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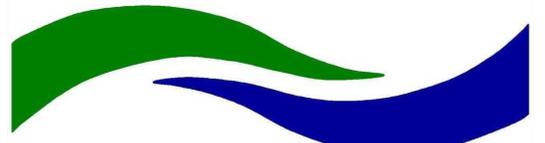
# Waikato RiverCare Annual Report



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## Waikato RiverCare



Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Incorporated

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The Waikato River is a national and regional icon holding significant cultural, economic, social and environmental values. The Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc (LWRES trading as 'Waikato RiverCare') links these values with interested organisations and provides a vehicle for riparian habitat restoration using a base of native plant species. Waikato RiverCare was incorporated in 2001 and is supported by a range of community stakeholders with a common vision and purpose.

The geographic area covered is over 120 kilometres of river (and associated banks) along the Waikato River downstream of Hamilton City to the river mouth at Port Waikato.

## Vision

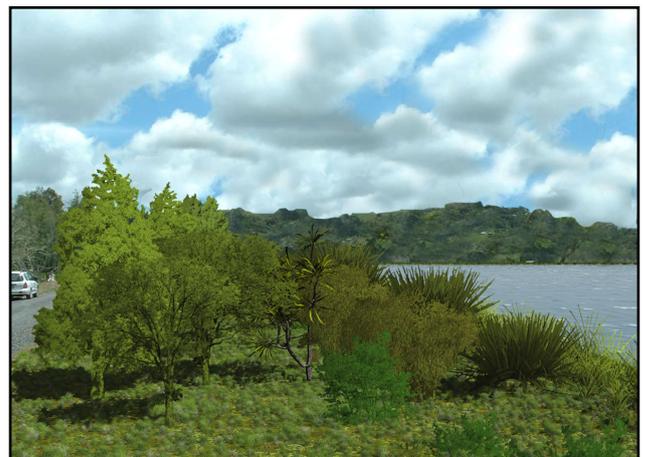
To make a positive difference to the wellbeing of our River  
*Kia whakapakari te mauri o ta tatou Awa*

## Purpose

To implement an enduring programme to establish self-sustaining native plant-based communities on the lower Waikato River banks



*From this...*



*... to this*



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# Introduction

Waikato Rivercare is pleased to present its ninth Annual Report. The report documents achievements in relation to established projects and new projects initiated this year. It also provides the mandatory Chairperson’s Report and annual Financial Statement.

# Structure of Waikato RiverCare

Waikato RiverCare is an Incorporated Society and has two categories of membership - foundation member and general member. Each foundation member appoints one representative to the Executive Committee and up to three general members may be elected to the Executive Committee.

<b>Exec. Committee</b>	<b>Foundation member</b>	<b>Representative</b>
✓	Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council	David Klee
✓	Dawn Metcalfe	-
✓	Environment Waikato	Michelle Hodges
✓	Genesis Energy	Lizana Tuake/ Janine Hayward
✓	Mighty River Power Ltd	Rowan Robinson/ Ian Wallace
✓	Nga Muka Development Trust	Aareka Hopkins
✓	North Waikato Federated Farmers	Wally Lee
✓	Waahi Whaanui Trust	Hori Awa
✓	Waikato District Council	Ben Wolf
✓	Waikato Raupatu Trustee Company Ltd	Julian Williams
✓	Watercare Services Ltd	Shayne Cunis/ Suzanne Naylor
✓	Wayne Bennett	-
	<b>General Member</b>	<b>Organisation (if applicable)</b>
✓	Alice Barnett	Waikato RiverCare
	Mark Dean	Natural Environments Ltd
	Peter Parry	Waikato RiverCare
	Phil Teal	-
✓	Suzanne Naylor	Watercare Services Ltd
✓	Therese Balvert	Environment Waikato



# Sponsors

Waikato RiverCare would like to sincerely thank its sponsors – without their support Waikato RiverCare would not be able to achieve our vision which is:

*To make a positive difference to the wellbeing of our River  
Kia whakapakari te mauri o ta tatou Awa.*

## Kauri Sponsors



## Kahikatea Sponsors



## Karamu Sponsor



## Funding or donations were received from:

**GreenFleet**



**Department of Conservation – Waikato Area Office**

**Solo (NZ) Ltd**

**Treescape – Waikato & Central North Island**

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# Chairperson's Report

The core focus for Waikato RiverCare over the past year has been on restoring the riverbanks of the lower Waikato River. Second to this has been building capacity and forward planning so that Waikato RiverCare can continue to grow.

This was my second year as chairperson of the group and it has been a very busy year. We have welcomed several new members who will be with us in the coming year. This includes Ian Wallace (Mighty River Power), Ben Wolf (WDC) and Norman Hill (Department of Conservation). This year has seen the update of Waikato RiverCare's strategic plan which sets the direction of the group through until the end of 2012. The Health and Safety Policy has had a comprehensive overhaul and for the first time Waikato RiverCare employed a site maintenance team for two days a week from September 2009 through to April 2010.

At the beginning of this year the structure of Waikato RiverCare was altered and the executive committee split into an Implementation Committee and Strategy Committee. The implementation committee was to meet monthly and the strategy committee every two months. However, splitting the group in two meant that it was difficult to get a quorum at every meeting and decision making became difficult. The group therefore reverted back to the previous structure of monthly General Committee Meetings. In addition, a small group of dedicated individuals, known as the sponsorship sub-committee has continued to meet once every couple of months to progress sponsorship and strategic issues.

Several new river bank sites were planted this year (Churchill East A, Te Kokiri B and Gedye Property) totalling a length of 2.2km and an area of 2 hectares. Some infill planting was carried out at existing sites and an additional three sites totalling a riverbank length of 2.8km have been prepared for planting in 2010. These three new sites are located on Churchill East Road at Rangiriri, Huntly Golf Course and SHWY1 at Taupiri (next to the existing Taupiri A site).

This year Waikato RiverCare adopted a cadet training and site maintenance programme. Two 'cadets' were employed - one from Manukau Institute of Technology school of Horticulture and the other from Wintec Horticulture School in Hamilton, who was later replaced by a cadet from Auckland. The cadets have been working closely with Rowan Robinson (Mighty River Power) and Peter Parry (Project Coordinator) from September 2009 until the end of April 2010 undertaking site maintenance activities and training in the use of spray units, herbicide sprays, chainsaws, 4WD vehicles, plant placement, general weed control methods, project planning and reporting. The programme has been extremely beneficial to Waikato RiverCare as our project sites are looking fantastic. Special thanks to Solo for donating knapsack spray units for the cadet programme and to Rowan Robinson for initiating and driving the programme.

Waikato RiverCare has worked with a range of volunteer groups and individuals over the last year including Kanae Kakariki Trust, Genesis Energy, Watercare Services, BNZ Bank, Young Farmers, Runanga o Kirikiriroa, Conservation Volunteers New Zealand, Phillip Mabin and Ian Weir to name a few. The group also continues to work with Ngaruawahia Primary School and this year students planted another 200 native trees on the riverbank at Ngaruawahia.

In addition to involving volunteer groups in our work, Waikato RiverCare also worked to build its profile in the community by having an exhibit at the Waikato-Tainui Games and the Waikato Museum's Children's Day. I'd like to especially thank Rowan Robinson and Peter Parry for their work with volunteers and improving the profile of Waikato RiverCare over the last year.

The support of our sponsors – Genesis Energy, Mighty River Power, Gallagher Group and Watercare Services Limited is much appreciated and has allowed us to see projects through to completion. Waikato RiverCare was also delighted to receive substantial funding contributions from the Department of Conservation, Greenfleet and the Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust.

Secretary Alice Barnett continues to be an asset to Waikato RiverCare, undertaking many of the day to day tasks that keep the organisation moving forward. Recently Waikato RiverCare has employed a Relationships Manager to assist in liaison with sponsors, source further funding and increase the profile of the group. Ultimately the Relationships Manager will become the corporate ‘face’ of Waikato RiverCare. We welcome Peter Courtney to this role and wish him well.

Therese Balvert has completed her second year as treasurer for the group and continues to do an excellent job. This would not be possible without the ongoing support from Environment Waikato who has been generous in donating the staff time required for myself and Therese to fulfil the positions of Treasurer and Chairperson.

Many sponsorship agreements expire in 2011 so the challenge for Waikato RiverCare over the coming year will be to secure ongoing sponsorship from these sponsors. Another important challenge moving forward will be to secure more input into site management from our members. Waikato RiverCare will also continue to follow the progress with the Tainui River settlement and seek opportunities to work with Tainui to continue to improve the health of the Waikato River.

I would like to thank the continued support of foundation member organisations that provide staff time and other contributions and to other funders and supporters who provide significant funding and resources to achieve work on the ground. Special thanks to our volunteer members who give up their own time to support the group. Thanks to Dawn for her generous hospitality and hosting sponsorship sub-committee meetings at her house. Finally, thanks to each individual person that has provided their time and energy over the year to Waikato RiverCare. We should all be very proud of our efforts to date and I look forward to the next year and continued efforts to make a positive difference to the wellbeing of our River.

Michelle Hodges

**Chairperson**

## Future Plans

A sponsorship strategy ensures financial sustainability of Waikato RiverCare’s activities. The generous support of four major sponsors: Mighty River Power, Genesis Energy, Gallagher Group and Watercare Services Ltd have made it possible to plan more efficiently into the foreseeable future.

Waikato RiverCare’s business plan has an operational objective of planting up to two hectares of riverbank per year (or two kilometres based on a ten-metre wide riparian margin). With this in mind, there is an awareness not to undertake projects that are currently too big for Waikato RiverCare to logistically handle with the available time and funding resources.

With each site, there is an approach of undertaking the project in four separate phases:

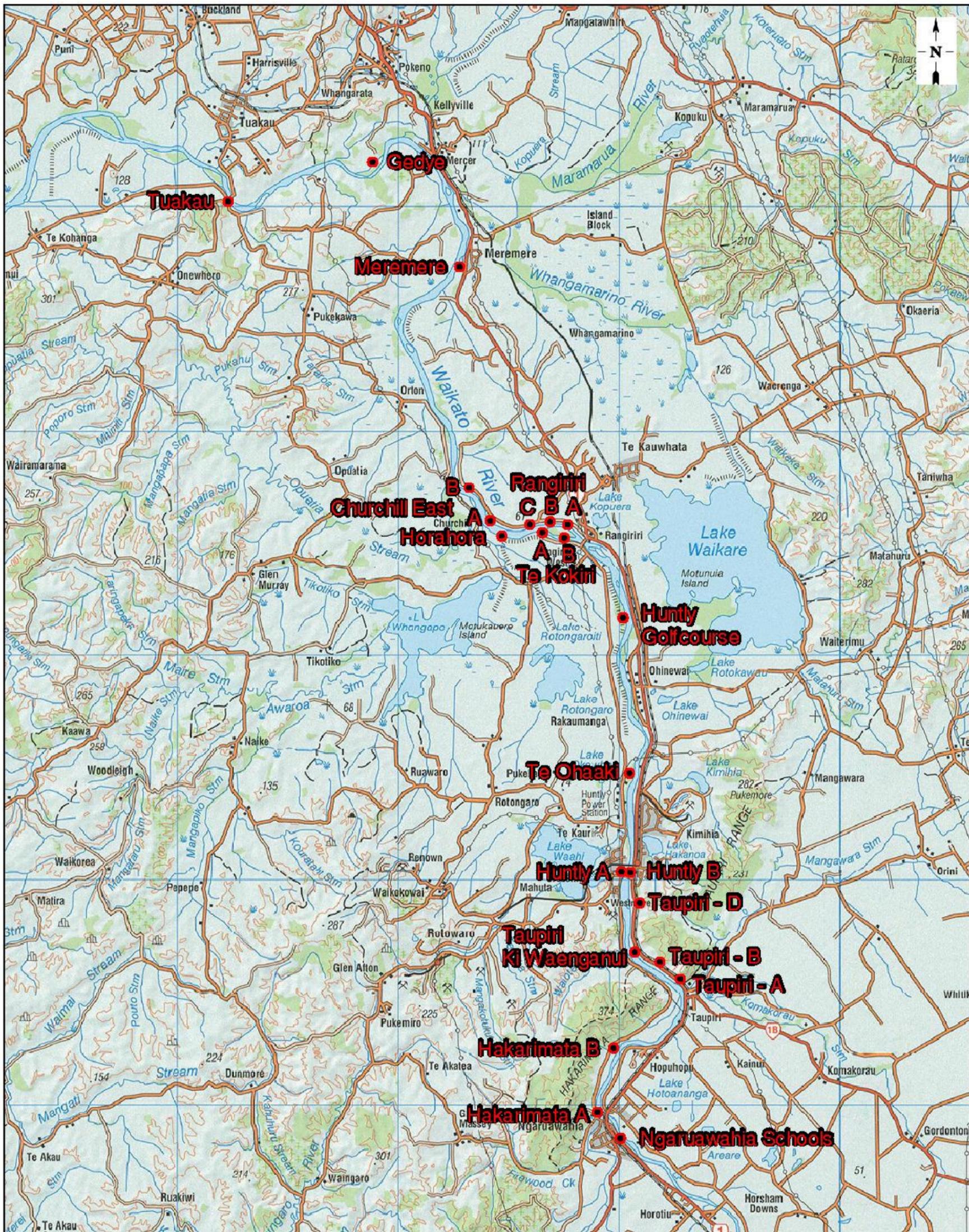
Phase		Indicative cost per hectare:
<b>Preparation:</b>	Involving weed spraying, fencing, clearance of willow trees etc.	\$13,000
<b>Planting:</b>	Involving selection of plants and actively planting them.	\$19,000
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Involving weed control and monitoring of plant establishment and survival. Anticipated involvement of three-year period minimum.	\$8,000 over three years
<b>Exit Maintenance:</b>	Once a project has been largely completed it is put into an ‘exit maintenance’ category. It involves inspecting the project site every 2 years and undertaking maintenance if required.	\$1,000 (maximum) every two years

Indicative costs will vary from site to site depending on exact requirements and community involvement but an overall cost will normally be of similar magnitude.

Ideally, each year Waikato RiverCare would have at least:

- two one-kilometre sites being initiated in preparation phase
- two one-kilometre sites being planted in planting phase; and
- six one-kilometre sites being maintained in maintenance phase.

# Location of sites



<h2>Waikato River Care Sites</h2>		<p>Scale - 1:160,000</p>	<p><b>A3</b></p>
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# Site progress and achievements

During the 2009 winter planting season, Waikato Rivercare actively engaged over 100 volunteers and one contractor group for all plantings. In total, 15,568 native plants have gone into the ground at eight riverbank locations between Ngaruawahia and Pokeno.

## At a glance

The table below shows what phase of management each of Waikato RiverCare's sites were in this year and will be in for the coming year.

Project Site	2009/10	2010/11
Rangiriri C	Site Preparation	Planting
Huntly Golfcourse	Site Preparation	Planting
Taupiri B	Site Preparation	Planting
Taupiri D	Planning	Site Preparation
Churchill East B	Planning	Site Preparation
Taupiri Ki Waenganui	Planning	Site Preparation
Gedyes (Private Land)	Planting	Infill Planting
Rangiriri B	Infill Planting & Maintenance	Infill Planting & Maintenance
Taupiri A	Infill Planting & Maintenance	Maintenance
Hakarimata B	Maintenance	Maintenance
Te Kokiri A	Infill Planting & Maintenance	Maintenance
Ngaruawahia Schools	Ongoing Planting and maintenance	Ongoing Planting and maintenance
Te Kokiri B	Planting	Infill Planting & Maintenance
Churchill East A	Planting	Infill Planting & Maintenance
Hakarimata A	Another party looking after this site	Another party looking after this site
Tuakau (Batkin Reserve)	Completed	Completed
Horahora A	Completed	Completed
Meremere	Completed	Completed
Rangiriri A	Completed	Completed
Huntly A (Huntly College)	Completed	Completed
Tumate Mahuta Drive	WDC project managing this site	WDC project managing this site

# Current sites

## Churchill East Road A

This site had its first planting in 2009. Minimal site preparation was required as the site had been grazed to the River's edge until early 2009 when it was then fenced to exclude stock. Preparation involved the felling of a few pest alder and willow trees.

After a long period of flooding over winter, the first planting was able to be undertaken in September with a contractor planting the upper zone with 4,900 plants. As the water receded, several volunteer groups were able to plant the lower zone with 3,300 plants in November. Volunteer help came from Conservation Volunteers NZ, Runanga o Kirikiriroa (Hamilton Maori Mental Health Foundation), RiverCare members and other interested individuals.

As part of RiverCare's ongoing interest in native riparian planting, this site was chosen to trial biodegradable weed mats made of jute. In September, 1,500 weed mats were placed on site by volunteers from the Auckland District Health Board. The mats have worked well, allowing the native plants to establish without being smothered by weeds.

Following the planting, plant releasing and weed control has been undertaken by RiverCare staff (cadets and the project co-ordinator). This site is looking great and the RiverCare team is hoping for a winter with slightly less flooding than last year to ensure the plants aren't too stressed going into summer.



*Conservation Volunteers NZ at the end of a wet and windy planting day – November 2009*



*Weed mats placed around the base of plants – November 2009*

## Gedye Site

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 the annual planting day was held along the bank of the Waikato River at the Gedye's property near Pokeno. A group of 13 staff from Watercare Services planted approximately 600 native plants along a 200 metre section of the site and a further 165 plants were planted by a Watercare Services contractor. Species planted include flood tolerant species such as flax, cabbage tree, ribbonwood, kowhai, kahikatea and karamu. A good time was had by all and the planters were rewarded at the end of the day with a lunch of wood fired pizzas from Mrs Gedye's outdoor pizza oven.

Previous years plantings along the riverbank on this property are growing well with some areas beginning to self seed. The total length of riverbank planting on this property is now approximately 800 metres. The maintenance work has been undertaken by the Gedye's with some help from the RiverCare cadets and a contractor from Watercare Services.



*The Watercare Services planting team with RiverCare site manager and Chairperson Michelle Hodges – November 2009*



*Planting team from Watercare Services hard at work – November 2009*



*Native plants from a previous planting in 2007 flourishing – April 2010*

## Hakarimata B

Native plants planted at this site during 2008 are growing well and now beginning to emerge above the herbaceous weeds. Weed control and releasing has been undertaken several times over the past year by RiverCare member Rowan Robinson and the cadets. The upstream area of the site has no willow tree cover to help shade out weeds so up until this year the planting had been hidden from time to time under annual weeds such as beggars ticks. The plants are now large enough to compete with the herbaceous weeds but weed control will still be an ongoing task at this site for several years yet.



*View of the site in 2007 prior to planting (left) and in early 2010 (right)*

## Huntly B – Tumate Mahuta Drive

This site is being developed and managed by the Waikato District Council. Waikato RiverCare has provided \$25,000 for plant materials.

The Tumate Mahuta Huntly Wetlands Park has been developed from riparian wetland adjacent to the Waikato River beside the Tainui Bridge in Huntly. The park consists of a number of areas planted with native species, open water and a series of built up walkways, bridges, an island and grassed areas which have been developed to enhance the amenity value of the site.

Prior to development, there were few native plant species and no amenity species found at this site. There are a number of alder which although considered an invasive species will be retained in the short term. Other weedy species typical of this section of the Waikato River dominated vegetation.

By April 2009 most of the earthworks and infrastructural developments on the site were complete. This included about one kilometre of walking tracks, four bridges over extensive lagoons, spits, an island, grassed areas, a car park and waterways. From May 2009 onwards an extensive native planting programme was undertaken and over 27,000 plants have been planted on the site. Plant species were chosen for their suitability to riverbank and wet margins and as representatives of the original native flora of the area.



*Native plants around the park area and ponds (photos by Waikato District Council)*

## Huntly Golf Course

Site preparation at this site began early in 2009 with weed control being undertaken by a RiverCare contractor. Subsequent to this a large amount of ongoing weed control and tree clearing work had been undertaken by RiverCare staff. Very large trees have been crown lifted so that native trees can be planted beneath. Waikato RiverCare would like to thank arborist Phillip Mabin who kindly donated his time to undertake the crown lifting. This site will be ready for planting in winter 2010.



*Site before alder removal (left) and following works (right) – February 2010*



*Alder removal on the edge of the wetland margin – March 2010*

## Ngaruawahia Schools

Waikato Rivercare has continued to work in conjunction with two Ngaruawahia schools – St Pauls Catholic School and Ngaruawahia Primary School. Each year a 50m section of riverbank is planted by the students. Waikato RiverCare funds the plants along with some site preparation and maintenance. Personnel for environmental education support are funded by Ecosourced Waikato.

This is part of a larger programme of engaging Ngaruawahia primary schools to become involved in environmental projects, in particular riverbank planting projects. The projects were initiated by the Ngaruawahia community and are supported by the Waikato District Council who provides funding for another three schools to be involved in the programme.

The two Ngaruawahia school projects that Waikato RiverCare are involved with differ from most other Waikato Rivercare projects in the respect that they are ongoing, preparing a small section of riverbank and planting a previously prepared section each year. The continuity allows for adequate preparation well in advance of the planting and a regular annual planting event allows for the possibility of some enhancement or remedial planting in previous years sites if required.

Dumping of garden waste has been an ongoing problem at both of the Ngaruawahia schools sites. Waikato District Council has erected signs designed by school students at each of Ngaruawahia Schools sites to discourage this behaviour.



Examples of the new signage that Waikato District Council has erected at the two planting sites

### Ngaruawahia Primary School site – Lower Waikato Esplanade, the “Boat Ramp”

This site was prepared over the previous two years by engaging a contractor to spray the wandering dew with repeat herbicide applications over this period. The site includes a steep but low bank, and a low river margin. During November, a total of 200 plants appropriate for each area were planted by 30 students from Ngaruawahia Primary school, supervised by RiverCare member Wayne Bennett. Unfortunately, a few days after the planting many of the plants closest to the mown esplanade reserve were pulled from the ground in an act of vandalism. Wayne kindly replanted or replaced these with plants from his nursery Forest Flora.

Hand releasing and weed control was undertaken at the beginning of 2010 and maintenance work has also been done by RiverCare member Rowan Robinson and the cadets.



*Plantings from previous years are doing very well*



*Site prep on the area that was planted in 2009*

### **St Pauls School site – Belt Street**

Senior students at St Pauls School have been progressively planting a section of riverbank upstream of the Ngaruawahia Primary School Site, moving closer to the Ngaruawahia Primary School site each year.

Students planted 200 native plants at the site during the first week of December 2009, the first opportunity after the river receded following spring rain.

Like the Ngaruawahia Primary area, extensive weed control was undertaken over this area the previous year in preparation. Maintenance on this area was carried out by Rowan Robinson and the cadets in early 2010. Survival at this site in previous years has been patchy in places, and it may be necessary to infill plant this coming year instead of tackling a new area.



*Plantings from previous years*



*Area prepared for planting in 2009*

## Rangiriri C

This site is located downstream of the Rangiriri A and B sites. During 2009 and early 2010 the site was prepared involving herbicide spraying and clearing of weeds. Site preparation work was undertaken by Waikato RiverCare staff and a contractor. The site will be planted during 2010.



*Brushwood removed from the site – early 2010*

## Taupiri A

This site is located next to the Taupiri boat ramp adjacent to State Highway 1 and opposite the Taupiri Urupa. While the majority of planting has been undertaken at this site over the past two years some smaller works were planned for 2009-10.

In June 2009, 12 volunteers from Genesis Energy took part in a working bee helping to lay out 18 m<sup>3</sup> of mulch, which had been donated by Treescape's Waikato and Central North Island branch, throughout the previously planted area surrounding the car park. Some infill planting was then undertaken (142 plants) around the site to replace any plants that had not survived from previous years.

A second volunteer group came from Bank of New Zealand and Blacktop Construction Ltd. This group planted 1,030 native plants, undertook some weed control and picked up rubbish and debris from the river bank. Further site maintenance and hand releasing has been undertaken by the RiverCare team of Peter Parry (project co-ordinator), Rowan Robinson and the cadets.



*Volunteers from Genesis Energy spreading mulch donated by Treescape Waikato & Central North Island branch*



*Volunteers from Blacktop Construction and Bank of New Zealand planting during 2009*

## Taupiri B

This site is located downstream of Waikato RiverCare's Taupiri A site and can be seen from State Highway 1. Throughout 2009/10 this site was prepared for planting. Site preparation involved weed spraying and pest tree removal. Fencing is planned for the site in 2010 with the view to undertake planting during spring 2010.



*Some weed tree clearance at Taupiri B site (top left of the photograph)*

## Te Kokiri A

This site has been planted over the previous two years and the final plants were planted during 2009. The first planting days were held in June with 13 volunteers from Kanae Kakariki Trust planting 500 flaxes and cabbage trees. Some of these plants were also donated by Kanae Kakariki Trust.

After the long flood season restricted planting, the final plants were able to be planted in December. Volunteers from Kanae Kakariki Trust, Horahora Marae and members and staff from Waikato RiverCare progressively planted the remaining 1,321 plants over this month. Some weed control was undertaken by Waikato RiverCare project co-ordinator Peter Parry

Plantings from 2008 are surviving well and were released from weeds by Rowan Robinson and the Waikato RiverCare cadets to ensure their survival.



*A happy group of Kanae Kakariki trainees standing in front of the plants they have just planted – June 2009*



*Kanae Kakariki trainees in action beside the Horahora marae boat ramp*

## Te Kokiri B

Following weed control and site preparation, nine international volunteers from the Auckland Branch of Conservation Volunteers New Zealand planted 2,400 natives over four days!

In a weed control trial, 900 of the plants were protected by biodegradable weed mat squares. The weed mats have been successful at keeping weeds off the young native plants and also make it easier to identify the native plants in between weeds for hand releasing.



*Conservation Volunteers NZ nearing the end of the four days of planting – July 2009*

# Completed Sites

## Hakarimata A



*Site preparation in 2001*



*Native plants well established in 2010*

## Horahora



## Huntly A



*Huntly College students planting in 2005*



*Native plants in 2010*

## Meremere

The Meremere site had previously been planted in 2001 but the site had been opened up by the Te Araroa Walkway Trust as part of the national walkway and some infill planting was required. This was undertaken by a group of 18 volunteers from Bank of New Zealand who planted 810 native plants on the site. The original plantings are now 1.5 to 6 metres tall and doing extremely well!



*BNZ volunteers planting at Meremere. Some 2001 plantings of flax, manuka and cabbage tree are visible in the photo – November 2009*

## Rangiriri A



## Tuakau – Batkin Reserve



## Upcoming sites in 2010

Site preparation will begin in 2010 at three new sites – Taupiri D, Churchill East B and Taupiri Ki Waenganui. Taupiri D and Taupiri Ki Waenganui are located downstream of the Taupiri Boat ramp between State Highway 1 and the Waikato River and will join the existing Taupiri A and Taupiri B sites. Churchill East B is located on Churchill East Road, Rangiriri and will join RiverCare’s Churchill East Road A site.

# Review, Assessment and Evaluation of the Society's Performance

## Compliance with Governing Legislation

Waikato RiverCare has twelve foundation members listed for the 2009-10 Financial Year, all of which have renewed and confirmed their membership for the coming year. The Department of Conservation has also recently joined Waikato RiverCare as a foundation member.

All subscription requirements have been fulfilled.

## Compliance with Society's Objectives

Waikato RiverCare has been compliant with the objects and rules listed in the Constitution:

The Society was established for environmental and charitable objects and purposes within New Zealand only

- a) Core Activities – the enhancement of the natural water and riverside environment of the Lower Waikato River and thereby benefit the users of the river and its environments, local communities, and visitors now and for future generations through:
  - Providing improved plant and animal habitat in and around the Lower Waikato River for general ecological benefit,
  - Promoting public interest and appreciation of the Lower Waikato River and its environments through education and communication with local communities and other river users for the benefit of achieving awareness and support for the need to maintain and enhance the Lower Waikato River environment.
- b) Funding – to raise, accept, accumulate and employ funds for the environmental and charitable purposes authorised by these objects.
- c) General – to do all such things that are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the environmental and charitable purposes authorised by these objects.

## Performance Measures

Waikato RiverCare's performance is measured by the area of riverbank that is planted each year and that can be considered relatively weed-free and sustainable in the long term.

## Performance in Relation to the Strategic Business Plan

The objectives in the Strategic Business Plan are:

- To plant up to two hectares (two kilometres of riverbank 10 metres wide) per year.

In the 2009-10 year, the following projects were commenced by undertaking site preparation for planting:

- Taupiri B – 800 metres long
- Huntly Golf Course – 700 metres long
- Rangiriri C – 1000 metres long

The following table is a summary of planting undertaken in 2009-10:

Project Site	Length of planting (m)	Dimensions	Area of planting (ha)	Number of plants
Churchill East Rd A	1600	1600 m x 6 m	1	8200
Gedye	200	200 m x 10 m	0.20	765
Meremere	Infill	N/A	N/A	810
Ngaruawahia Schools	50	50 m x 10 m	0.05	400
Taupiri A	60	60 m x 20 m	0.12	1172
Te Kokiri A	Infill	N/A	N/A	1821
Te Kokiri B	400	400 m x 10 m	0.4	2400
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,310</b>		<b>1.77</b>	<b>15,568</b>

A total of approximately 1.77 hectares of riverbank was planted at RiverCare project sites in 2009/10. This covers a riverbank length of 2,310 metres and meets Waikato RiverCare's objective of planting at least two kilometres per year.

The following table is a summary of planting undertaken by Waikato RiverCare since 2000, including planting undertaken in 2009/10:

Project Site	Length of riverbank planted up to 2008/09 (m)	Length of riverbank planted 2009/10 (m)	Total length of riverbank planted (m)	Area of riverbank planted up to 2008/09 (ha)	Area of riverbank planted in 2009/10 (ha)	Total area of riverbank planted (ha)
Tuakau	150		150	0.15		0.15
Gedye (Private Land)	700	200	900	0.3	0.2	0.5
Meremere	1000		1000	1		1
Horahora A	500		500	1		1
Te Kokiri A	1600		1600	1		1
Rangiriri A	1000		1000	1		1
Rangiriri B	600		600	1		1
Huntly A	600		600	0.6		0.6
Taupiri A	600	60	660	0.6	0.12	0.72
Hakarimata B	600		600	0.5		0.5
Hakarimata A	1000		1000	1		1
Ngaruawahia Schools	150	50	200	0.15	0.05	0.2
Te Kokiri B	0	400	400	0	0.4	0.4
Churchill East A	0	1600	1600	0	1	1
<b>Overall total</b>			<b>10,810</b>			<b>10.07</b>

## Governance

The governance of Waikato RiverCare continues to follow the articles set out in the Society's constitution that has an executive committee comprising:

- Each Foundation member can appoint one representative to the Executive Committee
- Election of up to three representatives from the General Membership to the Executive Committee.

The Foundation Members of Waikato RiverCare have renewed their commitment to the society and continue to have an active involvement in the executive committee decisions.

The Foundation Members are:

- Auckland/Waikato Fish & Game Council
- Dawn Metcalfe
- Environment Waikato
- Genesis Energy
- Mighty River Power Ltd
- Nga Muka Development Trust
- North Waikato Federated Farmers
- Waahi Whaanui Trust
- Waikato District Council
- Waikato Raupatu Trustee Company Ltd
- Watercare Services Ltd
- Wayne Bennett

## Operational

Over the past 3 years Waikato RiverCare has received funding from the Ministry for the Environment to employ a part time Project Co-ordinator to co-ordinate site planning requirements, planting days and community engagement. Unfortunately funding for this position finishes in June 2010. Waikato RiverCare has also recently lost the time of another key member whose role was to supervise cadets undertaking maintenance works on RiverCare sites.

The loss of these key staff has resulted in RiverCare undertaking a full review of its staffing and budget requirements. The outcome from this review was to seek funding to hire two new part time staff – a sites caretaker responsible for maintenance of sites and co-ordinating planting events; and a Relationships Manager responsible for (among other things) securing ongoing funding for Waikato RiverCare and undertaking public liaison.

Waikato RiverCare was very fortunate to receive funding from the Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust to pay for site maintenance works and this will fund a large part of the caretaker role. This role will be filled in the coming year. The Relationships Manager role was able to be funded from existing funding and Peter Courtney was recently appointed to this position.

Waikato RiverCare continues to employ a student to assist with secretarial and administrative duties. This position is part time and is essential to the smooth operation of RiverCare. Administrator duties include:

- Co-ordination of site reporting function.

- Co-ordination of Annual Report.
- Minute taking
- Development/ Maintenance of Waikato RiverCare's website.
- Writing of RiverCare newsletters and promotional material.

# **Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010**

**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Trading Account**  
**For the Year ended 31st March 2010**

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Genesis Energy	-	40,000
Mighty River Power	3,000	26,791
SMF Funds Advisor	1,535	9,052
The Gallagher Group Sponsorship Committee	10,000	10,000
Watercare Services Ltd	10,000	11,000
Enveco Plants	975	368
Ministry for the Environment	19,262	-
Sale of Plants - Rangiriri	-	1,167
Green Fleet	11,803	-
Waikato Catchment Ecological	3,620	-
Interest Received	1,813	3,797
Total Sales	<u>62,008</u>	<u>102,175</u>
<b>GROSS SURPLUS FROM TRADING</b>	<u>\$62,008</u>	<u>\$102,175</u>
<b>GROSS SURPLUS MARGIN</b>	100.0%	100.0%

*The financial statements have been subject to review.*

**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Performance**  
**For the Year ended 31st March 2010**

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
	\$	\$
<b>Gross surplus from Trading</b>	62,008	102,175
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Accident Compensation Levy	69	36
Accountancy Fees	1,250	-
Administration	501	1,166
Administration Coordinator	10,647	9,758
Bank Charges	167	139
Cambridge Forest & Native Nursery	-	3,265
Cashmanager Upgrade	256	886
General Plant Purchases	3,265	3,142
Insurance	350	328
Membership Fees	150	-
Project Co-ordination A	1,038	857
Project Co-ordination B	20,454	15,292
Signage	135	2,889
Churchill East	27,851	-
Gedye Project	917	1,235
Hakarimata 2	80	2,798
Huntly Project 1	1,798	1,883
Ngaruawahia 1	1,005	4,990
Rangiriri	4,090	19,749
Taupiri	6,824	2,426
Te Koriri	18,400	10,568
Te Ohaki	40	-
Meremere	1,631	-
Tumate Mahuta	25,000	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>125,918</u>	<u>81,407</u>
<b>NET TAXABLE SURPLUS</b>	<u>(63,910)</u>	<u>20,768</u>
<b>Non-taxable items</b>		
Non-deductible penalties	(209)	-
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u><u>(\$64,119)</u></u>	<u><u>\$20,768</u></u>

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**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Statement of Movements in Equity**  
**For the Year ended 31st March 2010**

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
	\$	\$
<b>EQUITY AT START OF PERIOD</b>	151,401	130,633
<b>SURPLUS &amp; REVALUATIONS</b>		
Net Deficit for the Period	(64,119)	20,768
<b>Total recognised revenues &amp; expenses</b>	(64,119)	20,768
<b>OTHER MOVEMENTS</b>		
<b>EQUITY AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<u>\$87,282</u>	<u>\$151,401</u>

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**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 31st March 2010**

	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
	<i>\$</i>	<i>\$</i>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
BNZ - Current Account	32,439	102,185
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Deposit - Bank of NZ	57,258	55,591
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	89,697	157,776
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
GST Due for payment	2,204	5,992
Accounts Payable	211	383
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	2,415	6,375
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	2,415	6,375
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	\$87,282	\$151,401
Represented by;		
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share Capital	-	-
Reserves	-	-
Retained Earnings	87,282	151,401
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	\$87,282	\$151,401

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**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31st March 2010**

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**1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements presented here are for the entity Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc., a registered company under the Companies Act 1993.

Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc. qualifies as an Exempt company under the Financial Reporting Act 1993. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and the Financial Reporting Order 1994. Further, the company has provided additional information in accordance with the framework for Differential Reporting issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

**Measurement Base**

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on accruals basis and are based on historical cost, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

**(a) Goods & Services Tax**

These financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are shown inclusive of GST.

**(b) Taxation**

No provision for Income Tax has been made as there is no current or deferred tax payable.

**(c) Investments**

Share investments in listed companies are stated at their fair value. Initially they are recorded at cost, and are then valued at market bid price at the Statement of Financial Position date in subsequent periods. Any gains or losses generated as a result of revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Other investments are stated at cost less any amortisation. Amortisation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

**2. AUDIT**

These financial statements have not been audited.

**3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities (2009:\$0). Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc. has not granted any securities in respect of liabilities payable by any other party whatsoever.

**4. RELATED PARTIES**

There were no related party transactions during the year under review.

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with  
the attached Compilation Report*

*The financial statements have been subject to review.*

**Lower Waikato River Enhancement Society Inc.**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year ended 31st March 2010**

**5. SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES**

There was no overdraft as at balance date nor was any facility arranged.

**6. TAXATION**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	\$	\$
Operating surplus before taxation	(64,119)	20,768

**Permanent Differences**

The following non-taxable items have been included in the calculation of Net Surplus before Tax, and result in Permanent Differences, whose effect is included above.

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Non-Deductible Expenditure</b>		
Non-deductible penalties	209	-
Total	209	-



Michelle Hodges  
 Chairperson LWRES



Therese Balvert  
 Treasurer - LWRES

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