

# ***Phormium*-flax for weaving and papermaking**

Warwick Harris & Sue Scheele,  
Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand.

Jude Graveson,  
The Paper Press, Auckland, New Zealand.

## **Abstract**

A poster was prepared to provide information on the cultural and historical significance of New Zealand flax (*Phormium* spp.) and how it has been used as an economic fibre and as a material for traditional and contemporary crafts and arts. The poster also serves to illustrate the value of enhancing interest in ecological restoration plantings by providing information about the history, culture and uses of plants included in the plantings. Provision for the sustainable harvesting of materials for cultural, craft and artistic use from ecological restoration plantings would act to foster public interest and involvement in their establishment.