

# LeafTurner

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## Watch Out There's Bugs About

Greenfingers, one of the leading garden waste recycling firms in New Zealand, is the proud sponsor of Butterfly Creek's Wetapunga Breeding Programme and the 'Bugs About' exhibit.

"Greenfingers are sponsoring the exhibit because we care about the environment and want to make these iconic Kiwi creatures accessible for all New Zealanders to see," said Mike Jones, Managing Director of Greenfingers. "Interestingly, the wetapunga is also one of New Zealand's earliest producers of compost!"

Butterfly Creek is home to the only captive rear and release wetapunga programme in the world, which was opened with fanfare by the Associate Minister for Conservation, Kate Wilkinson.

"The mighty wetapunga, Maori for 'god of ugly things' has been a key part of our eco-system for millennia. The wetapunga species is usually only found on Little Barrier Island and its numbers have been modest in recent years."

Greenfingers is helping widen the horizons

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of our younger generations and enable them to understand and care about our living world. Greenfingers worked in partnership with Butterfly Creek and the Department of Conservation, to create a sustainable programme to breed wetapunga for translocation to Little Barrier and new habitats off Auckland's coastline - Motuora Island and Tiritiri Matangi Island.

DoC granted Butterfly Creek the unique captive rear and release programme for the wetapunga

which is led by Paul Barrett, entomologist at Butterfly Creek, who oversees the country's only display of the mighty wetapunga.

"Since the Butterfly Creek Wetapunga Breeding Programme started, there have been numerous eggs hatched which have grown into healthy adults," said Barrett.

Greenfingers enjoys its strong community role and makes it easier for people to be green.

By enabling people to recycle their garden waste the company creates 30,000 tonnes



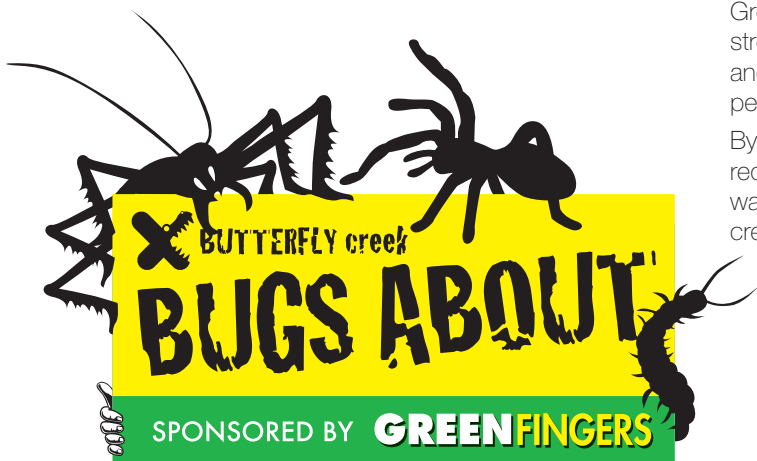
Associate Minister for Conservation,  
Hon. Kate Wilkinson

of compost each year. This is organic material that would otherwise go out with the rubbish and be dumped in landfill.

Conservation programmes such as the Butterfly Creek's Wetapunga Breeding Programme have brightened the future of this stately bug. And the success of this conservation programme is due to strong partnership between Butterfly Creek, Greenfingers and DoC.

Campbell Live shared in the excitement of the launch of Greenfingers' Bugs About exhibit by sending a film crew to Butterfly Creek to talk to capture footage of these magnificent creatures and interview Paul Barrett, about the breeding programme.

Watch the TV clip online by going to [www.3news.co.nz](http://www.3news.co.nz) and search for wetapunga.



*Clip the Greenfingers customer voucher on the back for a child's free entry to Butterfly Creek and see these wonderful creatures for yourselves.*





## From Mike's desk

Welcome to the summer issue of LeafTurner.

Many Greenfingers customers get straight into the garden in the warmer months, so they welcome the handy garden waste collection service.

In this issue I'm proud to tell readers all about two Greenfingers initiatives that are making a real difference to the local and wider community.

We're partnering with the South Waikato Achievement Trust which gives people with disabilities training and employment opportunities. Plus, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, Greenfingers launched their new 'Bugs About' wetapunga exhibit at Butterfly Creek in September.

Greenfingers understands green issues and how small positive steps can help our wider environment prosper in many ways. We are also proud to work in partnership with both DoC to be sponsors of Butterfly Creek's Wetapunga Breeding Programme and the 'Bugs About' exhibit. It's a privilege to be involved in this successful environmental programme that is making the most of our country's spectacular natural heritage.

We are proud to offer Greenfingers customer's children our special offer to gain free entry to see these mighty creatures up close. I'd also like to invite you to write in and tell me about your special experience at Butterfly Creek.

As always, we value your feedback and welcome any questions. So if you require any assistance with your garden waste please don't hesitate to call the Greenfingers team on 0800 82 00 00.



Iti Taparau of the South Waikato Achievement Trust recycling centre

## Partnering with South Waikato Achievement Trust

The South Waikato Achievement Trust enables people with disabilities to reach their full potential through training, employment skills, arts and crafts activities, community orientated programmes and residential services.

Working together with Greenfingers offers disabled people in the South Waikato area both life and work skills, and makes a major contribution to South Waikato.

Russell Ensor, General Manager of South Waikato Achievement Trust says, "The Trust in conjunction with Greenfingers is hoping to increase recycling volumes in the South Waikato so that the area becomes greener and cleaner".

The Trust operates the kerbside recycling programme for 7,500 households across Putaruru, Tokoroa and Tirau. They collect 2,600 tonnes of recyclables each year which is used to create new paper, plastics, glass and metal products. Greenfingers is proud of its partnership with South Waikato Achievement Trust.

All recycled waste is sold locally and in Asia for the production of new products.

## Why Recycle?

Recycling makes a huge difference to our environment. It helps reduce carbon emissions because materials don't go to landfill. It also reduces the need to take more precious raw materials from our fragile environment and saves energy.

- Recycling a tonne of newspaper stops the release of approximately 2.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the world's atmosphere.
- Every tonne of recycled paper saves 13 trees and conserves 31,780 litres of water (that would have gone into the paper-making process).
- Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a bulb for four hours.
- A tonne of plastic containers made with recycled plastic conserves about 7,200 kWh of electricity, the equivalent of seven months power for an average home.
- One recycled aluminum can save enough electricity to run a computer or a TV for three hours.

## Greenfingers' Tips

Greenfingers is also a keen supporter of home composting and wormeries. They save fuel miles and machinery and are ideal for the environment.

## Reduce your rubbish

The most effective way of minimising the amount of rubbish you send to landfill is to reduce it!

- Choose products with little or no packaging.
- Buy in bulk to reduce packaging.
- Buy products with reusable or recyclable packaging.

## Re-Use

Another easy way of reducing your rubbish output is to think smarter about how you use and re-use the things within your home.

- Just say no thanks to plastic shopping bags which have had a proven negative effect on the environment, bird and sealife in New Zealand
- Always carry long-life re-useable bags when you go shopping. Keep them in your car for every occasion
- Buy re-usable, long-lasting, repairable products instead of cheaper disposable items
- Wash and retain your plastic containers for freezing leftovers or storing dry foods in the cupboard.
- Remember one man's rubbish is another man's treasure, so sell unwanted goods online or give them to charity - don't dump them at the tip!

## Home Composting

Load a compost bin with a balanced mixture of 'brown' carbon rich material, like dried leaves, straw, and wood chips, and 'green' nitrogen materials like fresh grass clippings and kitchen scraps. Properly managed, it becomes soil improver in a month. Leave gaps in your stack or turn it, and keep it moist and warm.

## Worms at Work

Wormeries use less space than compost and make good use of kitchen scraps. To create a wormery of your own you need a container with drainage holes drilled in the bottom. Fill two thirds with well-soaked shredded cardboard or paper. Add a half a kilo of redworms (*Eisenia foetida*) for every quarter of a kilo of waste. Load your container up slowly, and keep it moist and warm. Within weeks you will have a fabulous wormery.

For more information on composting go to [www.greenfingers.co.nz](http://www.greenfingers.co.nz)



## Pay it Forward

Convince your friends and family to follow in your eco-friendly lifestyle and ask them to pass it on. You will start a Mexican wave of positive activity that will benefit the planet today and for our future generations.

## Go Native!

Planting native plants or ground cover makes your garden a haven for New Zealand's wildlife and birds, such as Tui and Kereru. Remember it's easy to make your own mulch and compost which will greatly enrich the condition of your soil for your native plants. Also remember that rainwater keeps plants healthy and it can be easily collected from your roof in a plastic drum.

- For wet areas - Ferns, flax, hebe and five finger.
- For dry areas - Cabbage tree, rata, pohutakawa and Broadleaf.





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Please use the internet for your enquiries  
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**Collections generally completed Monday to Saturday**  
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## The Greenfingers Team

Since starting out in the late 1980s, Green Fingers has become one of the leading garden waste recycling firms in New Zealand, serving Waikato, Hamilton, Auckland and Tauranga.

All the waste we collect is converted into high quality compost, and we are constantly searching out new ways to be a greener business in other ways too.

## Get Smart

The days of throwing out rubbish and not worrying about the environmental consequences are over. Not only does recycling and composting reduce landfill it reduces the effects of landfill - the release of the harmful gas carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

You too can play your part and help our environment!

Separate your rubbish into organic and recycling to reduce the amount that goes into your council rubbish collection.

- Greenfingers makes it easier to be green. Every bit of the 30,000 tonnes of green waste we collect annually is turned into compost and returned to the land. To give you some idea of that 30,000 tonnes, it's about the same weight as 185 empty jumbo jets.
- Recycling is the way to a cleaner future. Wherever you live in the country most of your rubbish can be recycled and turned into new products and materials.



- Wastefulness is rubbish. Cutting the amount of rubbish your household creates is easy when all the family gets involved.

# Free entry

## to Butterfly Creek

Greenfingers is giving free entry to Butterfly Creek for one child with a paying adult until 28th February 2010!

*Please show this Greenfingers customer voucher to receive this special offer.*

Tom Pearce Drive,  
Auckland International Airport.

Terms and Conditions 1. Cannot be redeemed with any other special promo/offer. 2. Only one free child pass per customer. 3. Use by 28 February 2010. 4. This voucher is for Greenfingers customers only.