



Stories from the Streamside Toddlers' Day Out



Toddlers' Paradise

2009 was the second year Project Twin Streams was involved with Toddlers' Day Out.

The fun family event included live performances, face painting, drumming, puppets, fairies, stilt walkers, dancers, animals and free rides. It is one of the biggest events in Waitakere, attracting over 12,000 visitors.

Planting Seeds for the Future

Project Twin Streams Ranui Massey and Henderson Creek community coordinators, Clair Hobi and Wendy Claire, arranged an interactive display for the event, about encouraging sustainability at home.

As well as learning about the project and some easy things their families can do to be more sustainable, the visiting children got a hands-on vegetable growing lesson through potting a pak choy or silver beet seedling into a recycled biodegradable pot.

"It was fantastic to see so many people at the event and so enthused about growing their own vegetables," Clair said.

After decorating their own plant marker with Project Twin Streams art assistant Kristen Kell, the novice gardeners were able to take their plants home to watch them grow in their own gardens.

Local community groups throughout Waitakere, such as Vision Waitakere and Agape Trust, helped Clair and Wendy fold over 500 biodegradable origami pots for the display and Terranova, an international seed company, supported the event by donating the seeds.

"It's important we teach the next generation about taking care of the environment so they can continue the work we have started."

- Clair Hobi
PTS Ranui-Massey Coordinator

