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1.5L SOFT DRINK BOTTLES NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY HOT HOUSE

Preparations for Taumarunui's 'Dinner @ the Domain' event with celebrity chef Richard Till on Saturday 3rd March next year are well underway with the Taumarunui community and organisations getting strongly in-behind and supporting the project.

The first of two hot houses for growing seedlings has been constructed with the help of volunteers from Vinnies Community Care Centre on the Tuku Domain in Matapuna.

'Dinner @ the Domain' Steering Group Chairperson, Briar van Buel, said that the exciting thing about the hot house project was that they were made from 100% volunteer labour and recycled materials.

"The walls and roof of the hot house are made from clear 1.5 litre plastic soft drink bottles that have been strung together with bamboo poles," she said.

Ms van Buel said that the 'Dinner @ the Domain' organisers want to get on to building the second hot house and are currently in the process of collecting the clear 1.5 litre plastic drink bottles.

"We are now in prime growing season and so want to get the hot houses producing seedlings ready to go out into the community gardens."

"We would like to ask anyone recycling clear 1.5 litre plastic drink bottles up at the Taumarunui Transfer Station to put them in the specially provided collection bag by the plastic bottle recycling station."

Ms van Buel added the organisers would like to thank Sister Rita Cahill and all the Vinnies Community Care Centre volunteers for all their hard work and helping in building the first hot house.

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Plastic drink bottle hot house at Vinnies community garden

