



MANGAKOTUKUTUKU STREAM CARE GROUP

Newsletter # 9 – June 2015

Winter Planting Progress

- Sandford Park - good effort by hardy souls to brave a very wet Saturday in late June to commence planting of the 'Cabbage Tree Flat' area (formerly known as the 'bowling green')
- Collins Road Marae – minor blanking/infill planting completed, hard frosts have hit susceptible species; eg Mahoe, Matipo, Fuschia, Five Finger. Site to be 'handed over' to Marae soon.
- Golden Farms – blanking has filled some big gaps in area 'A', Area 'E' (200m) planted with Carex and sedges as a trial planting along a drain, Area 'F' - 2100 plants planted by contractor
- Pengxin Farms (Collins Road) – 4100 plants planted by contractor to complete 900m of stream
- Lewis Street – blanking last year's plantings completed.
- Edgeview Terrace – a few of us gave the local residents a hand to plant a steep gully side, this is a new site for planting as HCC begin development of adjacent reserve land.

For photos of planting days check out www.facebook.com/Mangakotukutukustreamcaregroup

New Proposed Project!! – Initial planning work is underway on the '**Peacocks Riparian Restoration Plan**' – it is intended to seek funding from the Waikato River Authority and the Waikato Regional Council to undertake weed control, fence and plant headwater streams in the Peacocks catchment. This project has been sized to be attractive to funding agencies (hopefully) and realistic for implementation over 3 years – it will only cover the top 50% of the catchment at this stage and is subject to funding approval and landowner agreements. Expenditure is proposed at up to \$70k/year (including landowner's contribution) with a total project cost of approx. \$200k.

HCC Sewer Overflows

Further to sewer overflows from the HCC system to the Mangakotukutuku Stream in 2014 (and earlier), there was a further significant overflow event following a reported 1 in 50 year rainfall event (100mm+) on 18 April 2015. Information was requested from the HCC regarding overflows to the Mangakotukutuku Stream, reported as follows for each sewer pump station - Pine Ave (unknown), Te Anau Park (2039m³), Collins Road (612m³) - appears little resolution to this issue expected in the foreseeable future!!

HCC Proposed 2015-25 LTP Submission

In May we submitted on the HCC Long Term Plan regarding funding to purchase privately owned gully areas to link and expand existing HCC reserves, transparent reporting on and increased funding to reduce sewer overflows and to continue and expand the 'Plants for Gullies' scheme – read the whole [submission](#).

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

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Next Events

'Watch the Birdie' - The Hamilton Halo native bird photo competition is back on! Get your cameras out, and get your pictures in to the Waikato Regional Council by 17 August - [more info](#)

Hamilton Gully Restoration Series 2015 – see [more info](#) regarding upcoming talks on gully restoration, related topics and field trips including **Gully Trip One** - 15th August 10am-1pm *'Restoring and Exploring Mangakotukutuku'. Explore the range of environments being restored and hear hints & tips from the many years of local experience. Meet: Sandford Park, Peacockes Road entrance. Morning tea provided.'*

Planting Days

Saturday 18 July - 2.00-4.00 pm. Sandford Park, by footbridge, Waterford Rd entrance – help complete planting of the 'Cabbage Tree Flat'!!

Saturday 1 August - 2.00-4.00 pm. Sandford Park, to be confirmed.

Recent snaps taken of current project sites;

	
<p>Collins Road /Ohaupo Corner – amazing growth 12 mths after planting!!!!</p>	<p>Resthills Park – 2200 plants to be planted late July on 500m of stream(one side only).</p>