
Opportunities to enhance freshwater and learn with others, photos from Glen Eden Waikumete paddle

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Kia ora Omaha Beach Community Inc

There is a lot going on for environmental volunteers at the moment and there are some excellent opportunities that you won't want to miss.

FOAM have been busy from the very start of the year, in particular, completing funding applications for improvement of waterways in the catchment. Thank you to the landowners who came forward with excellent projects for wetland and riparian planting. Now, we await the funding outcomes.

Take a moment to find out more about:

- [Video and photos from Waikumete Glen Eden River paddle](#)
- [FOAM planting day Sunday 8 June](#)
- [Connect & Inspire Sunday 30 March at Matakana - **This weekend**](#)
- [Gibbs Farm fundraiser for Restore Rodney East Thursday 10 April](#)
- [FOAM needs a coordinator for the water testing team](#)
- [Planting days around the rohe](#)

This year we are holding a few smaller events with neighbours in sections of the catchment where FOAM is highly active. If you receive an invite, please come along to find out more about what we are doing in your just down the road from your place.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jackie Russell

Project coordinator

Paddle along Waikumete Glen Eden River

A blue-sky day at the start of autumn was perfect for Friends of Awa Matakana (FOAM) to take a paddle along the Waikumete Glen Eden River. Tēnā koe to Ngāti Manuhiri for sharing the name **Waikumete** with us.

FOAM's chairperson, John Collins, welcomed everyone and centred the event with a karakia. After the health and safety briefing, about 30 people, with some travelling from as far afield as Mount Wellington, Auckland, left Sandspit on an incoming tide with a light breeze.

[See photos and read more>>>](#)

Many thanks to the paddlers, FOAM volunteers who made it happen, the Isaac family for letting us picnic in their backyard and [Restore Rodney East](#) for the gear we needed to give everyone a cuppa, plus the drone video footage.



Planting day Sunday 8 June – Rākaunui: A strong and productive day

The fences are in, the stock have moved out and now retired farmland can be reinstated as a native wetland.

Friends of Awa Matakanakana (FOAM) has collaborated with a farmer to transform an overland flow path into a wetland. The site is a tributary to Waikumete Glen Eden River and will enhance fresh water quality downstream and into Kawau Bay. Also, it will recreate an important wetland ecosystem.



FOAM needs you to help us get nearly 3500 plants into the earth. The date, 8 June, was selected because it is Rākaunui: A strong and productive day.

Give us a hand to enhance water quality in our catchment.

[Register now](#)

Don't miss this excellent opportunity

See you at Matakana School this Sunday. Only a few spaces left.



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Fun day out at Gibbs Farm with Restore Rodney East

Restore Rodney East (RRE) has the lowest-priced tickets for Gibbs Farm on Thursday 10 April – and early bird rates are nearly gone! 📅

Join us for an unforgettable day at one of Aotearoa's most stunning sculpture parks! 🌿🦜 Wander among breathtaking artworks and soak in the panoramic Kaipara Harbour views.

♥ Every ticket supports vital environmental initiatives, including our community shared tools library, events, and operational costs.

RRE provides numerous resources used by Friends of Awa Matakana at events where we do the mahi and enjoy the rivers in our catchment.

🚀 **Book now before prices go up!** Spread the word with your friends, community groups, volunteers, and networks—we'd love to see you there! 🙌🌟

🔗 [Buy your tickets now](#)

A promotional poster for the Gibbs Farm Fundraiser. The poster is divided into three vertical sections. The left section shows a stack of large, dark logs with a small bird perched on top. The middle section is a dark teal background with white text: 'GIBBS FARM FUNDRAISER', 'Thursday 10th April 2025', '10am - 2pm', and a paragraph: 'Join us at Gibbs Farm an expansive, open-air sculpture park located in the beautiful Kaipara Harbour, North of Auckland. Wander at your own pace across manicured fields to view the giant sculptures.' The right section shows a large, reddish-brown, horn-shaped sculpture on a green hill. The top left corner of the poster features the 'Restore Rodney East' logo and the text 'SUPPORTING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS'. The bottom left corner has an email icon and the address 'facilitator@rre.org.nz'.

 Restore Rodney East
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Keeping track of water quality

Every three months a team of talented and dedicated volunteers visit places throughout the catchment to monitor several key indicators of the health of the water.

Our outstanding coordinator, Lyn, is returning to the UK in June and FOAM needs someone to follow in her footsteps.

You would need to be a team player, remind volunteers to conduct testing at the appropriate times, and notify landowners, when applicable. Lyn is available to handover and train the new coordinator.

For more information, please contact Jackie.

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More planting opportunities

How about making planting your winter sport? There are several planting days that are making a difference in the region.

- Takatu LandCare planting day, 9.30am Saturday 24 May. Go [Takatu Facebook page](#) events for more information.
- [Tāwharanui Open Sanctuary Society](#) planting day, 9am Sunday 1 June.



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