



Friends of  
Taupo Swamp  
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### FOTSC Newsletter – Summer 2024

Kia Ora FOTSC supporters . Welcome to the 6th year of restoration and advocacy for our local wetlands Yes – it is hard to believe but the work goes on thanks in a large part to your support.

- Hot dry weather lately but we've been quietly busy down in the wetlands with small groups doing track clearances, pest free monitoring and weed clearance around plants.
- Conservation NZ, and Conservation work skills groups start back next month – we greatly appreciate their mahi when they are onsite with us.
- Planting planning 2024 is well underway – fewer plants this year (bigger forest trees to interplant amongst the nursery plants you all put in 5-6 years ago and which are now up to 3 metres high).
- Targeted summer weed control by Great Wellington – done! Thanks GW.
- Annual drone flyover – done. Huge thanks to CRATOS. This gives us so much information upon which to base our planning. [Flight 21-12-23](#) Note dying Ngaio along the dog park boundary (Rise in water levels). Bund planting is now reaching 2-3 metres in height, recent blackberry sprayed areas now showing die back. These will be planted at a later stage.
- We are currently working with GW and Porirua City Council to refine an 'environmental reporting hotline' so concerns about local issues such as silting, water quality and earthworks can be rapidly attended to. Watch this space...
- 2023 Plimmerton school 'Science in the Swamp' a great success. FOTSC is proud to collaborate with the school, PRA, PCC, Pest Free Plimmerton to engage with every year level. Wetlands based artwork is now up in the Plimmerton rail underpass thanks to Margaret Tolland who worked with the children, KiwiRail, and to the PRA who sought the funding. 2024 will see aspects of this programme continue.

Able to support us? An hour a week? A day?

- Get in touch with concerns, ideas to [Tauposwamp@gmail.com](mailto:Tauposwamp@gmail.com)
- Attend our work days
- Wrap plant protectors – sitting down!
- Donate
- Any expertise in planning, mapping, biodiversity, media, grant applications?

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