



Lake Waikare shoreline planting



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This project involves a riparian planting project along a one kilometre section of Lake Waikare southern shores near the Matahuru Stream and the Nikau Farm Estate.

The Estate proposes this Riparian project as a starting point of their contribution towards restorative measures required for Lake Waikare. Thus, the estate categorizes this project as phase one of restorative plans currently being scoped for the south eastern shores of the lake that surround the Farm Estate and the Matahuru Stream.

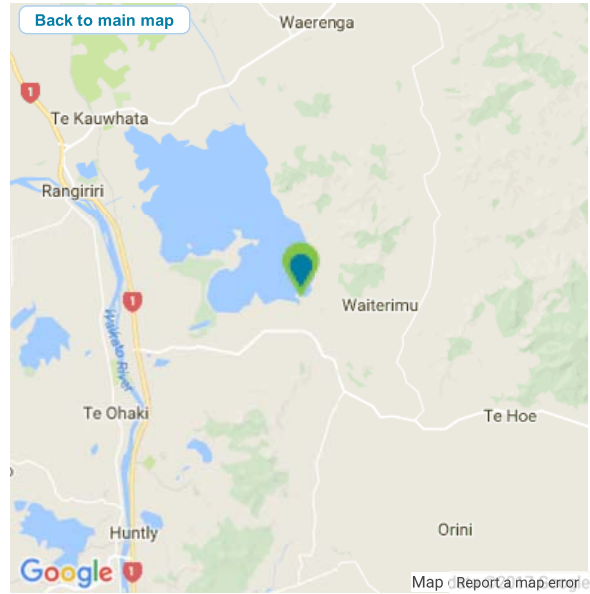
The area identified for the project has overgrown trees encroaching into the lake bed will be removed. Spraying of noxious weeds on the lake shores will be the next tasks. Planting of natives such as Harakeke, maanuka & toetoe will cover the area where the trees have been removed and the weeds sprayed. Fencing of the area will be carried out 5 meters from the lake shore to ensure the area cannot be breached by stock in the area.

The project is expected to commence in the summer months of 2013/2014 continuing for up to 8 months (July 2014). Ongoing monitoring will continue for up to 2 years, identifying successes and areas of improvement for future projects.

The benefits of the project include; training opportunity for whānau members in project management, horticulture and conservation. The skills and knowledge gained in this project will be utilized in the future restorative plans.

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