



MANGAKOTUKUTUKU STREAM CARE GROUP

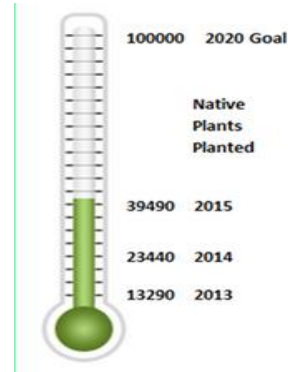
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Winter Planting Success!!

16,000+ plants in the ground this year at multiples sites, which was our biggest year by far due to large farm sites out by Collins Road and the use of contractors on large jobs – an amazing result and well on our way to our 2020 goal!!

For photos of planting days check out

www.facebook.com/Mangakotukutukustreamcaregroup



Peacocks Riparian Restoration Plan - our latest and biggest proposed project yet!! – Initial planning work is underway and a funding application has been lodged with 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 \$70-80k/year (including landowner's contribution) with a total project cost of approx. \$230k.

Please refer to our website to view a copy of the proposal - [Peacocks Riparian Restoration Plan](#)

HCC Pest Control Underway

HCC contractors are very busy undertaking a range of pest animal control operations across the city as a new programme of pest control began on 1 July. The timing of operations will ensure that rabbits, rats, mice and possums are reduced prior to the breeding season for our various native birds.

The programme will see intensive pest control undertaken in selected parks for a three-month period. Pest control within the Mangakotukutuku Stream catchment (ie Sandford, Te Anau and Fitzroy Parks) will commence in October. Initial results indicates that some areas have lots of possums. The work is undertaken in collaboration with Waikato Regional Council and focuses on protecting Hamilton's green spaces, particularly those with ecological significance - check out HCC website for more information [pest control](#)

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

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Next Events- Weeding Time is Here!!

More volunteers required to help out please

Sunday 27th Sept -10am-noon - Weeding in Sandford Park, use Waterford Road entrance.

Sunday 11th Oct - 10am-noon - Weeding in Sandford Park, use Peacockes Road entrance.

Recent snaps taken of current project sites;



Resthills Park – 2600 plants planted in late July on 500m of stream by a HCC/Waikato Regional Council Resource Use team building day. Mulch is currently being spread by a department of Corrections team who are doing a great job, as weather and ground conditions allow. Funded by the Waikato River Authority and WCEET.



Pengxin NZ site, Collins Road – 4400 plants planted by contractors, 900m planted and new fences at a total cost of about \$40,000 funded by WRC (35%) and landowner (65%).