



Waipā Rerenoa - River Restoration Project



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Waipa Rerenoa River Restoration Project is a project focused on the Waipa River starting at Te Keeti Marae and restoring both sides of the Waipa River upstream for 6km. The Mohoanui Stream is a tributary of the Waipa River and it will also be part of this restoration project.

The confluence of the Mohoanui Stream and the Waipa River is directly next to Te Keeti Marae.

After receiving a Waikato Balance Farm Environmental Award, local landowner Rosemary Davison had a vision to restore the Waipa River from Otorohanga Pony Club downstream to Otorohanga Township to improve water quality and biodiversity values and bring the community and Awa together.

This project involves 6km of the Waipa River and will involve removing willow trees and other invasive weeds from the riparian margin, re-installing a fence with a minimum 5 metre buffer from the river bank and re-planting the riparian margin with native plants.

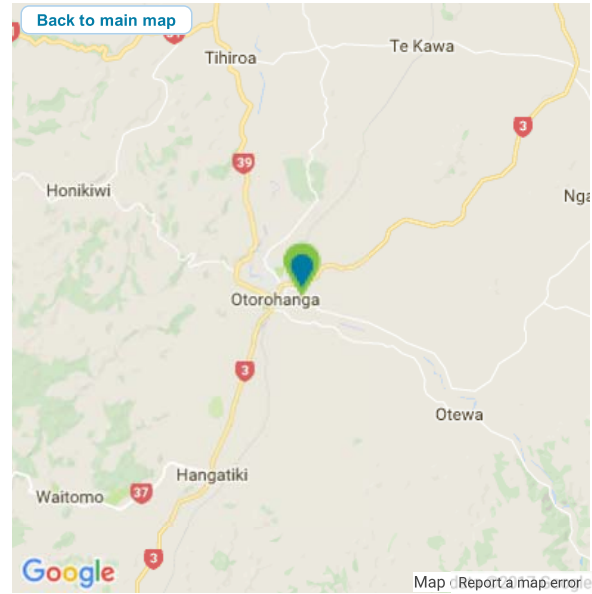
Whānau from Te Keeti Marae will be focused on the downstream end of the project, restoring 800m of the Mohoanui Stream which meanders through Maori trust land and runs adjacent to the Marae and Otorohanga Primary School. This restoration project will also involve weed removal, fencing off the stream and native plant establishment. There is a wetland at the back of the Marae which will also be fenced and planted.

The Mohoanui Stream used to be a great habitat for water cress and whānau from the marae utilised this food source however unfortunately this food source has diminished over the years. This project aims to re-establish watercress into the Mohoanui Stream.

Community planting days will be held on the Mohoanui Stream near the marae as well as on the main Waipa River to plant natives along the riparian margins. There are two large planting sites that are next to main roads which will create great public awareness around the restoration project.

In addition to the above the Maniapoto Maori Trust Board aims to work with whānau from the Māori Lands Trust and Te Keeti Marae to coordinate meetings with the whānau and wider community to introduce the project, discuss milestones, timeframes and plan activities in year 1, 2 and 3. Close off hui at the end of year 1 to give whānau and the wider community an opportunity to reflect on accomplishments and start planning for the next years. In the final year, there will be a celebratory gathering hosted at the marae for the whānau and wider community.

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