Lower Mangapiko Stream care

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To improve the water quality of the Lower Mangapiko stream by encouraging land owners to permanently exclude stock from all waterways.

This is a community led project involving land owners, who live along the Mangapiko stream. The Mangapiko Stream runs between the townships of Pirongia and Te Awamutu. Continuation of work started in 2006 in clearing nuisance trees from stream – approximately 7 - 8kms is left to do out of total of either side of 41km. Farmers have fenced off with appropriate fences 5 wire, planted riparian areas where suitable and Willow Poles in other areas.

This project is a combination of many groups working together to see clearing of stream of nuisance trees such as Willow and Walnut, so the banks are restored. Water quality has improved and less flooding of farmland with the work that has been done is very apparent. 2013/14 summer more areas of invasive trees, fencing, riparian plantings will occur in the winter.
Work in partnership with local councils, farming community, governmental and non-governmental agencies to achieve restoration to draw on the knowledge of all parties. A field day will be held at the restoration sites to highlight the outcomes of the project and encourage sustainable land management on a catchment wide scale.

By controlling nuisance plants and weeds, such as: blackberry, gorse and willow along the banks of the stream will support the health and well-being of the Waikato River. Also protecting Mangapiko stream banks from further erosion and flooding by promoting the planting of native species and shrubs, or non-invasive exotic plants and promoting sustainable land management practices that will ensure the Mangapiko Stream and catchment is in a better state than in the past will contribute to the future of the Waikato River.

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