



Waikato River Trench Restoration - Aratiatia Track Below Huka Falls



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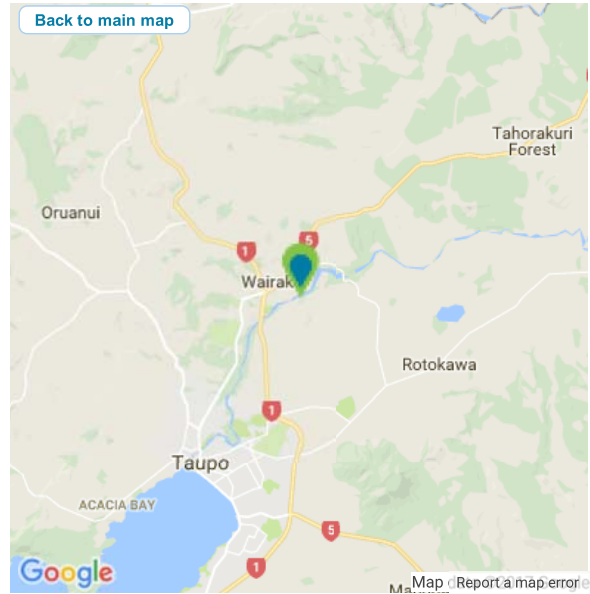
Greening Taupō is a community organisation with the vision of restoring habitat for birds in Taupō by planting trees that provide food and habitat on a year round basis, improving the local environment for the people of Taupō and its wildlife.

In 2015 Greening Taupō was granted \$100,000 by WCEET over the next five years to remove wildling pines and other weeds and to replant with species that will encourage bird life. This has enabled Greening Taupō to kickstart restoration work for the Waikato River. The first site chosen for the WCEET funding began above Huka Falls, New Zealand's most visited Scenic Reserve. Work has since continued down river to the State Highway 1 Bridge.

This proposed project with funding from WRA is for the continuation of this work from the SH 1 Bridge to the Aratiatia Dam. Greening Taupō will once again contract Bike Taupō, utilising the commitment and expertise of their team to remove mature wilding pine trees and to carry out weed control. There are 5 sites selected. Bike Taupō will also prep an area of approximately 3 hectares, removing and eradicating a thick area of weed species including thick areas of grass, gorse and blackberry. After weed control the area will then be prepared for replanting.

This project received funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA 16-027).

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