



Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream Wetland Restoration Project



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Restore a wetland at the base of the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream, where it enters Lake Whakamaru.

This three-year project aims to restore a weed infested wetland at the base of the Mangakowhiriwhiri Stream, where it enters Lake Whakamaru, to a thriving native dominant swampland and swamp forest habitat with abundant bird life.

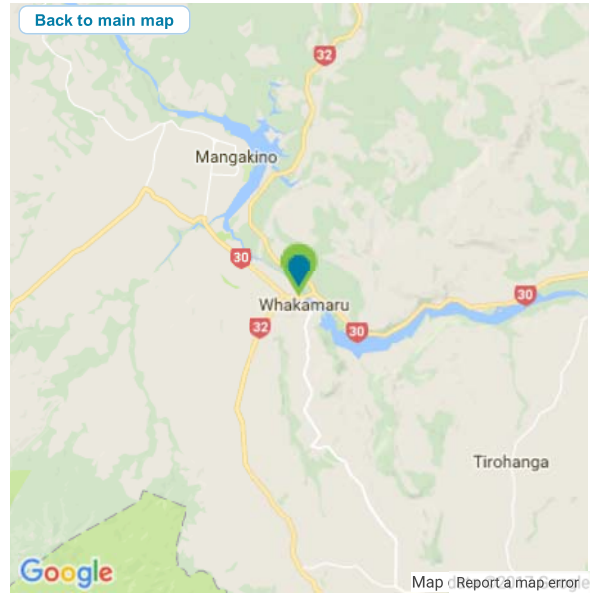
The goals are to enhance the wetland indigenous biodiversity, to improve water through trapping sediment and nutrients which flow from the stream which drains a predominant pastoral farming catchment, and to enhance the social environment.

The key stages of this project are:

- controlling invasive groundcover weeds to reduce cover sufficiently to provide an environment for restoration plantings to establish
- controlling 1.8 hectares of willow
- complete a survey, engineers report and construction plan, consenting, and construction of a small bund to prevent daily flooding and draining of wetland.
- access improvement by developing two gates for 4WD vehicle access and the creation of a board walk for public use
- post weed control, vegetation restoration through planting approximately 5,500 plants.

This project received funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA 16-013)

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