



MARLBOROUGH ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2010/2011

Sound environmental management is good business

FIELD DAY PROGRAMME Landscape Award Winner



Field Day Timetable

- Wednesday, May 18
Landscape**

9am-11am

**Rosa Davison's
property**

243 Renners Road,
Allow 30 minutes from
Blenheim.

Habitat Enhancement

1pm-4pm

**Wither Hills vineyard
wetland, Rarangi**

37 Rarangi Road

- Wednesday, May 25
Innovation and
Supreme Winner**

10am-Noon

**FMR Group, SprayPro
R-Series recycling
vineyard sprayer**

432 Rapaura Road

Farming

1.30pm-4.30pm

Bonavaree Farm,

Woolshed,
309 Grassmere Road
Seddon

- Wednesday, June 1
Winegrowing/
Horticulture**

9.30am-Noon

Te Whare Ra Winery

56 Anglesea Street
Renwick

Efficiency

2pm-4pm

Aura Sustainability

Committee Room,
Marlborough District
Council, 15 Seymour
Street, Blenheim

Rosa Davison - Clifford Bay

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9am - 11am**

Rosa Davison started with 14 ha of dry, wind-swept grazing land bordered by the stony coastline of Clifford Bay. The soil was "solid clay" and there was no bush apart from a few ngaio, boxthorn and one cabbage tree. Eleven years later her 2 ha garden, just north of the Awatere River mouth, is an outstanding coastal sanctuary, a showcase for planting with natives in a tough environment.



Massed native plantings at Clifford Bay

Standout features are:

- Use of New Zealand natives in European-style formality such as hedges and topiary in pittosporum and hebe.
- Collection of rare and endangered New Zealand plants including pink broom, prostrate kowhai, Poor Knights' lily and southern rata.
- The limited palette of plants in mass plantings. Ngaio is a feature plant.
- Increase in birds and other wildlife as the plants and pond become established.
- Extensive use of mulch to build up soil and retain water.
- Limited spraying for early weed control (none for disease).
- The seamless transition from sea to shore to garden.

Rosa is a professional landscape gardener with a sound understanding of New Zealand natives and a passion for rare plants. She combines all these skills at her Clifford Bay property and has transformed the site with this inspirational project.

Directions

The field day will be at Rosa's property, 243 Renners Road. From Blenheim turn left off SH1 at Dashwood and follow Redwood Pass Road, then straight ahead on to Renners Road nearly to the coast. Allow 30 minutes from Blenheim.

If you wish to attend please RSVP Nicky Eade at the Marlborough District Council (03) 520 7400 nicky.eade@marlborough.govt.nz

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Marlborough Environment Awards

The Marlborough Environment Awards are held every two years to celebrate and showcase businesses or community projects that look after the environment. The Awards are supported by the Marlborough District Council and local sponsors.