



### Kaniwhaniwha Stream Restoration



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This project involves riparian enhancement work on the Kaniwhaniwha Stream at Te Pahu.

The Kaniwhaniwha Stream in Te Pahu, flows north from Pirongia Mountain to join the Waikoha Stream in Karamu, and then onto the Waipa River. In the upper catchment, the local Te Pahu Landcare Group has been active over many years, working alongside DoC, the local councils and many volunteers to plant the stream beside the Nikau Walkway.

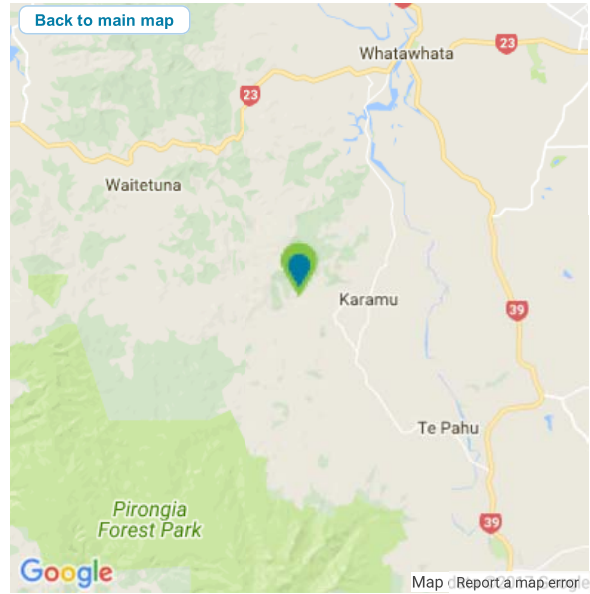
The Kaniwhaniwha Stream has been overgrown with pest willow species, which were diverting the stream, causing localized flooding and badly eroding the banks. These willows have been removed in a joint project between the landowners and Regional Council, and work will continue to control pest willow re-growth.

Overall this project aims to improve the water quality of the Kaniwhaniwha Stream by reducing microbial contamination and sedimentation through provision of planted riparian margins along approximately 3km of the stream, downstream of Fillery Road.

Another very important outcome will be an increase in ecosystem and biodiversity values, and the protection of the Kaniwhaniwha Stream banks from further erosion and flooding by promoting the planting of native species. These corridors of native vegetation created along the riparian margins will provide increased shading and increased food supply to the stream – an important fishery stream.

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