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WEED OF THE MONTH: Climbing Asparagus

Another former darling of ferneries and house plants, Climbing Asparagus has found its way into the bush and road verges all around Muriwai. It is considered a serious pest plant in many parts of the North Island. A climbing and scrambling perennial, it forms a thick carpet over the ground, up and over shrubs and trees and smothers everything around.

The long, thin, wiry stems are unmistakable as they reach out their green tendrils to smother and grasp.

We treated it successfully on our recent Domain Crescent weeding bee by an innovative method courtesy of Mary from Gecko NZ Trust.

Firstly put on a sturdy pair of latex gloves, smear the gloves with "Cut 'N' Paste" weed gel product and wipe directly on to the climbing asparagus plants. This proved a very effective method, with plants showing signs of demise within a few days. These Cut'N'Paste weed gel products are great, easy to apply and environmentally friendly and effective on lots of our weeds.

Visit www.cutnpaste.co.nz for more information. We have some spare bottles in the MeAct weedbuster kit courtesy of our local Ak Council Bio-security Officer. Call me if you would like to try it. I'm told the "Bamboo Buster" is very effective. By the way, return the empty bottles to me for refilling.

Other methods of control include digging out the tubers of random plants and dispose of in the rubbish. Spray with glysophate (Roundup) in Spring to early Summer – bit late now but get ready for next Spring. As usual go back and check 6 monthly and plant up the area to minimize reinvasion.

Happy Weedbusting –
gerry@muriwai-environment.com

Centre UPDATE



ed exhibition of 2015 is titled INTO THE WILD
to the 14th March 2015. Come in to see a variety

of paintings, photography, mixed media
and other art forms.

Following INTO THE WILD, we have EBB
and FLOW showing from 16th - 28th
March. This solo photographic exhibition
by local photographer Kirsten Reid features
her photographs, montages and mixed
media work. Kirsten's images show the
ebb and flow of the tides, nature, life and
relationships between them. The exhibition
opening will be on Monday 16th March
from 7pm – 9pm. All are welcome to

r a glass of wine.

entre are a variety of art classes, including
clay, mosaic, flax weaving and much more.

thetinshead@clear.net.nz for more information.

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