



Friends of
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Hi all

Below is a brief update on Taupo Swamp news. Last opportunity for planting this year! Also - last day Friday to give feedback to Kainga Ora about the proposed Northern Growth Area.

Cheers

Friends of Taupo Swamp & Catchment Society Inc.

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Last 2023 FOTSC planting – can you help?

Saturday 7th October. 230 plants to get in the ground. See you at the FOTSC container anytime between 9 and midday. We have the gear – you will need solid footwear.

- FOTSC will be submitting comments to Kainga Ora about the proposed 'Specified Development Project' for the Northern Growth Area ie the land east of Highway 57 between Camborne and Pukerua Bay. It is intended as an eight stage process. At this stage, they are inviting feedback on:
 - > the proposed project area,
 - > the proposed project objectives (very light on protection of wetlands and waterways)
 - > and the proposed project governance body. (no mention of community or conservation representation)

Comments need to be submitted by Friday 29th Sept. (End of this week...)

Full details are here: [Specified Development Project - Northern Growth Area - Porirua City](#)

- Spring growth is underway with all plantings looking good..... and weeds to match.
- Thank you to the team from the Conservation Work Skills team for the planting work last month. This work was done in the very rough area north of the GWRC weir on Taupo Stream.
- Thanks also to the staff from Excel Digital Ltd with support from CVNZ for the riparian planting work on the northern edge of the Plimmerton Domain in August.
- Thanks to 2023 funding support from NZ Motor Caravans' Association, Greater Wellington Regional Council and the Nikau Foundation
- We have now published our Strategic and Operational Plan for 2023-2028. This is a big step towards our longer-term planning and is aligned with all local and regional planning and policy. Let us know if you would like a hard copy. Meanwhile see it here: [FOTSC Strategic & Operations Plan. 2023-2028.pdf](#)