



Friends of  
Taupō Swamp  
& Catchment

## Friends of Taupō Swamp & Catchment Newsletter

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Tena koutou Taupo Swamp supporters.

Here is a brief news update about Taupo Swamp restoration activities and upcoming work mornings.

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### **FOTSC newsletter – Autumn 2023**

1. This has been a fantastic summer for plant growth. We have had a very good survival rate from last year's plantings. This year we are planning on planting about 700 more plants. These will be in several places:
  - At the northern end of the PCC-owned wetlands close to the area owned by QE11NT.
  - Underplanting where we did 'pioneer tree planting' in 2019-2220, adjacent to the Motor Caravans site.
  - On the northern edge of Plimmerton Domain against the swamp. There are many 20-year-old Ngaio trees that have already died there due to the increasing wet soil due to the rising water level.
2. We have already purchased the trees from Te Rito Nursery in Raiha St, Porirua. Once again, we anticipate them being in great condition for winter planting. We appreciate the mahi from Steve and his team at the nursery.
3. Take a note for yourself that the next weeding days are: **Thursday 23 March, Saturday 15 April, Saturday 4 May. 9am to midday.** Gather at our white shipping container on the Compost NZ site off Ulric St. Take care on their site as there are usually several vehicles coming and going. Please drive around the site in a clockwise direction so you don't trigger the vehicle alert near the office. Thank you to the support from Compost NZ too.

4. A lot of work has gone in recently to clearing the pathway along the top of the bund to enable the trappers from Pest Free Plimmerton to access their rat and stoat traps.
5. We have recently had great support from Cratos New Zealand Ltd – a local business that supplies advanced level drones. They have helped with some fantastic new drone filming of Taupo Swamp.
6. GWRC have recently had staff on the site doing blackberry control work.
7. Following on from the well-attended Strategic Planning meeting in December, we are working on a FOTSC Operational Plan that will cover at least the next five years.
8. Att is an aerial map photo of the areas that we are working on.
9. Check out the new mural and signage in the new rail underpass.

