



Mangati stream restoration



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This project is able to proceed with permission gained from the neighbouring land owners to clear the Mangati stream all the way out to the river. Finally reconnecting the old trade route and allowing inanga access again. We would like to clear the stream by hand and where possible to use a digger .

To complement this project and to link it with our Papa whitebait spawning restoration [underway with the help of the Waikato River Authority funding] we plan to fence the top and bottom of a 2.4km section of our stop bank. This buffer zone would be planted with flax [sourced from the river] to give the spawning whitebait shelter on the lower tidal sections of the banks. The ultimate plan would in the future continue this along the 2km of tidal stop banks lining our property and the Holmes canal.

The 3rd part of the project is to extend pest control from the puaha of the Papa through to the river . The more we learn about the River and its environment, the more aware we become of the importance of dealing with all pests in order to maintain a real difference.

The next stage is to finish off the work previously started, contouring ponds and eradicating invasive plant species before we replant. We will also clean up the sides of the stream that have already been cleared. It is now totally navigable by boat from the mouth of the Papa to where the Mangati meets the Waikato for the first time in over 100 years.

The neighbouring farmer would like us to create a spawning pond on his part of the Mangati. There are another 3 farmers now wanting their section of the river cleared as well.

This is a Waikato River Authority project (WRA 14-036)

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