

ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WHAKAORA TE WAIHORA PROGRAMME FOR 2017/2018

In the 2017/2018 the Whakaora Te Waihora programme successfully delivered its annual work plan within budget. This achievement is of significance as it was also the first year of the Whakaora Te Ahuriri project, where all deliverables were also achieved.

Key achievements were:

- For the Whakaora Te Ahuriri project: the funding deed was signed with the Ministry for the Environment; the design of the constructed wetland was completed (with rūnanga and community input, Photo 1); a Mātauranga Māori monitoring programme was developed (with rūnanga input); an applied research methodology was developed; and, a communications action plan was developed with a [media release on the project that featured drone footage of the site](#).
- A feasibility study, and design, for a sediment trap on Burke's Creek/Drain (that carries water into the Huritini/Halswell River on the northern boundary of Ahuriri Lagoon) was completed.
- Further maintenance of Te Repo Orariki (Taumutu Wetlands) was completed, and the management of the site was handed over to Te Taumutu Rūnanga (Photo 2).
- For willow and weed control: through a working partnership with the Department of Conservation, the programme funded \$94,000 of willow control on the lakeshore of Te Waihora (that added to a total of \$169,000 for willow control, with an additional \$75,000 from Environment Canterbury's Te Waihora Flagship funding); and, to accelerate willow control work, Environment Canterbury and the Department of Conservation have developed a Weed Strike Force that will operate initially for a three year commitment, where Whakaora Te Waihora has committed funding;
- In partnership with Te Taumutu Rūnanga, a riparian site along Waikekewai Stream, behind the Ngāti Moki Marae, was planted.
- Maintenance work of existing plantings was conducted at priority sites.
- There was further support for the Kids Discovery Plant-out delivered by Te Ara Kākāriki.



Photo 1: Design Hui overlooking Ahuriri Lagoon.



Photo 2: Planning Hui at Te Repo Orariki (Taumutu Wetlands)