



First Farm Plants In the Ground

It's awesome to see the nursery full of thriving plants and be out on farms getting them in the ground. Sina and Roos have been busy planting since the start of October, with a couple of days help this past week from Westport's Enhanced Taskforce Green crew. A big thanks to those guys for this last little push, it's definitely drying up as we head into summer. The nursery is ready to be centre of attention again as we have next season's seedlings popping up and nearly ready to go into root trainers. Spring has been full on - well done to the nursery team!

Right, a newly planted stream and below, truck and trailer ready for farm planting



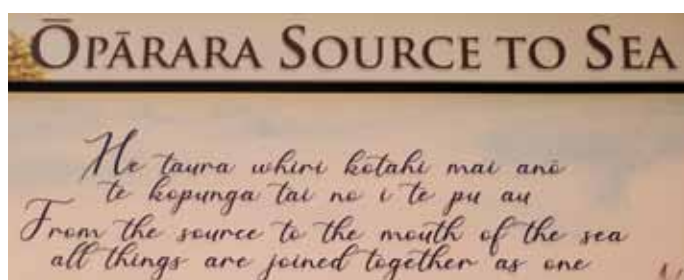
Green Light for Oparara Reserve Planting Project



Behind the scenes, we've just received notice that we were successful in both a Trees that Count application and a Lotteries grant for 5000 plants around the estuary at the Oparara Reserve. This is fantastic news, as it means we can go ahead with the first phase of replacing the current gorse forest with native plants, reducing the need for spray and instead creating lush habitat for birds and lizards.

These grants are providing trees that the kids from Karamea Area School and the Kawatiri Homeschool Group will help plant, as part of the Oparara Source to Sea Project. The long-term aim is the formation of a rejuvenated and protected corridor from the Oparara Basin to the sea, creating one of the country's first Source to Sea Sanctuaries. The students will be driving the project, giving them an excellent opportunity for education outside the classroom, and recognising their role as stewards of the land that they will inherit.

We'd love to have the community join in on this project, feel free to get in touch to find out about the plan and how you can be a part of it.



Sunset Heights Stream Planted



Craig Stenhouse seeing his dream to fruition, planting eco-sourced plants along Clean Stream.

Our inaugural stream planting was at Sunset Heights at the end of September. We've dubbed it "Clean Stream" as it flows through the nursery before heading off to the Karamea estuary, I'd love to see the whole length of it planted eventually. Thanks to Eco Investments for the chance to create this showcase, and the keen planters who came and helped make it happen!