



Pest Plant Eradication



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This project involves 49 schools in the clearing of the embankment along the Waikato River from Tuakau to the Bombays.

With the increasingly intensive land uses through its catchments, such activities has continued to degrade the Waikato River in the catchment areas of Tuakau, Onewhero, Pukekohe, Pokeno, Mercer, Waikato Heads, Waiuku and Bombay.

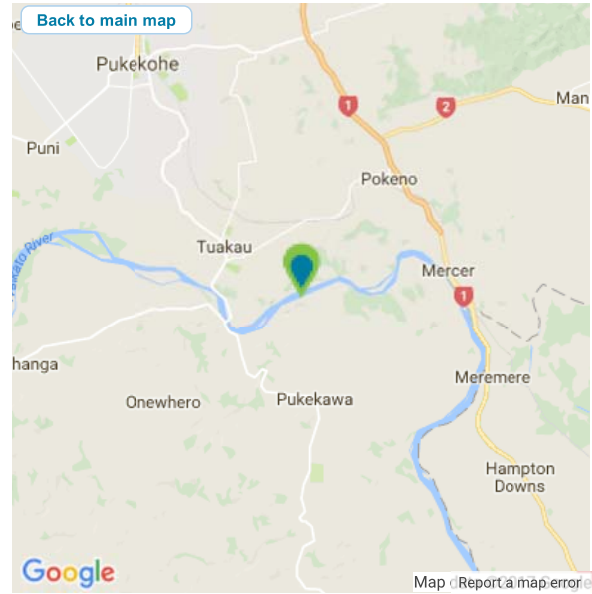
49 Schools will have an opportunity to be educated, to enable an understanding and to participate in the care and responsibility of the river, land and ecology through waka ama principals and application.

The specific outcomes that this project will deliver are the clearing of the embankment of the river of willow overgrowth, the revegetation of 500 metres of land with native trees. The rehabilitation of existing land is barren and the rejuvenation and restoration of the flora and fauna used in Maori medicinal practices of Rongoa will be applied specifically to this area.

The community will be involved and in doing so will be able to assume ownership and responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the river. With the renaissance of waka ama on the river, the respect and care of the river has been greater profiled.

The project has received funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA 12-019)

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