



MANGAKOTUKUTUKU STREAM CARE GROUP

Newsletter # 5 – June 2014

What's New?



New logo adopted!!



Turtles spotted in HCC park!!



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Restoring the Health of the Mangakotukutuku Stream – Sandford Park

NEXT
EVENT

Community Planting Day

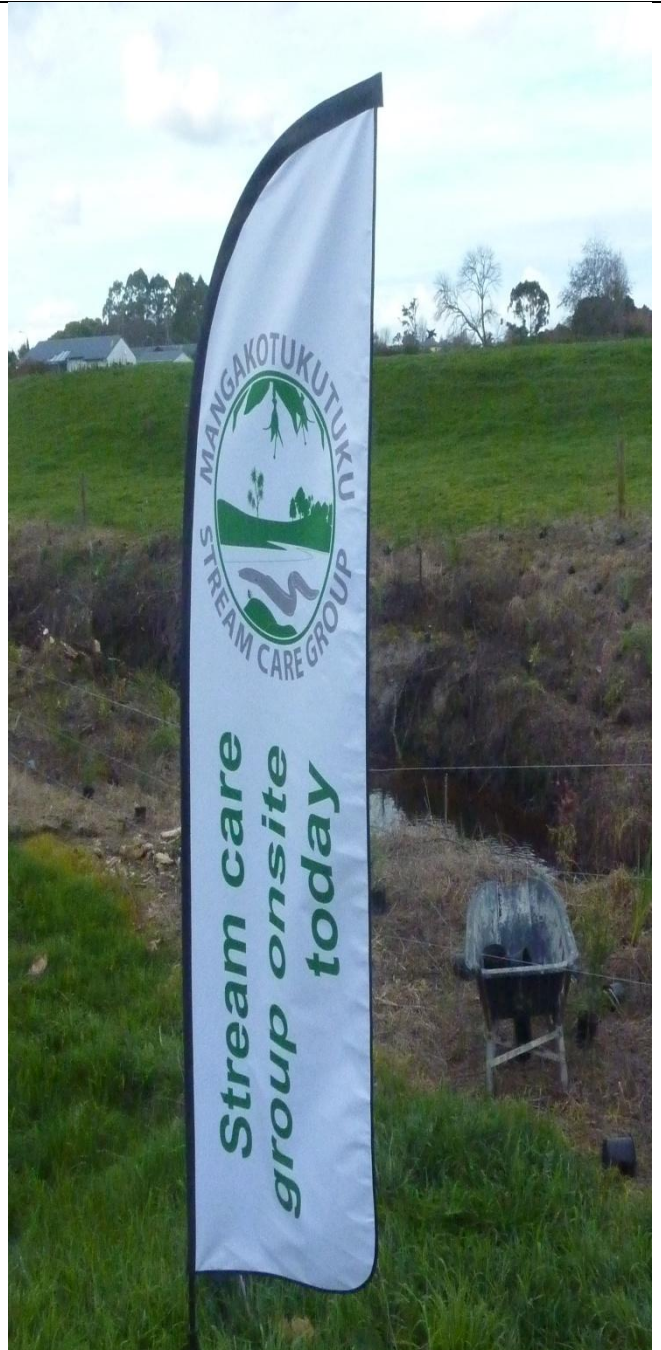
WHEN

Saturday 12 July, 2pm, off Waterford Road Entrance

For more information: email mangacare@gmail.com, check out our website www.streamcare.org.nz
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New signs to advertise activities!!



New Banners for Event Days!!

Red-Eared Slider Turtle – Recently one of these was spotted walking across a lawn in the HCC gardens – apparently they are being abandoned into Turtle Lake and the Waikato River by owners who don't want them as pets anymore – one was caught in Lake Taupo a few months ago. While on the worldwide top 100 pest list, they don't breed in NZ due to the low temperatures – yet!

HCC Sewer Overflows

Recently we have become aware of a history of sewer overflows from the HCC system to the Mangakotukutuku Stream and despite recent and significant upgrades to the system, there was a further significant overflow event during June 2014 following high rainfall.

Information has been requested from the HCC and a meeting held to discuss the issues and what HCC are doing about it – more info to follow in the next newsletter.

Pest Control in Sandford Park

Work is progressing on a proposal to undertake pest control in conjunction with the Waikato Regional Council and an application for funding to provide for the materials has been lodged with the WRC. Initial control activities (bait stations and poison) are planned to commence in the spring to maximise the survival of fledgling native birds. Please contact us if you are able to help with setting out traps and baiting stations, which will need to be checked every 2 weeks – we are looking to establish a roster of people to spread the workload required over each 3 month baiting period.

Rangimarie Te Horanganui Marae (Collins Road) Riparian Project – 1500 plants have been planted by the Department of Corrections Community Work team and mulched which is looking great – the remaining 1000 plants are to be planted on 25 July by a Waikato Regional Council team building event, which will complete 200m of stream with some spare plants used to extend this planting into the upstream landowner's section.

Southern Links Roading Project – a major roading development planned for next 15-20 years to the south of Hamilton involving two bridges across the Waikato River and multiple roads within the Mangakotukutuku Stream catchment. MSCG lodged a submission concerning potential impacts on water quality and biodiversity (e.g. long tailed bats) and we will be presenting evidence to a hearing commencing on 21 July 2014, mainly around minimising potential effects of the stream and gully system and seeking early mitigation planting for biodiversity benefits well in advance of any potential road construction.

Finally, please contact me in relation to any matter concerning MSCG activities.

Regards Grant Blackie

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Next Event

Next Planting Day - Saturday 9 August 2-4 pm Sandford Park – Enter off Waterford Street to continue with infill planting. Would be great to get 15-20 people to these - always great when people bring their kids.