



Mangapiko Stream Restoration (continued)



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This project represents a continuation of the very successful community led project involving the Lower Mangapiko Streamcare Group, local landowners, agencies and industry who live along the Mangapiko stream downstream of Te Awamutu. The Mangapiko stream runs between the townships of Pirongia and Te Awamutu.

Through collaboration with others, including the local schools and community, as well as iwi, agencies and councils, the group has been able to work with a wide range of individuals and organisations to ensure there is maximum uptake of the intended outcomes. Our success approach to date has been to:

- Identify landowners who are willing to participate in the project and the others who are willing to support.
- Undertake restoration of the stream in manageable sections.
- Work in partnerships with local councils, farming community, governmental and non-governmental agencies to achieve restoration to draw on knowledge of all parties.
- Preparing sites after invasive willow removal and clean up willow stockpiles.
- Fence the stream and plant native vegetation in riparian areas.
- Organisation of field days at the restoration sites to highlight the outcomes of the project and encourage sustainable land management on a catchment wide scale.

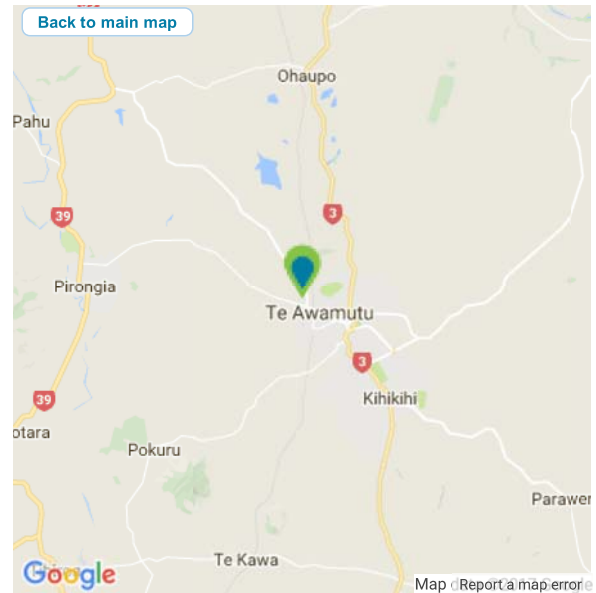
This project represents a continuation of the approach that has been taken previously, and supported by the WRA.

This year the group alongside Waikato Regional Council and with the support from Waikato River Authority, Grassroots Trust and the local landowners plan to undertake 2.5ha of vegetation management, 2000m of fencing, 2.5ha of native planting which will see 10,000 native plants in the ground.

This work will be undertaken over two properties. One property will include native plantings to continue the planting from previous WRA funding and the second property involves willow removal and replanting of a new site where there has been no restoration work to date. This area of the stream is highly visible from the main road and is in close proximity to Te Awamutu township.

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