



# MANGAKOTUKUTUKU STREAM CARE GROUP

Newsletter # 7 – Dec 2014

**AGM – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm at 67 Bruce Ave, Glenview (Kevin's Place)**

## **AGM Agenda**

1. Chairperson's Annual Report On MSCG 2014 Activities – see below
2. Annual Financial Statement - Treasurer's Report
3. Nominations for Committee & Election of Committee
4. Any New Motions Received from Members
5. General Business

Please advise by email ([mangacare@gmail.com](mailto:mangacare@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend and any nominations for the Committee or any motions or other matters you would like to be considered at the AGM.

## **Annual Report on MSCG 2014 Activities**

Planting projects – a record total of **10140** native plants in the ground this year!!

- Sandford Park- 2930 planted by MSCG
- Collins Road Marae - 3000 planted by WRC staff and the Department of Corrections
- Golden Farms - 3500 planted by MSCG and contractor
- Lewis Street – 360 planted by MSCG
- Ian & Elaine's – 350 planted by MSCG

Weed Control – spring grass has gone crazy and ongoing weed control is required at all sites

**Sandford Park Mudfish Release** – big thanks to Mike and Kevin for progressing this project over the past 3 years culminating in the release of 32 of the little blighters on 8<sup>th</sup> November with a great turnout of people / kids to mark this special event. Thanks also to Dean and Bryn from Tonkin & Taylor (wetland design and construction), HCC (planting and permission), DOC (wildlife permit) and Waikato River Authority (funding).

See website link - [http://www.streamcare.org.nz/new.htm#Mudfish\\_release](http://www.streamcare.org.nz/new.htm#Mudfish_release)

**Waikato River Authority Funding Applications Successful!!**- WRA recently approved two applications for \$10K each, being the Golden Farms Riparian Project and Resthills Park (a new site - 520m) so that is really awesome news!

## **Pollution Incidents**

- **HCC Sewer Overflows** – following a high rainfall overflow event during June 2014 the Waikato Regional Council issued HCC an Infringement Notice (\$750 fine)
- **Peacockes Tributary** - an earthworks contractor at Edgeview Crescent broke a water main and the resultant flow caused erosion and significant sediment discharge to the stream – this incident is currently under investigation by the Waikato Regional Council
- Both pollution incidents were reported to the authorities by MSCG members!!

### [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'. A reduced pilot project on adjacent private land may be progressed in the interim.

[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 provided expert evidence at the hearing. A decision was released recently incorporating some aspects from our submission and requiring MSCG to be consulted with over future biodiversity mitigation work.

**[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.

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

Regards Grant Blackie

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## [Next Event](#)

**[Weeding Day](#)** - **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30-4 pm Sandford Park** – Enter off Peacockes Road to tackle some weeds and **plant milfoils** in the wetland.