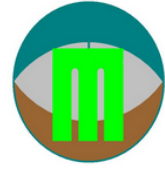


# Mangakotukutuku Stream Care Group Inc.

Newsletter # 3 - Nov 2013



Newsletter #3 and an update on a very busy year where we held 7 planting days, expended 135hrs of volunteer labour by 115 people planting a total of 3220 plants - an awesome effort by all !!!

## 1. Brief Update on Various Activities

- **Saxby Road Planting** - chipped wood mulch was spread around the 400 plants on the Rukuhia tributary of the Mangakotukutuku Stream – looking great (see photo).
- **Sandford Park** – ongoing planting along riparian areas and wetland completed (see photo), kokopu and eel artificial habitat structures (pipes and logs) installed within the stream
- **Rangimarie Te Horanganui Marae (Collins Road) Riparian Project** – 200m of stream (see photo), weed control currently underway by Waikato Regional Council in readiness for planting next year
- **Morepork Monitoring Undertaken by MSCG Members** - Big thank you those who undertook Morepork monitoring last week in the annual DOC survey for the HCC area. Members spent an hour each night for 5 nights within Sandford and Te Anau Parks with a total of 17 calls recorded. Once collated, we will circulate the whole HCC area results for those interested
- **Southern Links Roading Project Proposed**– 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. We anticipate lodging a submission on this proposal in the next few months concerning potential impacts on water quality and biodiversity
- **Ian & Elaine's Inspirational Activities** – 13 members assisted Ian & Elaine to plant 450 home grown plants in a large gully area on their Peacockes Road property, which is an amazing restoration project to see!

If you would like to know more about any of these or other projects our group is involved in come to the AGM.

## 2. Annual General Meeting - Thursday 28 November 2013, 7pm

We will be holding our inaugural AGM at Kevin's place, 67 Bruce Ave, Glenview. Please advise in writing or email ([mangacare@gmail.com](mailto:mangacare@gmail.com)) before 22 November of any nominations for our Committee, including proposer and seconder, both of whom must be listed Group members. An agenda and further details will be circulated prior to the AGM.

We would like to have a Committee of 6 people (currently 4) so if anyone is keen please advise.

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

Regards Grant Blackie (021 2772798)

## First Weeding Day - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 3-4.30 pm - Sandford Park

Park at Peacockes Rd entrance - Would be great to see a few more people at these – planting is the easy bit, bring kids and dog etc and maybe we will be treated to more of David's home brew for our efforts!

Snap Shots of Our 2013 Activities



Saxbys Road – 400 plants in 1 hr!!



Saxbys Road –100% weed control, mulched



Collins Road Riparian Project – prior to weed spraying, to be planted 2014



Sandford Park - wetland planting day



Sandford Park - Tuna (eel) 'town houses'



Sandford Park - completed wetland area, looks great, ready for mudfish (winter 2014)