



Friends of
Taupo Swamp
& Catchment

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Plimmerton Farm Plan Change and Taupo Swamp Plans

Kia ora

The Plimmerton Farm Plan Change is going ahead despite 90%+ of submissions being against it... most submitters wanted more environmental protection for the Taupo Swamp catchment.

Yes - we are extremely disappointed with the outcome and our concerns that we voiced at every stage of the Hearing Process have not diminished.

However, we remain committed to the five year restoration plan that we laid out in 2019 to restore that part of Taupo Swamp in the vicinity of Ulric St that is owned by PCC.

So we have another three years of planting and weed removal to get done.

In 2024 we will review progress and determine our future steps.

By that stage we will also have an understanding of both the environmental impact of the Plimmerton Farm Development and the growth of the trees that have been planted by volunteers around Taupo Swamp.

Meantime, let's put the health of Taupo Swamp and its wonderful biodiversity at the centre of our thinking.

To date we have planted approximately 8000 very healthy plants and trees that need weeding before we commence more planting this winter.

As some people prefer a week day and some prefer a weekend we have set up weeding working bees to be done on these dates from 9am - midday:

**** Last Thursday in the month - 25th March, 29th April, 27th May**

++ Second Saturday in the month - 10th April, 8th May, 12th June

In addition on Wednesday March 17th we will have a weeding day with Conservation Volunteers NZ which you are also invited to.

As always we will meet in Ulric St by the NZ Motor Caravans site.

You will hear from us again soon with details about our upcoming AGM – by Zoom for now so we can welcome members from around the country! If you are keen to join our “no meetings’ Committee we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continuing support- we have some exciting plans in the mix for 2021!

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