

Waimatā Catchment Project

Community Meeting – 13 July 2021

Small group discussion: *What outcomes are we seeking? What are the most urgent, doable and impactful actions that will reach these outcomes?*

Outcomes	Activities
Data contribute to our knowledge about what is impacting on the river	Citizen science / matauranga-based projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key sources of sediment pollutants Test water quality People going to the river every 2 weeks for a quick clean-up and check
<p>The importance of restoring the river is made visible</p> <p>Awareness of the river, and what is needed to restore it, is raised</p> <p>More people come on board</p>	Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for riverbank / stream residents about what should be done in our own back yards for river users <p><i>How?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice and support for landowners, especially lower catchment Handouts / mail drops with riverbank species Workshops School student to learn about the river from on the river Festival on the river Adopt a 'waterway' / sponsor a stretch of water – businesses sponsor restoration in esplanade and 'no-one's' land Fun community planting event – event boards at Riverside Road Community river clean up People learning to recycle instead of dumping in the river Develop an online tool that recognises the complexity of layers related to the river and its recovery and will provide an integrated approach to understanding them. Celebrate success – articles, awards, events
Prevention strategies help to stop the ongoing degradation of the river	Stopping pollutants getting into the river <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People learning to recycle instead of dumping ion the river Preventing old/rotten tress from falling in the river

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting farmers to check on the rivers nearby to make sure they are clean and not polluted • Get farmers to regularly check the weather forecast to prevent livestock from falling into flooded rivers
<p>Slippage of the banks is prevented Roots are filtered, microbes cleaned out of soil A buffer is created between land and water that prevents 'unwants' from getting into the river</p> <p><i>Indicators of success</i> - measuring planting impact, changes in water quality, diversity of insect and bird life.</p>	<p>Planting <i>The right plants for the right place</i> - cost effective and sustainable eg flax fans, manuka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed sourcing • Funding sourcing • Invest money in natives • Planning • Riparian planting and fencing • GDC run exemplar planting days and bring community on board • Bring in Native Plant Nursery • Gather data (Environmental Science Research paper)
Pests control results in a return of insects, birds and marine life	<p>Pest control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A programme of pest control involving everyone • Cats chipped (as dogs are) • Try and find stuff to keep the pest away from the river
Nature-based forestry trials test and demonstrate good practice and encourage others to follow suit	<p>Trial nature-based forestry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a (GDC?) farm – Wharekiri – as best practice, demonstration farm – trial difference techniques / planting / pest control
(Outcomes as per FEP action plans)	Continue farming environment planning and implement actions

Other comments:

We must as individuals feel satisfied with doing the work

Surprised with the lack of medical complaints

Improve it at home first

Question – how to stop debris getting into the water?

Idea for drain wise stopping stormwater – everyone has a water tank

Get the job done

Don't lose the richness of the enthusiasm and ideas for the awa