

Wairarapa Organics Good Life Harvest Trail 2007

Once again this Easter Monday event was a great success and from the evaluations received was enjoyed by all. We could not have had better weather – brilliant sunshine with no wind – a super Wairarapa Day! Eighty-five participants toured the properties featured and picnicked at the West Taratahi Community Hall at lunchtime to the music of the B-side Band (Boly Bolliger and friends).

Despite the expense of buses provided to conserve fuel on the tour, Wairarapa Organics has benefited by more than twelve hundred dollars from the event. Also, there is the educational benefit of showing how the owners of the properties on show (Helen Dew, Kent Murrell, Boly Bolliger and Gerlinda Braun, and Don and Hilary Baskerville) are not just reading about organic and sustainable issues but are actually putting in the hard work and living the sustainable life. Visitors were impressed with the friendly atmosphere on the day and the generosity and enthusiasm of the property owners in sharing the results of their ingenuity. 'Inspirational', as the evaluations said, with many people leaving for home fuelled with ideas and with every intention of making changes in their own lives towards more sustainable and organic living.

Glenis Cole masterminded an amazingly diverse range of organic and sprayfree fruit and vegetables available at the produce stall. Colin Walker gave an interesting talk on the Heritage Seed Preservation project and Hilary Baskerville led the organizing committee for the day. Many others volunteered to make the day the success it was – providing the produce, making the lunches, producing signs, taking photos, acting as bus guides, and more. Thank you everyone.

New to the small growers scheme, or struggling to manage your records?

We have developed a wonderful resource complete with:

- OFNZ paperwork requirements
- BioGro annexes
- Management plan
- Soil testing information and costs
- Help list

All this and more can be downloaded from the Wairarapa Organics website

www.wairarapaorganics.org.nz

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Wairarapa Organics Incorporated aims to promote and support activities to increase the level of organic production and consumption of organic produce in the Wairarapa region. The vision of Wairarapa Organics is to support sustainable producers and consumers of safe, natural, quality produce and services. We are actively stimulating the production of organic produce and livestock within the Wairarapa.

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