



MANGAKOTUKUTUKU STREAM CARE GROUP

Newsletter # 6 – Sept 2014

Very Successful Planting Season – 10140 native plants in the ground this winter!!

Golden Farms Riparian Project – a whopping 660m of stream was planted (3500 plants!!) by MSCG and contractors (see photos) and 700m is currently being prepared for next year.

Rangimarie Te Horanganui Marae (Collins Road) Riparian Project – 3000 plants were planted by a WRC team building day and the Department of Corrections Community Work team. The DCCW team recently spread mulch (kindly donated by Treescape) around the flat areas, which are looking great (see photos). Expecting weed issues on this site.

Sandford Park – Infill planting continues despite yet more mindless vandalism/removal of plants. The permit application to translocate mudfish into the wetland area is progressing and is currently being publicly advertised – an event will be planned around the release day.

Future planting to concentrate on infill/improving existing planted area and the grassy area above the lower footbridge (also known as the 'Bowling Green')

Other News

Waikato River Authority Funding Applications - two applications were lodged recently for \$10K each. One for the Golden Farms Riparian Project and one for a new potential site, Resthills Park - a 520m reach of 'middle' tributary of the Mangakotukutuku Stream (see photos).

Pest Control in Sandford Park

We have been successful in gaining funding of \$2500 to undertake pest control in conjunction with the Waikato Regional Council. Initial control activities (bait stations and poison) were planned to commence in the spring to maximise the survival of fledgling native birds, however HCC have not yet provided approval for this project so it is currently 'on hold'. [Please contact us if you are able to help with setting out traps and baiting stations](#)

Submissions

Southern Links Roding 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 presenting evidence to the hearing process, no decision as yet.

Hamilton City Proposed District Plan – decisions on this plan were released and have been appealed by a number of parties. We lodged a submission against this plan and have subsequently joined the appeal process because, in our view, the plan does not provide adequately for the restoration and protection of the gully systems and related biodiversity.

AGM - We will be holding our **Annual General Meeting** in November (date, time and venue will be advised). Any nominations for the Committee are requested to be proposed and seconded in writing by members and emailed to mangacare@gmail.com at least 5 days before the AGM. Please advise of any issues you would like to discuss or have raised. A summary of our activities and financial statement will be presented.

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

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Next Event

Weeding Day - Saturday 4th October, 2-4 pm Sandford Park

Photo Gallery



Golden Farms - downstream, planted by MSCG



Golden Farms – upstream, planted by contractor



Collins Road Marae – thanks Treescape !!



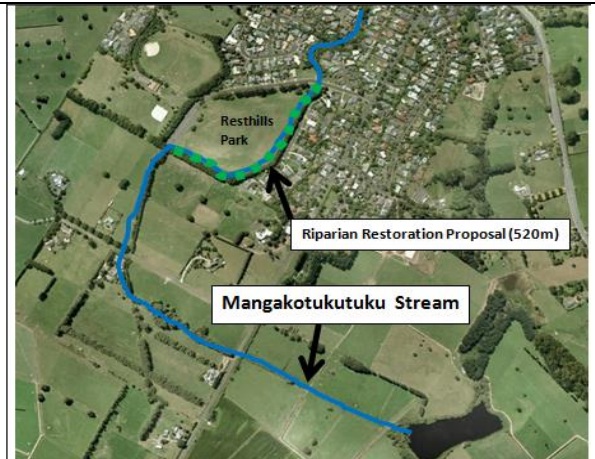
Collins Road Marae, freshly mulched, great!



Sandford Park wetland – waiting for mudfish



Saxbys Road, 1yr old planting, 18yr old planter!



Resthills Park (HCC) – new proposed 2015 project, just to the west of Ohaupo Road in Glenview



Resthills Park – 520m of eroding stream edge, no weeds though and easy access for planting.