



Lower Waikato peat lake restoration



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This project by Conservation Volunteers New Zealand is to support restoration of peat lakes in the Lower Waikato River catchment.

CVNZ's vision is to bring local communities together to carry our practical restoration projects on key sites at Lakes Hotoananga, Tunawhakaheke, Ohinewai, Rotokauri, Kainui, Mangakaware and Ngaroto.

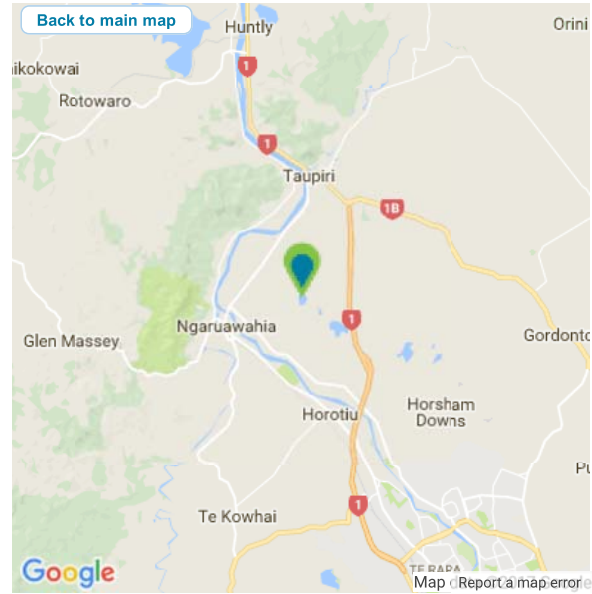
This project will build on CVNZ's successful 4 year Catchment Care Programme which was carried out at significant sites over New Zealand and included many of the Waikato Peat Lakes. Results of the programme include:

- 26,000 stems planted on riparian areas at peak lakes in the 2012/2013 year
- 106,160m² of land weeded or plant released over the 2012/13 year
- Restoration work at Lakes Ngaroto, Serpentine, Areare, Rotomanuka, Kainui, Rotokauri amongst others
- 3,878,032 square metres of land area improved through the catchment care programme over the last 4 years.

CVNZ are collaborating with the Department of Conservation, Waikato and Waipa District Councils on the project to carry out native planting, plant releasing and weeding on riparian margins at all sites over the programme period. CVNZ will bring together volunteers from all parts of the Waikato community and further afield to work on the project, including schools, groups, clubs and iwi in the immediate vicinity to the project sites as well as local volunteers in the greater Waikato area. The aim will be to inspire, educate and empower individuals to get involved and take ownership in restoring healthy waters in the Waikato. In addition CVNZ will run workshops for the community to teach important skills such as weed identification, plant propagation and health and safety training for local community groups and people wanting to set up their own restoration projects.

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