

Turangawaewae Marae Riverbank Restoration



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Project Vision•To keep river related traditions alive (ahi kaa – keeping the home fires burning);•To enhance spiritual, cultural and recreational connections to the River;•To improve physical access to the River for all tangata whenua to use and enjoy, and;•To support the Vision and Strategy of the Waikato River.

To realise this vision, the Turangawaewae Trust Board has developed a project that restores, beautifies and revitalises the bank of the Waikato River located adjacent to its Marae.

Project Scope:

- Detailed design
- •Establishment of native planting
- •Acquisition of relevant resource consents
- •Implementation of bank erosion control measures and re-alignment of stormwater discharge pipe (funded by Waikato Regional Council's Erosion Control Fund (Lower Waikato River)
- •Civil works to construct grass terraces for event viewing and terrace retaining walls
- •Upgrading the existing barge pontoon (new decking and paint)
- •Constructing new dias (concrete wall and timber construction)
- •Installation of a fixed timber platform at water's edge to service waka and associated sporting events
- •Construction of pathways connecting Marae to river bank
- •Construction of concrete riverside pathway to be available to Te Awa cycleway
- •Detailed design, construction of timber boardwalks intersecting the concrete riverside pathway to provide access connection to waters edge and event viewing seating areas
- *Detailed design, construction of [concrete] waka launching ramp to provide safe access to the river for waka users
- •Construction of new toilet facilities

This is a Waikato River Authority funded project (WRA 14-044).

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