

**100 volunteers needed for 3500 plants**

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Planting day Sunday 8 June

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**Kia ora Omaha Beach Community Inc**

You may have joined a paddle up the awa, volunteered at previous events, attended a workshop or simply shown your support for FOAM's work. We need you to give us a hand at our 2025 planting, and we promise you'll go home with a healthy dose of the feel good factor. There are numerous tasks, not just planting, so please read on for more information.

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FOAM now has access to a valuable storage shed at [Evolution Sails](#) in Matakana Road. A big thank you to Rodney and Nicky who have provided this central space, which makes life significantly easier for our water quality testing volunteers. Power installation was kindly funded by [Warkworth Community Shop](#) and this has enabled an accessible location for Restore Rodney East's new incubator funded by [Herd Partners](#). It will be used by groups throughout the rohe to test for E. coli and enterococci from freshwater and saline catchments, respectively. Numerous collaborations have created a beneficial outcome.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jackie Russell

Project coordinator

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## Make a difference to freshwater quality



Friends of Awa Matakana have collaborated with Tim Jack to transform an overland flow path into a wetland. The reasonably flat site is a tributary to Waikumete Glen Eden River and will enhance fresh water quality downstream to Sandspit and Kawau Bay. Also, it will recreate an important wetland ecosystem.

The planting area is superb - no tough hills to climb and easily accessed. As well as planters, we need people to:

- Marshal the car parking
- Sign in volunteers
- Deliver fruit and water to planters
- Clean spades after the mahi

## Registering helps everyone

Please [click here to register](#) if you can help, and if you would prefer to do something other than planting please email [foamfacilitator@gmail.com](mailto:foamfacilitator@gmail.com).



Registering speeds up the sign in process for you. It enables us to keep you informed of any last minute details. It enables you to cancel if something changes for you.

Most importantly, it helps us get the correct quantity of tucker to refuel you after your hard mahi.

## Important details for the day

### When

9am-1pm, Sunday 8 June, 2025

### Where

[26 Rosemount Road, Matakana](#)

### Clothing

Please wear sturdy CLEAN closed-in shoes, boots or gumboots, hat and appropriate clothing for the weather. **We will be planting no matter what the weather does.**

### Planting equipment

Bring along CLEAN garden gloves and spades. Some will be available.

### Sustenance

We will have some supplies but please bring water and snacks.

There will be a sausage sizzle when the mahi is completed, with vegan options available.

### Family friendly

Children are welcome and volunteers do not need to stay for the entire event.

*"Wetlands act like the kidneys of the earth, cleaning the water that flows into them. They trap sediment and soils, filter out nutrients and remove contaminants; can reduce flooding and protect coastal land from storm surge; are important for maintaining water tables; they also return nitrogen to the atmosphere."*  
Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai, [Wetlands](#)

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## Productive socialising at Rainbow Valley Farm

It isn't often that volunteers can return to private property to see how plantings are faring many years after they first went into the ground. So, when the guardians of Rainbow Valley Farm invited FOAM back to the riverside to do some mahi and enjoy a tour of the property – a handful of people signed up for the event.

FOAM chairperson, John Collins, was impressed by the growth of the native trees FOAM volunteers had planted about five years ago. [READ MORE...](#)



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## Discovering the awa with Wildly Curious tamariki

In a new initiative, Friends of Awa Matakanakana (FOAM) is having fun with tamariki at [Wildly Curious](#) learning centre.

Children aged four to 12 are encouraged to learn in nature, explore their surroundings and discover the world through hands-on experiences.



Throughout the first few weeks, FOAM has had fun with the tamariki, investigating subjects such as the history of local waterways, finding landmarks within the catchment, exploring how rivers work and what is in freshwater near their outdoor classroom. [READ MORE...](#)

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## Catchment management plan

FOAM are currently are preparing for the development of a community-led catchment management plan, in collaboration with Ngāti Manuhiri and Auckland Council.

We are in the earliest stages of considering how the process could work and who will manage it. Whangateau has started the process and we are observing and learning from them.

Watch this space.

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## More local planting days

Planting is the new winter sport. Here are some other events in the area where you can contribute to our local environment.



[More information and registration](#)



[Tāwharanui Open Sanctuary Society](#) (TOSSI) has three dates lined up this winter, June 1, July 6 and August 3. The days start at 9am.

Follow the signs for parking and the planting site

They plant whatever the weather so be prepared.

Wear sturdy footwear and have appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

All equipment is provided and please follow all health and safety guidelines.

**Thanks for support and funding from:**



**Friends of Awa Matakanakana**

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