



A Message From The Chairman Of The TFS Trust

Well the first half of the year has truly flown by. At TFS it has been a busy few months that have heralded the introduction of the new website and the launch of the Billion Tree Campaign in New Zealand. Another important event has been the annual TFS luncheon. This is the opportunity for the Trees for Survival Trust to say thank-you to all the different members of the community who work on the TFS programme.

It was wonderful to see such a big turnout with representatives present from Auckland Regional Council, 3 of our 4 seedling suppliers, PGU designers and producers Multistrut, potting mix supplier Yates, supporting organisations (Watercare, NZ Steel, Northern Gateway Alliance, and Mercury Energy), Planting day co-ordinators, Field Officers, Resource writers and TFS Trustees and Management Committee members.

The partnership aspect of TFS is vital to our success and future growth – the input from schools, regional councils, landowners, nurseries, Rotary, community groups, and business organisations are what makes this programme unique but also what makes it work. Without you, our supporter, we couldn't reach the number of children that we do. Whether your contribution is large or small, in money or in time, it really makes a difference and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you play in Trees for Survival.

Regards

Don Bowater - Chairman of the TFS Trust



Annette Richards, Cornwall Park Nurseries with Sue Crawshaw Auckland Regional Council (centre) and Geof Roberts Chairman of the TFS Management Committee



Noel Holyoake, TFS Trustee with Rowan Robinson Mercury Energy and Don Bowater Chairman of the TFS Trust (right)

Regency Duty Free 'Sponsor's Loyalty Card'

Long term TFS partners Regency Duty Free are introducing a new Trees for Survival 'Sponsor's Loyalty Card'. The card offers great discounts of up to 15% off duty free purchases with a contribution from each purchase you make going directly back to the Trees for Survival Trust.

"As a Charitable Trust operated largely by volunteers, finding the funds to administer and grow the programme is an ongoing challenge" says Lynda Wyllie (TFS National Coordinator). "The Regency Duty Free 'Sponsor's Loyalty Card' is a great form of fund raising for us and we really appreciate the ongoing contribution to the TFS programme by Regency".



The Regency cards will be sent to all Rotarians as an insert in the 'Rotary Downunder' June edition. Cards are also available from TFS by emailing info@tfsnz.org.nz with your contact details – but hurry there are limited numbers.

So remember -there are no forms to complete - simply present your 'Sponsor's Loyalty Card' in-store or quote your card number online (www.regency.co.nz) or on the Regency hotline number 0800 502 700 to receive your discount and help to support Trees for Survival to involve more children and communities in the TFS programme.

Noel Holyoake – Initiator And Trustee Of Trees For Survival



While District Governor for the 9920 Rotary District Noel Holyoake first saw the Trees for Survival concept in Australia in 1989. The programme was adapted by his home club Pakuranga Rotary and three trial units opened in Auckland in 1991.

From there TFS grew throughout other Rotary Clubs and regions. Noel says “It has been fantastic being a part of the growth of Trees for Survival. The level of commitment and enthusiasm of the hundreds of teachers and volunteers involved is the key to the success of this programme, and I am looking forward to what the next 16 years holds for TFS”.

Noel Holyoake has continued his involvement with the Trees for Survival programme, as a member of the Board of Trustees and through the introduction of the nationwide Holyoake Award in 2005.

Trees For Survival In Hawkes Bay

Here in Hawkes Bay we have four Trees for Survival units involved with growing natives for restoration planting on ‘at risk land’. As part of my job with a local Charitable Trust, “Trees 4 Hawkes Bay”, I work with these TFS schools as a school coordinator funded by Hawkes Bay Regional Council.



Working on the Plant Growing Unit at Hastings Central School

The schools Hastings Intermediate School, Hastings Central School, Havelock North Intermediate School and Te Pohue School all work on different restoration projects initiated by the students, teachers and active community groups such as Forest and Bird HB.

Havelock North Intermediate School’s project is replanting a riparian strip on the Maratotora stream. The school’s ‘green team’ pupils grow eco sourced seeds from the Maratototara plateau. We are waiting for the autumn rains for planting day. In the future we hope to disperse seed balls as part of the Maratotora project. This method has been used in other countries as an effective tool for re-vegetation of degraded landscapes, particularly in semi-arid areas. Seed balls don’t get planted, they are simply scattered about the site you wish to re-vegetate with care taken to disperse only native seeds which are eco sourced from the area (recipe for seed balls on TFS website).

Hastings Central School’s project is working with local council and community groups to plant up a fresh water wetland close to Hastings called Pekapeka wetland. Pekapeka wetland is being restored to help protect and enhance the wetland, stabilise water levels, restore natural values and to encourage more public use. As part of their study Hastings Central School also looked at a saltwater wetland and compared the differences in plants and animals found in each. While we were at the salt wetland we collected seed from the saltmarch ribbonwood, these are ready to plant this autumn along with the plants for Pekapeka wetland.

Like Havelock North Intermediate School, Hastings Intermediate’s project is also growing and planting along the Maratotora stream. Hastings Intermediate is also building a new shade house to cope with all the plants they are propagating, real commitment!

Te Pohue School’s project is helping to replant in a nearby Q E 2 covenant with eco sourced seeds. The students have had some great ‘walk abuoets’ collecting seeds for the covenant and their eye for observation is really increasing, with another planting day planned there this season.

Hawkes Bay schools are really becoming involved in making a difference to ‘at risk land’. With their Trees for Survival units and the funding from Hawkes Bay Regional Council, enabling hands-on support for teachers, there are lots of learning opportunities and each school is achieving their goals.



Seed balls ready to dry



Students sorting eco sourced Ake ake seeds at Hastings Intermediate

Article by Donna Miller
School Coordinator – Hawkes Bay

Can One Million Trees Be Planted In New Zealand This Year?

Yes, of course they can! And we at Trees for Survival, with the help of New Zealanders, are confident that we will reach our target - and then some.

The story so far.

Having received endorsement from the United Nations Environment Programme and the NZ Minister for the Environment to coordinate New Zealand's contribution to the world-wide Billion Tree Campaign, Trees for Survival approached Regional, District and City Councils throughout the country seeking their support.

"The response has been remarkable" says David English, Campaign Coordinator, "and it is an indication that nation-wide our Councils are responding to the need to revegetate New Zealand."



Room 6 Tree-mendous!

Councillor Chris Turver, Chairman of Greater Wellington's Environment Committee says Greater Wellington plants a significant number of plants and trees every year. "We've estimated our tree planting in 2007 will be up around the 204,000 mark. And this figure doesn't include an allowance for trees that are thinned, harvested or naturally lost through competition with pests and weeds or storms and droughts."

Beryl Wilkes, the Reserves Manager for the Tasman District Council plans 15,000 plantings on 42 sites, 22 of which will be planted by community groups. In Hamilton, Gerard Kelly, the Community Planting Coordinator is assisting St Pius X School in their project to plant the banks of the Mangakotukutuku Stream at Sandford Park. To date the students of Room 6 have planted 160 trees and have pledged to support the campaign.

Recently, in addition to the Northern Gateway Alliance (see separate story), a number of organisations have pledged to support our 'Million Tree Campaign'. Steve Bush from 'Trees for Canterbury' and Barbara Grant of the 'Wakefield Bush Restoration Society' have pledged their 2007 plantings. Support is also coming in from DOC offices like the Maniapoto Area Office in Te Kuiti who have pledged their plantings at Brook Park and at the Mangaoweka Scenic Reserve.

Whats next?

To ensure that school children throughout the country, like St Pius X School, have the opportunity to contribute to our 'Million Tree Campaign', Trees for Survival has contacted all schools to encourage them to plant trees in the coming year. It has been suggested that schools focus their plantings particularly on Arbor Day and during Conservation Week. Interested schools have been asked to submit their planting plans and Rotary and Lions Clubs will support them to achieve their planting goals. More information for schools can be obtained by emailing btcnz@tfsnz.org.nz and pledges can be made on www.tfsnz.org.nz.

At the time of writing over 100 schools have indicated they wish to participate. Trees for Survival will be sending pamphlets about the campaign and stickers to acknowledge the pupils who are taking part.

Trees for Survival also acknowledges the support of the commercial sector and organisations like Landscapedesign.co.nz have launched the Million Tree Campaign on their website and have encouraged their members to donate trees to enable community groups and schools to complete their planting projects.

What you can do

Anyone can plant and care for a tree. The Million Tree Campaign is open to all individuals, children and youth groups, schools, farmers, private sector organisations and local authorities, to plant a single tree or many thousands.

You can go to the Trees for Survival website to follow the pledges and plantings as they grow towards the magic million.

Pledge to plant your trees today on www.tfsnz.org.nz/billiontrees.cfm



Bill Boyd President of Rotary International helping Bucklands Beach Intermediate students prepare for Arbor Day

Planning Ahead June, July, August

- Finalise planting dates and details with your School, Regional Council and Supporting Organisation.
- Open the curtains of your growing unit so seedlings can harden off before planting and keep plants weeded, so you don't take weeds to your planting site.
- If your plants are still a little small or looking a bit yellow give them a watering of liquid fertiliser.
- Plan for planting trees with your school for the Million Tree Campaign and pledge your plantings on www.tfsnz.org.nz/billiontrees.cfm.
- Contact btcnz@tfsnz.org.nz to order Million Tree Campaign brochures and planting stickers.
- Prepare for the arrival of the new seedlings – check stocks of root trainers, and potting mix.
- Advise your supporting organisation and school community that seedlings are due and extra hands are welcome for pricking out. (Wellington deliveries- May, Auckland deliveries - May, July and August)
- While your unit is empty do any repairs and maintenance to the unit or irrigation system and water blast the area to clean up accumulated moss and mould.
- Print out the Holyoake Award entry and eligibility form from www.tfsnz.org.nz and start thinking about your winning entry.

TFS Database

At TFS we are working hard to keep our database up to the minute. If your contact details are incorrect or need to be changed, please let us know.

We are keen to communicate with all like-minded organisations and individuals throughout New Zealand. If there is someone you think should be on our database or if you would like to be added to our database please let us know. Contact info@tfsnz.org.nz

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Holyoake Award – Early Warning

The Holyoake Award is a national competition sponsored by Noel Holyoake and Holyoake Industries Ltd.

It is an annual award and is open to all schools that have been involved in the TFS programme for two years or more, with prize money of \$1000 shared between the winning schools.

The Holyoake Award is your school's opportunity to tell us what makes your TFS unit special, we want to know what you grow, how you do it, where you plant, what partners are involved and how you integrate the TFS programme into your school and community.

The competition will close earlier this year on September 14th with the winners announced October 12th.



Eligibility details and entry forms are available on the website www.tfsnz.org.nz or if you would prefer a copy mailed to you contact info@tfsnz.org.nz.

Thankyou NGA

Trees for Survival recently received a surprise windfall from partners Northern Gateway Alliance (NGA). NGA is project managing, designing and constructing the SH1: Northern Motorway extension (ALPURT B2) and collected over \$2000 of donations for TFS at a recent public open day.

NGA's partnership with TFS began in 2006 with them sponsoring plant growing units at Orewa College and Kaipara Flats School. Their involvement with TFS has however extended beyond the local community level and they are now valuable contributors to the national TFS programme, with funding assistance for the development of a TFS Secondary School Resource and through their support for the worldwide Billion Tree Campaign, where they have recently pledged 250,000 of their trees planted along the motorway route.



Andrew McRae, Project Director Northern Gateway Alliance, presenting a cheque to Trees for Survival National Coordinator Lynda Wyllie with children present from TFS schools Orewa College and Kaipara Flats.

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