



Lake Waahi collaborative restoration



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To improve the health and wellbeing of Lake Waahi

This project aims to:

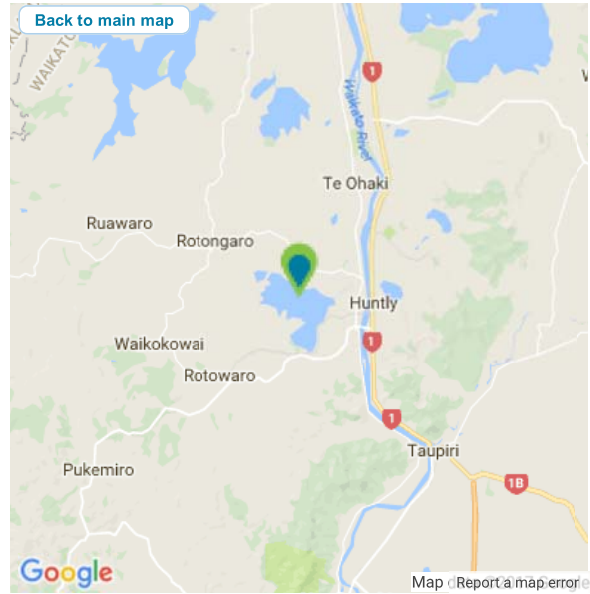
- Improve the health and wellbeing of Lake Waahi, through pest fish control and riparian habitat enhancement, using innovative and holistic measures that blend scientific knowledge, engineering solutions, and matauranga Maori methodologies, and to share this information to support other restoration efforts in the catchment and;
- Support Waikato-Tainui, Waahi Whaanui Trust, and the people of its marae to build capacity in native plant nursery establishment and operation, riparian enhancement and protection, and ecological and kaitiaki monitoring.

The project concept centres on an holistic restoration cycle involving:

1. Gates to prevent and trap pest fish entering and exiting Lake Waahi;
2. Removal of the pest fish and converting them into high value compost using a digester;
3. Use of the compost in developing nurseries, which grow plants specifically eco-sourced for the lake;
4. Use of the plants for riparian enhancement to improve habitat and water quality around the lake and streams.

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