

## Lake Waahi wetland restoration - Waikokowai arm



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Protect, restore and enhance a 6ha wetland in the Waikokowai arm of Lake Waahi.

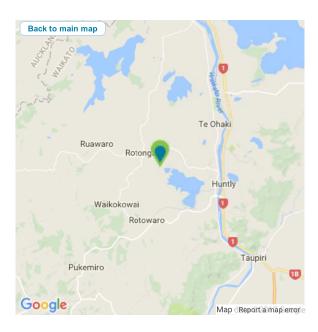
The purpose of this project is to protect, restore and enhance a 6ha wetland in the Waikokowai arm of Lake Waahi.

This wetland receives a considerable portion of the Lake Waahi inflow, and is closely linked to the lake and Waikato River. The land owner Stephen Morgan has already painstakingly restored an adjoining 6 ha of this wetland over the last 10 years, but is now seeking Waikato Regional Council and WRA support to continue the project down towards the lake.

The works will involve extensive willow control via herbicide, allowing existing understory natives to flourish, as well as some native planting for biodiversity enhancement. A new 1ha area of wet pasture on the farm will also be retired and enhanced. Local mana-whenua contractors will be utilised in the physical works, plants will be purchased from local nurseries, the landowner will put in in-kind contributions towards fencing, pest control and site maintenance, and Waikato Regional Council will co-fund the works.

This project received funding from the Waikato River Authority (WRA 16-011).

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