

Whaingaroa Community and Environment Day 2010

On Saturday 6 March the community of Raglan came together to celebrate Community and Environment Day.

This event was jointly planned by Raglan Community House, Whaingaroa Environment Centre and Xtreme Waste. The day was an opportunity to celebrate Children's Day, Sea Week and Maui Dolphin Day. Raglan Community House contributed a significant amount of project management, fundraising with support coming from volunteer from WEC and Surfside Christian Church and Raglan Community House. Thanks must also go to Peter Storey for the loan of his marquees which provided such great spaces and shade.



The day provided a full programme of family fun with live performances from: Story



Tellers, Musicians, Acrobats, Hula Hoop and Uni Cycle workshops, a unique performance by local drama group, Dramatrix and sing a long from children's group Mainly Music. Other activities on the day were Sand Castle Dig and Treasure Hunt, Raft Building, Face Painting and Flax Weaving



and a Bouncy Castle. The day's festivities culminated in the Recycled Raft Race, and activity organised by Xtreme Waste Recycling Centre which drew the largest number of entrants to date. Water safety and support were provided by Raglan's Volunteer Coastguards and Surf Life Savers.



The educational information stalls had a strong environment and social theme, with Forest and Bird, World Wild Life Foundation, Department of Conservation Child Youth and Family, Raglan Community House and Surfside Christian Services giving information on up coming activities within the community and lots of fun activities for families to do at home. Whaingaroa Environment Centre once again hosted Peggy Oki all the way from Hawaii collecting Origami Whales and raising awareness of the plight of the endangered maui Dolphin, as well as handing out information on worm farms, organic gardening and much more.



Our tummies were kept full of yummy Kia supplied by the local Kohanga Reo, Kindergarten and organic food specialists Te mauri Tua.

The combination of events and the collaboration of community and environmental groups in Whaingaroa made for an exciting, informative and fun day!

Thank you to all our Funders (NZ Lottery Grants Board, WEL Energy, Sky City, Raglan Community Board and Creative New Zealand!) and to all the volunteers who assisted on the day.



Please find attached accountability for funding.



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