

Attachment 1 : Summary of care group activities 2008-09

Group	Site	Ecosystem	Facilitator	TA	Key activities
Albemarle Streamcare	Albemarle Stream, Wellington	riparian	Juzah Zammit-Ross	WCC	The group planted 500 trees allocated from the Wellington City Council nursery plus an additional 320 funded by the Honda TreeFund. They continue to spend time removing rubbish from years of dumping in this gully. The public track is now open and the group have had two interpretive signs made to inform the public about what is happening on the site. This stream feeds into the Kaiwharawhara Stream and is part of the Kaiwharawhara Catchment project.
Corporate activities	Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Porirua	riparian	Ross Jackson	PCC	Three ponds which were constructed six years ago have now been extensively planted. A fourth pond area was planted on Arbor Day by two hundred children from local schools, along with teachers and parents. Councillor Paul Bruce officiated at the event, which was attended by Graeme Hastilow from Ngati Toa who conducted a mihi. The planting will be continued by a variety of groups, including schools, corporate organisations and locals, along with Parks' staff members. The Friends of Maara Roa continue to plant or maintain their plantings every second Saturday morning during June, July and August. In addition to the Take Care funding, the group were able to add a further 900 plants using the Honda TreeFund. The group also continue to maintain bait stations for pest control and have developed an interpretative walk through one of the covenants. Once again, they ran a series of walks during the summer as part of the Regional Outdoors Programme. This site was also used as a field trip site on Restoration Day.
Churton Park Care Group`	Porirua Stream, Wellington	riparian	Geoff Skene	WCC	The Churton Park care group had a productive year in 2008-09. The site has been completely cleared with the removal of a number of pine trees, willows growing in the stream bed, other pest trees, and a great deal of blackberry. Group members have replanted most of this area at several planting bees and replanted over 2000 plants. The group has one year of funding still to apply and expects to be able to complete their project in this time. Sadly a member of the group had an accident on site in April 2009 and this took its toll on the group. However, group members have remained active and have achieved a considerable amount. Corporate volunteers from the ANZ bank have worked on the site.

					Wellington City Council supplied 500 plants and the group also received an allocation from the Honda fund.
DUNE	Paraparaumu Beach, Kapiti	dune	Robyn Smith	KCDC	This group has added extra members this year having successfully restored an area of dune and have expanded this area. Sadly the key person for the group died this year, however the group are determined to continue the work and have had their funding extended for a further five years. The group had 3 community planting days adding a total of planting of 2,750 spinifex and pingao in the new area. They are working with their facilitator on a action plan for the following work. This will not only include the foredune but also the back dune area between the dune and the property boundaries.
Eastbourne Dunes Protection Group	Eastbourne Beach, Lower Hutt	dune	Juzah Zammitt-Ross	HCC	This was the last year of this group's funding and they have finished planting the area indicated by the group in their original application. A last effort of nearly 1000 plants were added to fill in gaps and they have continued to receive help from the Global Volunteers. The group continues to hold regular working bees to maintain the planted area and will continue to do so. This group has been well led and organised by David McDougall and David is hopeful that new groups from the community will be inspired to continue the restoration along the beach and therefore have not applied for further funding.
Enaki Stream Care	Enaki Stream, Wairarapa	riparian	Don Bell	CDC	The group contributed towards fencing off the part of Fensham wetland severed by the road on the Shield's property, adjacent to the Enaki Stream. Group members assisted Forest & Bird, The Fensham group, South End School kids, Stars Trust members (Trees for Wairarapa), Honda representatives and GW staff with planting 1000 native swampland species around the wetland area. A stream walk and seminar held last April with representatives from Fonterra, Dairy Action Team and Greater Wellington. They looked at what progress has been made towards improving water and habitat quality in the catchment. Although there are signs of improvement at the sampling sites in aesthetics, vegetation cover, shade and hence reduced water temperatures, and bank stability, the stream remains in a degraded state as represented by high nutrient and faecal bacteria levels and fish communities associated with degraded habitat and water quality. During the year group members also planted 398 natives and 300 nurse

					species (tree lucerne and flowering gums) on four sites along the stream. This is the last year for funding for the group.
Forest and Bird Kapiti-Mana Branch	Waimapehi Stream, Kaitawa Reserve, Kapiti	riparian	Juzah Zammit-Ross	KCDC	The Kapiti branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Society have been working to restore the margins of the Wharemauku Stream and small coastal forest remnant in the Kaitawa Reserve for over ten years. The plants are grown by the local Forest and Bird nursery in Waikanae. Kapiti Coast District Council prepares the sites for planting to enable the group to spend most of their efforts on planting. They plant around 500 plants each year and this is the last year of funding.
Friends of Greendale	Muaupoko Stream, Otaihanga, Kapiti	riparian	Robyn Smith	KCDC	This group has just completed its last year of funding. The Muaupoko stream has been completely revegetated within their project area and Greendale reserve has been expanded to become a large area of native bush from its original state of pasture. This dedicated group led by Phil Palmer has achieved so much. This winter plantings again were to fill in small areas and the group spends much of their time maintaining their plantings. Many of the areas especially the earlier planting are so well grown that they now longer allow weeds to penetrate.
Friends of Maara Roa	Canon's Creek, Belmont Regional Park	riparian	Ross Jackson	PCC	The Friends of Maara Roa continue with their huge task of restoring 100 ha area of Cannons Creek Valley. Planting and maintenance is carried out every second Saturday morning during June, July and August. The group has focused its planting on a number of key areas developing "green corridors", where they plant fire resistant species in an effort to prevent a major fire, as occurred four years ago. In addition to GWRC on this project, plants were also funded by the Honda TreeFund and a successful Honda Tree Day was held in June, where 900 plants went in the ground in spite of a wet cold southerly. The Friends continue to maintain bait stations for pest control and have developed an interpretative walk through one of the covenants. Once again, they ran a series of walks during the summer as part of the Regional Outdoors Programme.
Friends of the Millennium	Millennium Reserve, Masterton	wetland	Warren Field	MDC	Over the past year this group has planted 800 plants and covered 500m of tracks covered with lime and gravel. They also have programmed the removal of many Tree Lucerne which were originally planted to provide shelter for native species.

					The Reserve has an ongoing relationship with this school and small groups visit the reserve every week to look at, and help with, various aspects of the work done there. Percy Braggins, a stalwart of the group passed away earlier this year but has left an on-going legacy for Masterton. Although this was the last year of funding for the group, they will continue on maintaining and planting in the reserve.
Friends of Ngati Awa	Ngati Awa River, Waikanae, Kapiti	riparian	Robyn Smith	KCDC	This group has continued to pot up supplied seedlings to planting stage. They have planted several hundred plants over the past winter and they are now into their final year of funding.
Friends of Otaki River	Friends of Otaki River, Kapiti	riparian	Melanie McElwee	KCDC	FOTOR have been successful in obtaining funding (\$90K over 3 years) from the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund (SMF). This includes a person to work with the friends on the sites they are interested in restoring over a 3 year period. A site visit was held with GW staff and the Friends group in early April, to identify potential planting sites to include in the development of a planting plan. This plan has now been completed and will be worked to.. An ecological strategy is still being planned for the Otaki river corridor by GW which would help guide the FOTOR's work. FOTOR have also been successful in gaining funding for a two year period for restoration work at the Otaki Estuary. Funding for \$15K has been made available from DoC's Community Conservation Fund.
Friends of Owhiro Stream	Owhiro Stream, Wellington	riparian	Callum Brookes	WCC	Approximately 1700 plants were planted last year in 3 different sites adjacent to Owhiro Road. The group continued to develop the very difficult 'Bagel Factory' site which is the largest length of stream unpipied. The group successfully prepared 3 new sites for the 09/10 planting season on the Upper Western side of the stream. The group has also been focussing on increasing volunteer numbers on working bee days. Some links were made through Owhiro Bay School and also Mokai Kainga. Website development was also seen as a possible portal for obtaining volunteers and maintaining interest amongst current members. Some extra work went in around the shadehouse, with the inclusion of a new tool shed, construction of a loading bay and expansion of the shadehouse area itself.

Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park	Marine's Wetland, Whareroa Stream and Raumati Dunes, Kapiti	combined	Ross Jackson	KCDC	The Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park, which include members of Kapi-Mana Forest and Bird continue to actively restore three areas within Queen Elizabeth Park with the assistance of Take Care funding. The bush remnant is expanded each year and it is intended to eventually expand it out to 5ha from its existing 2ha. On Arbor Day 1,000 trees were added to the margins of the wetland by local school children. On the dune site, spinifex continues to be planted between the Whareroa Stream outlet and the Raumati South entrance. The park rangers organise a community working day at the park nursery every Wednesday, where Friends carry out potting and general nursery work growing some of the plant material required for the various projects in the park. Growing most of their own plants for the park enables the group to spread their budget much further and corporate and school groups help out with getting plants into the ground.
Friends of Waikanae River	Waikanae River, Kapiti	riparian	Melanie McElwee	KCDC	In early April, the group were informed that they had been successful in their application for \$40K from the DoC Community Conservation Fund - for the restoration of the Oxbow in the Waikanae River. FWR continue to consider a number of initiatives to involve the community and private landowners in restoration efforts along the river corridor. This includes linking up with the local gardening group and further encouraging private landowners to undertake restoration work.
Glenside Streamcare	Porirua Stream, Wellington	riparian	Paul Denton	WCC	Stebbings Dam Site - Over the past year, gorse was hand-removed and the stumps treated allowing plants to expand into the newly opened areas. In November 2008 a walking track (the zig-zag track) that runs through the site from the dam crest to the stream was widened by Flood Protection Department. This created some controversy at the time with the care group members as some plants were destroyed.. The track cuts are now beginning to heal with new seedlings and grass dominating the cut faces. About 200 new plants were added to this site over the year. Middleton road - debris arrestor. This site has had the larger weeds removed over summer and the plantings are now beginning to form a canopy. Twelve willows which had previously been poisoned were identified as a hazard and are currently being removed by Wellington city council and Flood Protection. Middleton road - Rowells Road site is the current planting site. The site has been

					well prepared with spraying and a cut over of the gorse twice. Around 1600 seedling were planted with a 95% success rate.
Island Bay Coastcare	Island Bay Beach, Wellington	dune	Juzah Zammit-Ross	WCC	In addition to the 500 plants allocated by Wellington City Council nursery, this group also planted a further 250 plants from the Honda TreeFund. This hard working group has several community planting days and regular weeding days as well. A management plan was commissioned for the area and the group will be expanding their planting over the next three years.
Makaracarpas	Makara Estuary, Wellington	estuarine	Tim Park	WCC	This group continues to follow their management plan planting within the estuary and on the banks of the Makara stream adjacent to the estuary. The local Makara school is a keen supplier of plants and children for the project. Around 750 plants were added last season.
Makoura Stream Restoration Project	Makoura Stream, Masterton	riparian	Tony Faulkner	MDC	The MSRP kicked off their first year with a programme of willow clearing, tree planting, rubbish removal, identification of land available for restoration and a stream baseline study to assess its overall health and to provide a strategy for further work. The bulk of activity was based in the headwaters of the Makoura catchment with the assistance of Webstar printers who donated the land for restoration. A few hundred metres of willow were removed and 550 native seedlings were planted. A further 1000 seedlings were planted at various other locations downstream on privately owned property. The MSRP second year looks even busier with a second stage of planting at Webstar planned with the Honda Tree Fund trees along with the restoration of a former gas works site immediately downstream. Areas of further willow removal have been identified for later in the year. All planting from last winter are surviving reasonably well.
Millwood Estate Community Group	Hull's Creek, Upper Hutt	riparian	Juzah Zammit-Ross	UHCC	This is one of two groups working on Hulls Creek, a tributary of the Hutt River. With a massive rabbit problem that continue to invade the planting site, the last planting area has now been fenced off from rabbits. The local PD workers are now involved in the project as most of the residents are too frail to dig in the very stony ground.
Moehau Stream Care	Moehau Stream, Upper Hutt	riparian	Juzah Zammit- Ross	UHCC	The Upper Hutt Forest and Bird group continue with their huge efforts restoring the margins of the Moehau stream which is adjacent to Barton's Bush in Trentham. Each year they have a

					number of cubs and scout groups, corporate volunteers and community planting days. They were awarded \$26,000 to remove all willows from the site and this will enable them to plant larger areas each year. A partnership established with the horticulture course at WELTEC will continue in following years with the students learning about stream restoration and the group benefitting from the student's labour.
Nga Uruora Kapiti Inc	Paekakariki Escarpment, Kapiti	escarpment	Robyn Smith	KCDC	The Nga Uruora group has two nurseries, one at Pukerua Bay school, the other at Paekakariki school. The Take Care programme provides all material needed for these nurseries which grow all the plants for the escarpment plantings.
Onehunga Bay Beachcare	Onehunga Bay, Whitireia Park, Porirua	dune/wetland	Juzah Zammit-Ross	PCC	This group is growing larger each year which is reflected in their planting numbers. Four hundred dune plants were added to a new area of dune and the area was fenced off with bollards and rope. A further 1400 plants were added to the wetland and surrounding hillside which will eventually link the only bush remnant in the park with the dune areas. Community planting day numbers are increasing and the group are starting to see the results of their labours.
Petone Dune Restoration Group	Petone Beach, Lower Hutt	dune	Robyn Smith	HCC	A series of community planting days boosted the group's efforts to continue to plant up the foredunes east of the wharf. Hutt City Council held a series of community meetings in the Petone area and there was overall approval from the community to continue the programme to the west of the wharf.
Riversdale Beach Care	Riversdale Beach, Wairarapa	dune	Dave Cameron	MDC	A total of 500 spinifex and 500 pingao were planted over the past season mainly around the north end of the beach. The areas were fenced off with bollards and marine rope and weed species were sprayed out. This group has now finished their Take Care funding but have received \$24,000 over two years from the Community Conservation Fund. This will enable the group to continue their work further south of the village. This southern area has a significant wetland reserve running parallel to the beach and the narrow strip of dune between the two is a worthy restoration area.
Silverstream Care Group	Hull's Creek, Silverstream	riparian	Richard Romijn	UHCC	The Hulls creek group hold regular monthly working bees. The willows at the south end have been removed and around 850 plants have been added to the site. Silverstream school has had two planting days and it is likely another school, St. Brendons, will

					also contribute next year. The divisional planting day was held at the site for the second year and 1400 plants were added which is a great boost to this group.
Trelissick Park Group	Kaiwharawhara Stream, Wellington	riparian	Robyn Smith	WCC	The Trelissick Park group have spent this year growing on small ferns to planting size as well as continuing their planting of the Kaiwharawhara and Korimako stream margins. A continued effort by the Biosecurity pest plant division in partnership with Wellington City council pest weed officer is making in-roads into the enormous range and distribution of weeds in this reserve. This group gets assistance from various "Adopt a spot" people who plant and look after small areas within the park as well as corporate volunteers.
Waikanae Dune restoration Group	Waikanae Beach, Kapiti	dune	Iain Dawe	KCDC	The Waikanae Dune group has a nursery where they grow many of the plants needed for not only Waikanae dunes but the group also work at another Take Care site, Waimeha lagoon. This group has extended their efforts from the Waikanae boating club all the way to the north side of Waikanae estuary. A management plan has been completed for the group to work to which indicates priority areas and covers the next five years. School children and large community planting days assist the group to get all their plants in.
Waikanae Estuary Care Group Inc	Waikanae Estuary, Kapiti	wetland/dune	Kerryn Penny	KCDC	Around 8,000 plants were added to the estuary over the past year. The group has regular planting days every fortnight throughout the planting season and almost all plants are grown in their nursery. When not planting, group members work in the nursery or weed previously planted sites. The group has close links with Kenakena and Waikanae schools who grow seedlings and plant them in the reserve. In addition to \$11,500 from the Sustainable Management Fund, the group also received a \$8,000 grant from the community Conservation Fund. Much of the SMF funding is spent on expenses related to growing plants and the CCF funding is spent on site preparation. A communication strategy has been developed with assistance from Matt Velde, Greater Wellington Communications Officer.
Waimeha Restoration Group	Waimeha Lagoon, Kapiti	wetland	Tim Park	KCDC	The group's nursery supplies almost all of the group's needs for the wetland. A combination of school groups and community planting days assist the group with their objectives. As the site is a

					Key Native Ecosystem, it receives assistance from Greater Wellington's pest plant and pest animal officers. This work concentrates on key weed species and site preparation.
Waipahihi Stream Care	Waipahihi Stream, Wellington	riparian	Juzah Zammit-Ross	WCC	This group is the students of Onslow College. The original teacher involved in this project moved schools and the impetus declined until a new teacher took over the project. Some good site preparation organised by a Greater Wellington pest plant officer allowed a planting day with several classes planting on the site. Although the group has two more years of funding left, the project site will be able to finished in one.
Waitohu Streamcare Inc	Waitohu Stream, Otaki Beach	combined	Robyn Smith	KCDC	This group has a very efficient nursery producing all the plants needed. They meet every week for several hours and are either planting, weeding or working in the nursery. The foredune within the project area is now finished and the group are now working on the backdune area. They have removed lupin from a considerable area and are planting islands of native species which provide a seed source for other areas. They are still working on the wetland adjacent to Waitohu stream planting mainly succession species such as kahikatea in behind established islands of swamp flax.
Whangaehu River Group	Whangaehu River, Wairarapa	riparian	Tony Faulkner	SWDC	The Whangaehu Stream Care Group had a busy year of planting release spraying and some fencing. The groups stock grazing issues continue, however a fence has been erected and some resolution with surrounding landowners is being sought. Over the course of the year just over 1000 native seedlings were planted and survival rates have been encouraging. Seedlings were released from grass in October and later in the summer.