



Stories from the Streamside Millbrook Edible Garden Video



Vegetables Anyone?

In 2008, Project Twin Streams Oratia established a community edible garden known as the Millbrook Edible Garden (MEG), due to its location. The garden was one of the project's success stories of 2008. It continues to go from strength to strength.

Sharing Community

In early 2009, Green Jon, the Project Twin Streams Community Coordinator for Oratia stream, contacted AUT School of Communications to see if any film and TV students were interested in making a video about the garden and the communities' involvement.

Three students jumped at the chance. Rachel, Holly and Erika came to the garden on 17 April to film, not only various groups and community people hard at work, but also a bicycle powered water pump developed by Green Jon.

One of the featured groups was a local Catholic group, Catholic Missionary Group, who have been involved in the garden since it opened. They regularly tend their plot and have a true community approach to the garden; sharing all their produce with the local community.

"All we have taken home so far has been a few lettuces, everything else we leave for the community to take." said Paul Klasen, who is in charge of the group's plot.

"We love working with Green Jon at the MEG. Our plot totally fits the community approach of the garden - everything we grow is for community consumption."

"It's a great feeling knowing what we are growing is going back into the community"

Rachel, Holly and Erika spent a number of hours filming at the garden before post-producing the film back at AUT.

The video was completed in June 2009 and was first shown at the release party for "No time to Waste", a rap song written about caring for the Oratia stream.

Future plans for the video included uploading it to YouTube to promote and encourage other communities interested in developing community gardens.

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