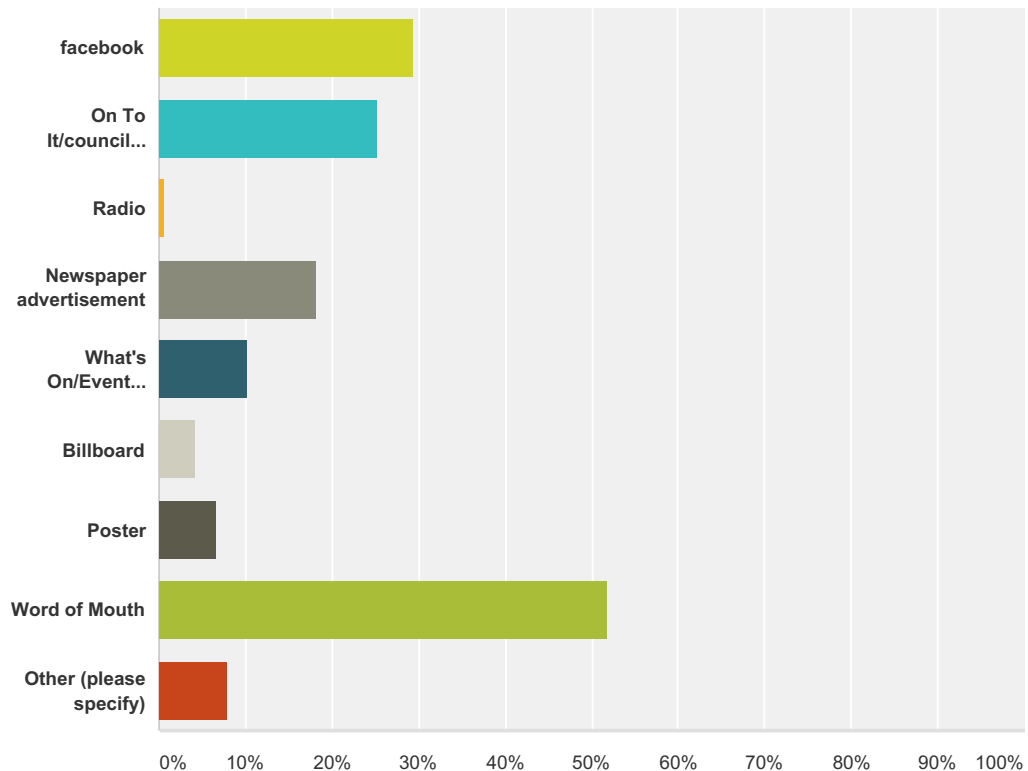
Kāpiti College's Eco Action take part in the Love Food Hate Waste campaign by hosting the "Just Eat It" film screening.



Using bike power to blend a smoothie.

Q3 How did you hear about No.8 Wire Week? (check all that apply)

Answered: 166 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
facebook	29.52% 49
On To It/council website	25.30% 42
Radio	0.60% 1
Newspaper advertisement	18.07% 30
What's On/Event listing	10.24% 17
Billboard	4.22% 7
Poster	6.63% 11
Word of Mouth	51.81% 86
Other (please specify)	7.83% 13
Total Respondents: 166	

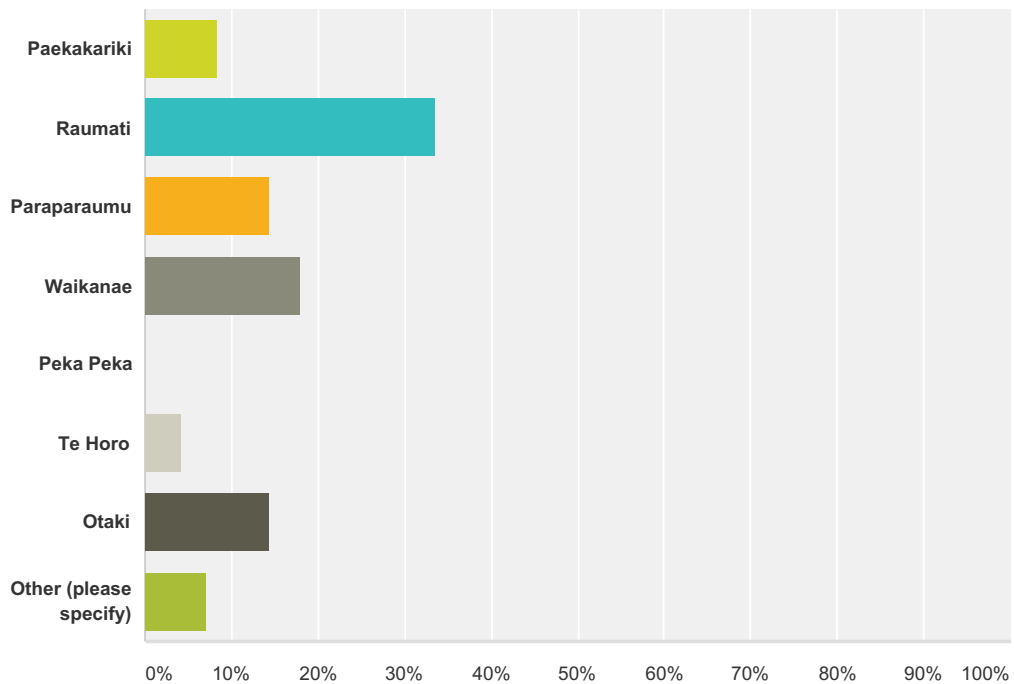
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Greener Neighbourhoods project - Gabes Gold Nuggets	8/4/2016 11:59 AM
2	Email from Council	8/4/2016 11:25 AM
3	Green Neighbourhood Mtg (Gabes Gold Nuggets)	8/4/2016 10:52 AM
4	work	8/3/2016 12:28 PM
5	as part of Sustainable Communities/Greener Neighbourhoods	8/3/2016 12:20 PM
6	Greener neighbourhood	8/3/2016 11:29 AM

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7	Greener Neighbourhood	8/3/2016 11:21 AM
8	Greener Neighbours - Gates Gold Nuggetss	8/3/2016 11:10 AM
9	Green Neighbours Comp	8/3/2016 10:53 AM
10	Green visit from Council	8/3/2016 10:40 AM
11	Greener Neighbourhood	8/3/2016 10:34 AM
12	My boss told me	8/2/2016 5:48 PM
13	Greener Neighbourhood	8/2/2016 5:42 PM

Q4 Where are you from?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Paekakariki	8.38%	14
Raumati	33.53%	56
Paraparaumu	14.37%	24
Waikanae	17.96%	30
Peka Peka	0.00%	0
Te Horo	4.19%	7
Otaki	14.37%	24
Other (please specify)	7.19%	12
Total		167

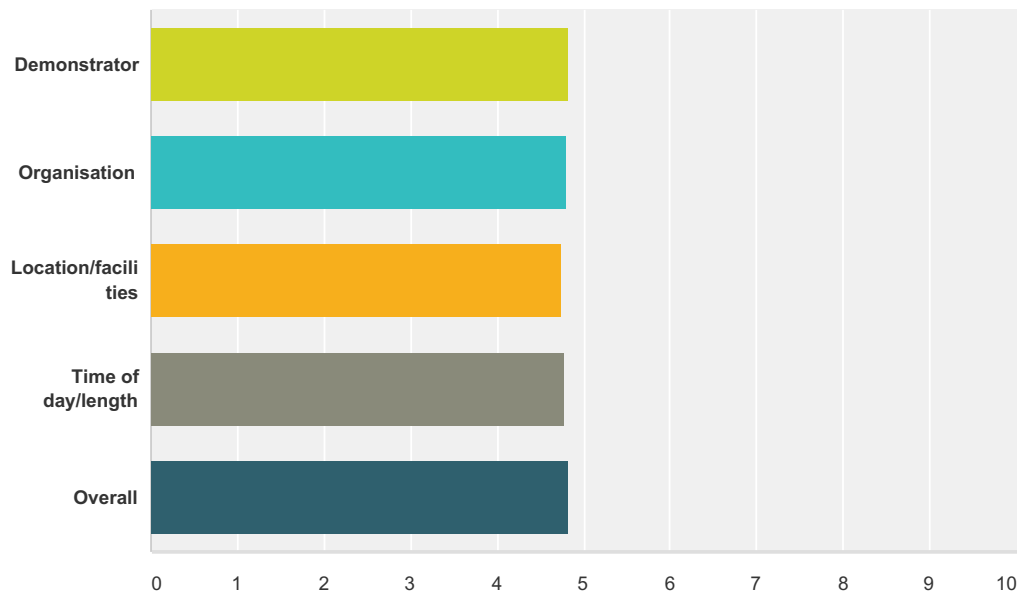
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Island Bau	8/4/2016 11:10 AM
2	Otaihanga	8/3/2016 12:28 PM
3	Raumati South	8/3/2016 11:57 AM
4	Green Neighbours	8/3/2016 11:09 AM
5	Reikorangi	8/3/2016 11:07 AM
6	Lower Hutt	8/3/2016 10:41 AM
7	Raumati South	8/3/2016 10:40 AM
8	Nikau Valley	8/2/2016 5:45 PM
9	Titahi Bay	8/2/2016 5:33 PM
10	Plimmerton	8/2/2016 5:32 PM

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11	Reikorangi	8/2/2016 5:31 PM
12	Whitby	8/2/2016 5:30 PM

Q5 How do you rate the session you just attended?

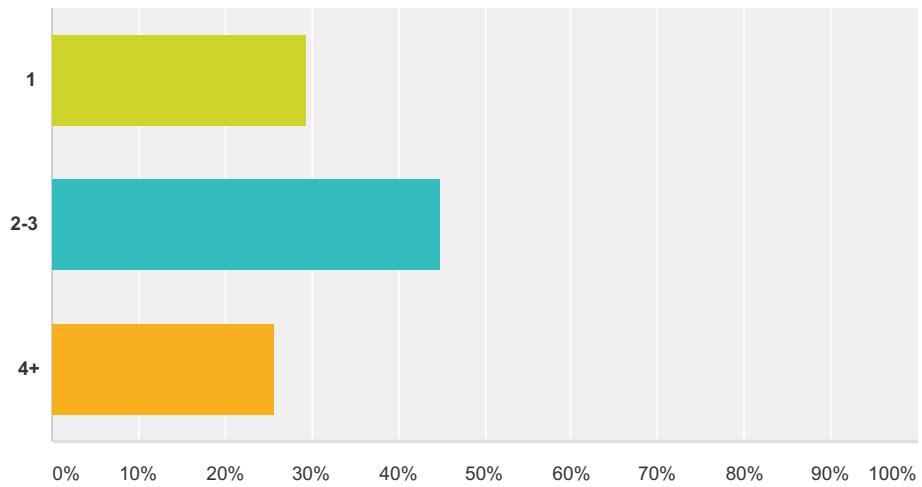
Answered: 168 Skipped: 1



	1 - poor	2	3	4	5 - excellent	Total	Weighted Average
Demonstrator	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.98% 5	11.31% 19	85.71% 144	168	4.83
Organisation	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.81% 3	15.06% 25	83.13% 138	166	4.81
Location/facilities	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6.59% 11	13.77% 23	79.64% 133	167	4.73
Time of day/length	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.03% 5	14.55% 24	82.42% 136	165	4.79
Overall	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1.20% 2	14.46% 24	84.34% 140	166	4.83

Q6 How many No.8 Wire Week events will you attend in total?

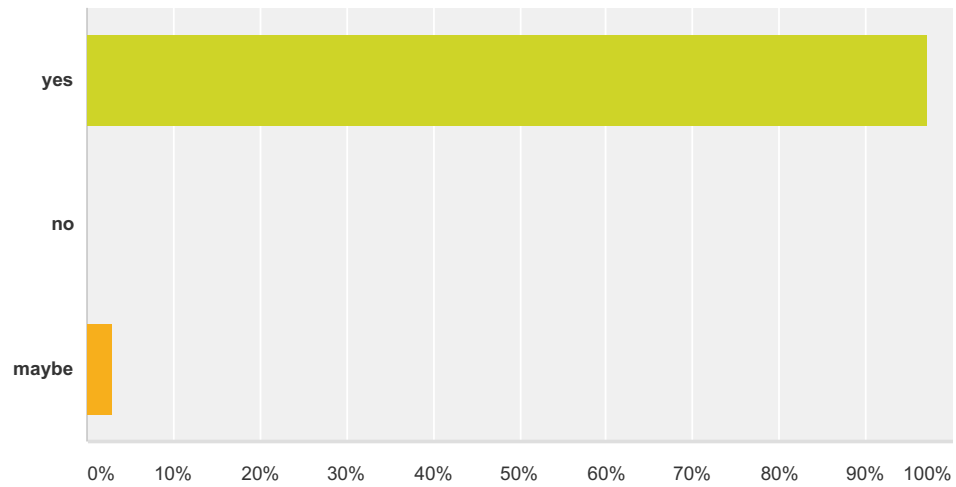
Answered: 167 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
1	29.34%	49
2-3	44.91%	75
4+	25.75%	43
Total		167

Q7 Would you like No.8 Wire Week to be an annual event?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
yes	97.02%	163
no	0.00%	0
maybe	2.98%	5
Total		168

Q8 Further comments or feedback,suggestions for future workshop topics

Answered: 106 Skipped: 63

#	Responses	Date
1	Well done, friendly people, open environment.	8/4/2016 12:06 PM
2	Great idea, good skills to lead the participants. Excellent stuff!.	8/4/2016 12:05 PM
3	Very good indeed - practical and well taught. Repeat, Repeat, Repeat	8/4/2016 12:03 PM
4	It was great thanks. Loved it!. If I didn't have school holidays I guess I would be disappointed this was during the week. Maybe a weekend choice for people working?.	8/4/2016 12:02 PM
5	Loved building with pallets!. More workshops, like building a garden bench etc.	8/4/2016 12:00 PM
6	Loved the workshop. Thanx Tina.	8/4/2016 11:57 AM
7	Excellent workshop	8/4/2016 11:56 AM
8	Very inspirational. Thank you.	8/4/2016 11:55 AM
9	Thank you Tina - so interesting.	8/4/2016 11:54 AM
10	Brilliant, really great u could take kids. Very knowledgeable gardener. Great garden. Look forward to the next one.	8/4/2016 11:53 AM
11	Great information delivered in an informal way. Very useful!.	8/4/2016 11:51 AM
12	Thank you so much, very informative.	8/4/2016 11:50 AM
13	Wonderful garden thanks. Great to have something for kids to do as well.	8/4/2016 11:49 AM
14	A follow-up with a prune theme/or another popular theme. Thanks for the seeds, coffee and all the friendly advice!.	8/4/2016 11:47 AM
15	Loved the information on propagation - really practical - clear instructions - & your enthusiasm really strong. Nice resources. I could teach some classes - herbal facials, foot baths for relaxation, wild weed cooking - some suggestions.	8/4/2016 11:25 AM
16	Nice tea.	8/4/2016 11:19 AM
17	Would like to make an ointment next time - more "workshopy" that way. Really enjoyed it, including the way participants interacted - the presenter created that interactive space.	8/4/2016 11:16 AM
18	Good to take something home, ie cuttings & tincture. Delicious tea too.	8/4/2016 11:14 AM
19	Overall given 3.5 Fun, interesting, nice tea.	8/4/2016 11:13 AM
20	Thanks for the informative, relaxed & fun workshop!	8/4/2016 11:11 AM
21	Very informative session. Lovely teas - thank you! Very friendly approachable teacher.	8/4/2016 11:10 AM
22	Suggest directional signage to workshop room in future.	8/4/2016 11:08 AM
23	Worm farming, Growing/Harvesting fruits, Rain collection/tanks, Growing herbs, Growing/Harvesting veggies.	8/4/2016 11:07 AM
24	Thank you so much, awesome workshop especially for this time of year.	8/4/2016 11:05 AM
25	We built a raised garden - took 1 1/2 hours - wow! Thanks!	8/4/2016 11:03 AM
26	Awesome Thanx Guys	8/4/2016 11:02 AM
27	Rauel! Pai to ropu iti, great working in a small group.	8/4/2016 11:00 AM
28	Thank you. We really enjoyed it very much Van Greunen's (Suggestions, wooden treasure chest)	8/4/2016 10:54 AM
29	maybe next year there could be a workshop to make a gumboot stand.	8/4/2016 10:51 AM
30	I enjoyed making Koru out of wire and making a feather out of milk bottles and taking my jewellery home with me.	8/4/2016 10:49 AM
31	Thanks so much Joanna, loved the course. Will try new techniques at home.	8/4/2016 10:47 AM
32	It is wonderful to learn new skills and learn and then leave wearing your own creative results. Given a 4 for location/facilities as no heating.	8/4/2016 10:46 AM
33	I would have done the recycle clothing workshop if it was closer.	8/4/2016 10:43 AM

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34	The fastest hour & 1/2 ever. Excellent session & lots of fun.	8/4/2016 10:42 AM
35	Cooments relate to the Overall (4) score. Lot of information to take on board! I'm hoping the Council hand out will answer questions as I try it on my own.	8/4/2016 10:32 AM
36	Thank you	8/4/2016 10:30 AM
37	Practical,excellent information & good presentation. Great to have it local. Thank you.	8/4/2016 10:29 AM
38	I think this is a great idea, however it needs to be more widely advertised. I only just heard about it a couple of days ago. If I had known earlier I would have organised to come to more events.	8/4/2016 10:28 AM
39	SHAG WS = No	8/4/2016 10:26 AM
40	This was an absolutely excellent workshop. Thanks!	8/4/2016 10:25 AM
41	Great informative, knowledgeable speakers. Excellent samples and great easy to understand receipes. Highly recommend to all A+++ 10.1000 Gold stars!	8/4/2016 10:23 AM
42	I loved the giveaways & honesty.	8/4/2016 10:22 AM
43	Excellent, informative & inspiring.	8/4/2016 10:20 AM
44	Brillant thanks	8/4/2016 10:19 AM
45	I really enjoyed this workshop and hope to use these recipes at home and work. I would have loved a longer session!! Great team.. thanks!	8/4/2016 10:17 AM
46	Great presentation. Emma & Jane were very knowledgeable & approachable & friendly.	8/4/2016 10:15 AM
47	Excellent workshop, can't wait for the next food demonstration. Keep this going!	8/3/2016 12:25 PM
48	Just let me know when the cooking ones are, I will be there!!	8/3/2016 12:24 PM
49	Amazing!!	8/3/2016 12:22 PM
50	A great demo for a really well informed team - thank you!	8/3/2016 12:17 PM
51	What a fantastic week of events. Great stuff.	8/3/2016 12:16 PM
52	It was good. Do it again	8/3/2016 12:15 PM
53	Really enjoyed and learnt alot, was helpful, would have been good if longer.	8/3/2016 12:13 PM
54	It was good	8/3/2016 12:12 PM
55	Very enjoyable. Learnt alot.	8/3/2016 12:10 PM
56	Great workshop!	8/3/2016 12:08 PM
57	Was a bit wet, but still fun!! Would be nice to have multiple workshops, when some fill up. Love to see more nature walks.	8/3/2016 12:04 PM
58	Great fun and good for the soul	8/3/2016 12:02 PM
59	Thanks Liana for your enthusiasm.	8/3/2016 11:57 AM
60	Presenter was incredible.	8/3/2016 11:41 AM
61	Excellent presenter fun & informative	8/3/2016 11:38 AM
62	Very good presenter	8/3/2016 11:37 AM
63	Sauerkraut	8/3/2016 11:36 AM
64	Go the scoby army! Sourdough	8/3/2016 11:35 AM
65	Great session, thanX!. Would love to have a workshop on how to make vegetable oil (olive, avocad, etc) from veggies.	8/3/2016 11:33 AM
66	Great	8/3/2016 11:31 AM
67	Thank you!!!	8/3/2016 11:30 AM
68	Fantastic Great use of humour Informative Engaging & simple	8/3/2016 11:29 AM
69	She was great. Very good. Thank you!	8/3/2016 11:27 AM
70	Fantastic	8/3/2016 11:26 AM
71	Very wet & cold so no feedback forms filled out - but fantastic verbal feedback about Dan's demonstration.	8/3/2016 11:25 AM
72	Thank you. We Really enjoyed.	8/3/2016 11:24 AM

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73	Wanted to do weaving at 10am and t-shirt upcycling at 11.30, but wasn't enough time in between to make it to both. Weaving was so much fun!! thanx!!	8/3/2016 11:22 AM
74	Pai ki te mutunga ke mai o te pai. He taonga ki au!	8/3/2016 11:21 AM
75	Great intro to weaving - thanks.	8/3/2016 11:19 AM
76	Thanks so much Kaia. I am so chuffed to have made my first harakeke taonga!.	8/3/2016 11:18 AM
77	Awesome class, could be slightly longer. Would love to do more! Thank you.	8/3/2016 11:17 AM
78	Thanks you - Sandra.	8/3/2016 11:13 AM
79	Thank you	8/3/2016 11:13 AM
80	Closer toilets and toilets specific to venue. Heating (bike shop was cold). Really liked the notes provided for the herb workshop.	8/3/2016 11:12 AM
81	Fantastic! Made information and ideas very accessible. Nice to have something to take away to continue with. More like this please. Thank you.	8/3/2016 11:07 AM
82	Love this one! thanks	8/3/2016 11:04 AM
83	Really great. Sandra was really knowledgable & we took away goodies.	8/3/2016 11:03 AM
84	Look forward to seeing the rain water barrels next time.	8/3/2016 10:58 AM
85	Great events I would love it to run again so I can do the workshops I miss.	8/3/2016 10:56 AM
86	Great introduction to poultry keeping-positive, practical. Possible workshop - advice on keeping sheep? Breeds etc	8/3/2016 10:51 AM
87	Amazing couple. They have so much knowledge - listening to them was a great opportunity.	8/3/2016 10:48 AM
88	D & C Philip conveyed such passion for chickens everyone who hears them will want them. They were very knowledgable and unperturbed by any question. I particularly liked the low-cost tips they shared. I'm sure our chickens will get off to a healthy start!. Especially appreciated natural way of raising birds.	8/3/2016 10:46 AM
89	Excellent - comprehensive	8/3/2016 10:40 AM
90	Thank you Darcy & Cheryl.	8/3/2016 10:38 AM
91	Lots of useful tips, but didn't feel the basics were covered. A few places to go away & research more information would be useful.	8/3/2016 10:36 AM
92	This was enjoyable. A more orgained tutorial may have worked better, but the workshop still went well. Really pleased with the end product.	8/3/2016 10:34 AM
93	It would be great to have them like this year in the school holidays but perhaps a few more during the week. Disappointed I could not do paper one.	8/3/2016 10:32 AM
94	Nice Workshop! Love when we build something useful that we can take with!! Thankx!!	8/3/2016 10:27 AM
95	Loved it thanks :)	8/2/2016 6:02 PM
96	Great, thanks for putting it together!	8/2/2016 6:00 PM
97	No signage to know where to go at Otaki College.	8/2/2016 5:59 PM
98	Lots of good information, very knowledgable presenters. Thank you.	8/2/2016 5:57 PM
99	Excellent session, picked up lots of handy hints. Thank you!	8/2/2016 5:56 PM
100	Loved this session :)	8/2/2016 5:54 PM
101	I like the way you guys teach us everything about our bikes, most of the things that you said was new and now I understand most of the things on the bike.	8/2/2016 5:51 PM
102	The workshop has been clear, practical & visual. There are still a number of things worth learning in bike maintenance. Thank you.	8/2/2016 5:48 PM
103	A follow-up session would be great!	8/2/2016 5:43 PM
104	Health & Safety - toilets :)	8/2/2016 5:42 PM
105	These workshops are a great opportunity to get your feet wet in various ideas. Thank you.	8/2/2016 5:40 PM
106	Seed saving.	8/2/2016 5:30 PM